

Mason County 4-H Council Minutes

December 12, 2023 - 6:00pm

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

In Person: **WSU Extension Office**, 411 N 5th St, Shelton, WA 98584

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The Mason County 4-H Council invites you to join us for our monthly 4-H Council meeting. All 4-H community members and kids are encouraged to attend to hear updates, ask questions, and provide public comments.

Attendance: Wendy Vance, Mckenzie Vance, Dan Teuteberg, Heather Doran, Michael Bigelow, Bethany Breckenridge, Denny Breckenridge, Owen Teuteberg, Jamie Teuteberg, Marilyn Brennan, Kymberly Norrick

AGENDA:

1. Call to order – Wendy
2. Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge – Volunteer
3. November minutes:

At last meeting, who made dates motion for by-laws?

Amending minutes Bylaws Motion made by: Marilyn 2nd by: Owen

All in favor - motion moved and carried

<https://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-youth-families/4-h-leadership-amp-meeting-materials/4-h-council-minutes/>

Motion to approve minutes as amended: motion made by Owen, 2nd by Marilyn; motion moved and carried

- In progress november meeting minutes can be found:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10tSKAu5wn_dpnmYSiiyh8EuxTksWPCa7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=111516491402944922652&rtpof=true&sd=true

4. Treasurer's Report – Michael

- Checking account balance: \$72,048.70; Savings \$1.00; CDs \$18,329.98; TOTAL \$90,379.68
- Renewed CD that is due to renew in December; next CD is due to renew in March and that is in motion
- one fine tuning in the financial summary - the Early Learning Coalition - we are managing this money for this group, but it is not 4-H funds; Financial summary now has a total at the bottom that indicates 4-H money; Dan shared that 4-H gets \$50/month to manage the Early Learning Coalition funds
- Balances: <https://extension.wsu.edu/mason/4-h-financial/>

5. Extension Updates – Dan/Heather

- Dan recommends that a financial subcommittee be established for the short term to combine some of the buckets within the budget to make it easier to spend and report on. The role would be to write up a paragraph for each bucket to know what can be spent appropriately. Dan offers to come with a consolidated list - for tracking. Who wants to be on the subcommittee: Dan & Marilyn
- Heather: Look at the end of this month for a visual communication to share what 4-H is doing; Photos for "feel good Friday" post; Heather needs photos from clubs and project meetings
- New Clubs:
A couple new clubs in Mason happening and another person expressed interest (4-H alumni) - exploring the options; each new club receives a club kit (potentially 3 new clubs this year)
- Helping Scarlett - Pacific 4-H youth who lost her mom and brother in a car accident recently - council agreed via email to support Scarlet. Dan learned that Scarlet will be in a wheelchair for the next 6 months due to her injuries. Scarlet wants to get into woodworking as her new 4-H project. Dan requests funds to support this, including curriculum, woodworking tools (age appropriate), and some 4-H swag/clothing. Funds requested \$150 - Motion made by Jamie, 2nd by Mckenzie - motion carried. (Dan plans to get it taken care of by the end of the year)

- Thank you for the heater approved during the last meeting - it was greatly appreciated during archery training 12/9
- Mason county budget passed at the county level with no adjustments; Grays Harbor budget is facing a 10% reduction, but extension is not on the hook for the 10% at this time. - Dan will keep us posted
- In Mason County, there is a noxious weed position open currently - please spread the word
- Club kit project is up and running; Dan and Heather will be teaching at the Alaska conference about the club kit
- Pacific county 4-H - educator Toni Gwen is retiring at the end of 2023. The position will not be refilled by WSU so volunteers have been coming to Dan for direction. Recently he got approval for a part time person to support Pacific county. Dan was asked to take on Pacific county - this is still under review.

6. Committee Reports

- 4-H Camp - Jamie

December 29 is the orientation/ informational session for teen and adult volunteers

Summer Teen Leaders will now include Counselors, Program Staff, and Kitchen staff - training monthly.

Adult volunteers are needed for classes, overnight chaperons, and kitchen help

Ropes course is no longer- it will become a team building challenge course. All summer campers will get to experience the challenge course. (Work party will be organized at camp as a result of the logging effort at Panhandle.)

- Fair

Gray Harbor volunteers, fair and livestock auction are very welcoming. Heather will be attending the next livestock auction meeting to get details and rules about how Mason County kids can begin to participate in the auction. This will be a soft launch this year and include parent involvement with the auction (no more than 10 families - no cloverbuds). There are already 70+ pigs! Mason families will need to commit to small animals. Important to keep in mind that the Youth Livestock Auction committee is it's own 501(3)c.

Still life barn - Mason representation was good this past year, let's keep it up!

Marilyn will be sitting on the Fair Committee from Mason Co.

- Super Saturday - Marilyn

Heather, Jamie and Marilyn met last month about Super Saturday. Super Saturday is a workshop focused day for 4-H families and members.

Currently looking for ideas/workshop ideas and leaders - (ie. Racing pigeons, brainstorming projects, 4-H roundtable)

Heather sent a survey seeking ideas

Venue: Olympic Peninsula College - Shelton

Ask of council: \$1000 to support Super Saturday (will come from general fund) - Jamie made the motion; Owen 2nd; motion carried.

- Leadership opportunities - Marilyn

→ Marilyn suggested we potentially partner with elected officials in the county, such as a leader for the day experience for 4-H youth. (Commissioners, Mayor, - know your govt at a local level, extension depts) - Dan will talk with Lisa for suggestions and report back

7. Club Spotlight

- Key Peninsula club is happening. It is located in a 4-H desert - several families already attended informational meeting! Library and other community members are handing out fliers about the new club! Currently membership is a 50/50 split of homeschool and public school families. They are still searching for the best meeting time. Project areas: still under review - tallying attendees.
- Alicorn Adventures club - meeting monthly, with lots of hands on activities such as cookie decorating and cranberry activities. They have an upcoming service project at a horse rescue. Also they adopted a family from Hoodspoint school for the holidays. This year the school counselor gave them a family of 5. Goal is to deliver by the Dec 19th. Kymberly is accepting donations to support. Jamie made a motion for the council to support \$350 for bikes for the kids; Marilyn 2nd; Motion carried.
- Steamboat Island - large club, meeting every other month as a full club and projects on the other months

- Tech Change Makers - Teen leaders teaching digital literacy to adults - internet safety, passwords, communications. Participating teens got their computers, which they can keep after fulfilling requirements.
 - Farm at Waters Edge - club is growing quickly
 - Bethany lead a record book workshop
 - Pam Pettingill recognized by North Mason school district for hosting a 4-H booth at the district picnic.
8. President's Corner - Wendy
- Meeting dates - next meeting January 9
9. Upcoming Dates
- **Dec 15:** RSVPs DUE for Summer Camp Counselor Training & Info Meeting, email heather.doran@wsu.edu
 - **Dec 22-26:** WSU Extension office CLOSED
 - **Dec 29:** 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training & Info Meeting for teens & adults, **6pm**, Shelton YMCA
 - **Dec 31:** Future News Blast email from 4-HOnline will only be sent to enrolled 4-H members and families
 - **Jan 1:** WSU Extension office CLOSED
10. Next meeting: January 9, 2024 at WSU office

Submitted by;
Jamie Teuteberg, co-secretary