

Kitsap County 4-H Council



Clear Creek Community Club, Silverdale

Marianne Gibbons shared on her KYG experience. The youth attending got to participate in mock trials for a murder case. They were also able to tour the Capitol. Marianne presented Lis and Corrina with a framed photo of the group as a “thank you” for taking them.

Corrina Coan shared about the upcoming Teen Rally. There will be a planning meeting March 3rd from 6-8 PM at the Group Health building in Silverdale. Youth and adults are needed both for planning and to teach at the event. The event will take place the last weekend in October and most likely be held at Island Lake. The event is open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H) in 7th-12th grades.

There will be a Teen Leadership Summit held in Cle Elum April 1-2. This event is open to youth in 7th-10th grades.

The Youth Prevention Coalition is looking for youth to participate in a program geared towards educating store owners on marketing products. The youth would go into stores that sell tobacco and liquor and attempt to purchase. The event will happen April 22. The youth participating would be paid \$126.

March 28 at the Bremerton Keller House and April 29 at Village Green in Kingston will be a training on Youth Mental Health. The training is to help detect and prevent youth suicide.

Lis is currently helping the Equine project to re-write their By-Laws. The current set is based on participation at fair.

The Equine project received a huge donation of equipment from a store that closed. The items came in black garbage bags. Tina Meekins is seeking large plastic totes if anyone has some not being used. She’s also looking for a place to store all the equipment.

If you’re interested in hosting an Exchange Student from Korea and Japan, talk to Lis. The students will be here July 15-August 17. All that’s required is that you have a youth within 4 years of the exchange student’s age and a bed for the student to sleep in.

April 29 will be a 4-H Day of Service at the Fairgrounds. Those participating will be planting and weed pulling with Dana from Noxious Weeds. Adults helpers are needed.

The 4-H Office received an \$810 Knowledge Bowl Grant. Clubs/Projects can apply for funds to go towards Knowledge Bowl travel, event costs, materials, etc. The deadline for applying is March 24.

Ken Kramer- the Photography Superintendent- is sponsoring a contest for the 100th year of Kitsap County 4-H. Animal/Still Life groups are invited to create a display that will be judged. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded.

Paying through PayPal is still in the works. Brian Brandt is working on getting it set up. there are some concerns with using this method of payment as members may be able to pay for enrollment before being accepted in the club.

Council and Officer Board Reports

4-H Camp funds have been turned over to WSU legal.

Horse Arena- We are at a stand still. WSU wants Kitsap County to certify the arena’s ground. There’s really no way to do that so WSU wont sign off. It’s looking like there will be no Equine 4-H at fair this year. Kitsap County has asked Silver Spurs to take over the management of the arena.

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KYG received \$450 from the Investment account. The money came from the interest earnings on investments.

Jill Schwartz and the 4-H Office are working to revamp the existing form to request funds from the Council.

Committee and Project Reports

Armed Forces Day Parade

Kelly Sciarrotta is looking for help in organizing and planning this event. She needs 20 youth and 5 adult volunteers in order to make this happen. The deadline to sign up is March 10. If she doesn't get the help she needs, we will not be participating this year. Jeanette Winn's son has a truck and flat-bed available for use.

The Great Give:

Lis has started the charity paperwork to register the Council as a charity with the Washington Secretary of State. We are currently registered as a non-profit but need it to be changed in order to participate in The Great Give.

Camp Program:

Dates have been confirmed. June 26-30 at Panhandle. Becky is looking into a grant to help cover the costs of transportation for youth whose parents can't transport due to work obligations. The final cost ended up being \$12 per day per person. This is \$5 less per day per person than Lutherhaven. There is concern that attendance may be down due to the earlier date and school ending so late. The contract is in WSU's hands and will hopefully be signed soon.

Fundraising:

Kay Hibler's Pie Fundraiser raised \$299. There were 96 pies sold. Kay proposed to use $\frac{2}{3}$ of the monies raised to go towards a 4-H family fund to be used for birthday, family condolences, etc. Corrina seconded the motion. There was discussion on how to designate the use of the funds and who would qualify. It was mentioned that it would be easier to do a monthly acknowledgement of birthdays at council meetings. Debbie McKeever made a friendly amendment to use $\frac{1}{3}$ of the funds raised to go towards a hospitality fund. Kay accepted the amendment. The motion went to a vote. The motion did not pass.

Old Business

We are still looking for a new chairperson for the Awards Committee. Debbie McKeever shared that the Clothing project is fully funded for the next 3 years. She found 3 new sponsors!

New Business

Public Presentations are March 31 and April 1 at Liberty Bay Presbyterian. There is a sign-up genius online for youth to sign up as well as for judges and clerks. Heidi Brandt would really love to have 3 judges for each presentation. She's also looking for someone to act as a greeter/hostess for the judges during their breaks. No make-up date has been set yet.

Julie Mirth shared that Summit Avenue Church is available to host council meetings and/or other events we might have,

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Announcements

Naval Base Kitsap is offering a Youth Training Day for youth ages 16-18.

Please remember to log your 4-H hours!!!

Next Council Meeting: April 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.