

Kitsap 4-H Council Meeting
 January 3, 2018
 Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church, Bremerton WA

Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm.

Pledges: of Allegiance led by Adrian Washington, 4H pledge

President, Kevin Buyer (20)		Aaron Stahowiak (18)	
Vice Pres, Mike Vogel (20)	Present	Bonnie Moren (20)	
Secretary, Becky Kahlvik (19)	Present	Alyssa Balstad (19)	Present
Treasurer, Brian Brandt (19)	Present	Katie Sciarotta (20)	Present
Past President, Jill Schwartz (19)	Present	Gavin Moren (20)	
Kristin Balstad (18)	Present	Faith Jernigan (20)	
Tiffney Ramirez (18)	Present	Makayla Mirth (20)	
Wanda Meeker (20)	Present		

Office Staff present: Joy Lile, Sheila Jernigan

Others present: Bruce Bradley, Heidi Brandt, Dianna Calhoun, Chuck Endicott, Rebecca Granke Kay Hibler, Harry Hibler, Faith Jernigan, Arik Mackey, Debbie McKeever, Julie Mirth, Nanette Seevers, Kelly Sciarrotta, Adalyn Sciarrotta, Parker Schiarrotta, Arcie Schiarrotta, Josette Stenbom, Lori Vogel, Adrian Washington, Jeanette Winn.

Called to order @ 6:34 by Mike Vogel, Vice President

Pledges lead by US Alyssa, 4-H

Awards night thank you letters read from Parker Katie, Kacie & Sciarrotta and Lauren Heinzelman

Brian says he needs more checks, needs to place an order. There was some income from 4-H pins, some are still available. One more fund came in from a basket from Awards night. Some expenses are still out. KYG fundraiser expenses are shown, but we are expecting income. Accept treasurers report as read

Guest speaker: Aric Mackey from NW Discovery Lab 4-H Club (a non-profit)

Feather Palooza with is an education & youth conference which was started last year. It offers guest speakers. Chickens are 3/4 of the focus. Dates are April 16 or 17 @ Fort Worden. Public Presentations are an option. It is an outreach event for the public to introduce 4-H & attract some parents. There are 4-H demo activities to generate new member interest. WSU may bring a raptor. There are no State Park entrance fees unless you want to go to other areas of the park.

Discovery 4-H Fruit Sale is a fundraiser available for our County to use. www.4hfruit.com They handle transportation and online orders. There can be two deliveries, June (blueberries, cherries, apricots) and August (peaches, pears, nectarines.) They do not offer apples. Council gets \$5/case. We need volunteers to arrange and monitor a pick up site. Email is typically used to communicate these details. The pick-up day can be midweek. It was discussed whether this is for Council or for individual clubs. Youth may be more motivated to sell fruit if their club benefits to some extent. The decision was made by voice vote to use this as a council fundraiser this time and discuss a broader benefit later. If people fail to pick up their boxes after repeated efforts to connect with them, they may forfeit the fruit and money. Council could sell or donate the unclaimed fruit.

Kevin would like to see the reactivation of the Standing Committees of Kitsap County 4-H Council. Every Council member is asked to participate on one committee. All leaders are encouraged to participate as well. It is preferred that teens spread out and not all be on the same committee. Standing Committees include Finance and Budget, Youth Protection/Risk Management, Outreach & Public Relations, Awards, Fair Livestock, Executive, Program, Expansion & Review.

The Executive Council met on December 27. They discussed the possibility of a Pie Fund raiser for Presidents Day. It was discussed, but not confirmed. Time is short to put that together. There have been some issues with Fair checks. If you have not received your check, contact the 4-H office.

Club Reports:

Kitsap 4-H Camp needs nurse, cook & assistants.

Kitsap 4-H Academy will be held March 9 at Faith Fellowship on Newberry Hill. Sheila and Kelly Sciarrotta will facilitate the event. They are looking for instructors. Classes will mostly be 45 minutes apiece. The deadline for committing will be about January 22. Ideas include teen leadership, building batteries out of wire, record books, cavy, gardening, and county ambassador class. Leaders and teens can teach classes. Leaders are also welcome to participate in classes.

Cost \$5: \$2 for classes & \$3 for lunch. Classes can tack on a fee for materials.

March 23-24 Public Presentations in Poulsbo at Liberty Bay Presbyterian Church

Livestock Auction meeting 2nd Monday?

Spring Fling at the Fairgrounds on April 14 for Rabbit Cavy

Armed Forces Day parade - plan ahead

Shooting event: January 13th & 20th, Stop by the Scout Troup 1523 building at the corner of Cedar and Bethel 9-3 pm making arrows

Equine - early in the year, hope that horses can participate in fair & enjoy it.

Kitsap County controls the arena for the month of fair (August), Joy will help work on a draft for 4-H use during fair. The use contract is with Spurs. The County finalized the contract with Spurs in November.

We are still waiting for the audit of Camp books.

Youth Council members are needed. Kristin reminded us that Gavin Moren was elected previously. Two youth volunteered and were elected by voice vote, Faith Jernigan & Makayla Mirth.

Joy mentioned the Day of Service on MLK day and asked if any projects were participating in a service project that day. The Rabbit Tree has plans to 1) hold a food drive, 2) make greeting cards for Clearbrook Inn (a nursing home,) 3) took bunnies to Clearbrook Inn, 4) tke bunnies to various Easter Egg Hunts in Kitsap Co. Archery will be at Kitsap Bow Hunters on Old Belfair Hwy on March 3. March 31 Kitsap Saddle Club will clean up Fairgrounds.

Joy also reminded everyone that fliers were out for the Challenge course training in Chimacum (4 days over 3 different weekends) and the Coalition will be holding a regional meeting discussing marijuana use. They are inviting parents and youth who wanted to be involved prevention of substance abuse.

Discussion was held about the request that Lis be added as an Administrator for Facebook groups. Could other office staff fill that role? The purpose is not to monitor, but to add longevity to page if leaders quit. Joy agreed that it would meet the requirement to add a 2nd Certified 4-H volunteer as an administrator. It is still true that the state requires the 4-H Coordinator to be a signor on bank accounts. A Facebook "closed group" keeps others from knowing where kids are meeting. It is acceptable to use

the 4-H name and club or volunteer names. It is good policy to have a staff person in the group, but not required.

Open Discussion

Camp needs non-profit number for a Taco Time fundraiser. Bruce provided.

Jeanette moved that the fruit fund raiser before the Council General fund for this year. Let members know this is where the money goes. Seconded. Raised hand raise vote. Yes – majority, No – none.

Heidi move we close meeting, Brian B seconded

Adjourned @ 7:50.

Next meeting will be February 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church