

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Mason County Council Meeting

In Attendance: Christa Murray, Heather Hamilton, Wendy Vance, Melissa Seals, Katie Gunter, Natalie Seals, Jamie Teuteberg, Michael Bigelow, Owen Teuteberg, Marilyn Brennan, Mckenzie Vance, Heather Read, Lane McElravy, Rheannan Ehlers, Bethany Breckinridge, Garriden Breckinridge, Heather Doran, Kimberly Norrick.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm

September Minute Approved by Michael Bigelow and Marilyn Brennan seconds it.

Treasurers Report: Michael Bigelow says we're doing well financially \$71,980.77 in checking and 1 dollar in savings. CD's as of 8/31/23: \$18,329.98. Grand total: \$90,239.75
-Two CD's coming up for renewal so would like to renew those for December 2023, and March 2024. Wendy Vance makes motion to approve, Melissa Seals seconds it. Motion carries.

Budget 2023-2024

Can only hold \$100,000 for non profit status so we need to figure out how to spend some of our money. Great "problem" to have!

Extension Updates - Heather Doran update: Grays Harbor recently hosted our college dean for a visit and did a Q&A. That happened this past Thursday.

Committee Reports

4H Camp Financial Summary- Heather Doran Update: Net profit for camp was \$4,547.31 so now we need to figure out how to spend some money. Maybe a new game or a giant floating blob on the lake. Total in account is \$26,547.31 Summer Camp will be July 13-18th 2024. 25 kids received partial scholarships this past summer. Won't go above 100 spots so we want to make sure 4-H members in both counties are getting priority for these spots first before it opens up to everybody else.

Recognition Event Report: McKenzie/Lucy: McKenzie said we did Bingo, a raffle, bake sale says it went well. Made about \$1,200 dollars. Yay!! Let's try and invest in a bingo kit in the future. Heather Read suggests an online version which would be much better and you wouldn't have to physically store bingo equipment that way.

Club Spotlight:

Alicorn Adventures: Project is sock and glove monsters. Had six or seven new kids hoping to potentially join. It's their second year doing this club.

Farm at Water's Edge: starting new projects, all the kids chose animals and gardening. Worked on club goals at the last meeting.

Barn Bums: Had our first meeting last week, starting out the year. Have a field trip planned and a community service planned to do before the end of the year.

Steamboat Island: Club is growing. Have 39 kids right now. Met last week, doing a full club meeting every other month and then the rest of the time is project meetings. It's a big club from kindergarten to high school. Two things to highlight starting a tech change makers project in their club. Start meetings for that in November. They did a family camp weekend at Panhandle Lake and it was a big hit so will most likely plan another one. Also planning on scheduling a Babysitter Certification class on one full day and will open that up to 4H members.

Stirring Up Dust: Have first meeting next month but did host a welcome event and had a good turnout with good interest so they will see what the kid's goals are for the year. Will be present at the Spooktacular Event to try to get more kids into 4H that way. Heather is working with ARBA to see if they could get a sanctioned rabbit show going so hopefully get one going down in Elma.

Robotics: Michael says every first Wednesday of the month 4:30-6:00 at Timberland Regional Library. Invite families and kids to come play with robots of all different kinds. It's a part of STEM and the kids seem to enjoy it.

Heather Doran says she's working on a Partnership with Shelton timberland library to partner with clover kids and now robotics. Great partnership to have!
In terms of Gardening we have master gardeners being willing to partner with individual clubs and could help educate kids who are interested in gardening.

Presidents Corner: Wendy says to look at bylaws once a year. Sent to everybody's email so hopefully people can look that over and see proposed changes to the bylaws.
Board Positions: Vote in November

Upcoming Dates:

Nov 1: Family Robotics Night @ 4:30 @ Shelton Timberland Regional Library
Nov 2: Volunteer Essentials Workshop 1-6pm @ WSU Ext
Nov 6 Clover Kids 4:30 @ Shelton Timberland Regional Library
Nov 14 Council Meeting 6pm
Nov 16 Big Leaf Maple Contest submit entries
Nov 16 National 4H Conference information session 1-2pm Conference will be held April 19-24 2024 in Arlington, Virginia
Dec 1 4H Club Renewal and Annual Financial Documents due and 4H re-enrollments due
Dec 2 Christmas Parade
Dec 4 Clover Kids 4:30pm Shelton Timberland Regional Library
Dec 6 Family Robotics Night 4:30pm at Shelton Timberland Regional Library
Meeting Adjourned at 6:57pm

Submitted by;
Katie Gunter