

Grant/Adams Leader's Council Meeting, April 2018

April 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Allen Smith at 7:03 pm, at the Huck Fuller Building, Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA.

In attendance were Jeannie Keihn, WSU Extension; Lauren Scanga, WSU Extension; Allen Smith, President, Desert Wranglers Swine; Emily Burke, Treasurer, Hooves -N- Paws; Nancy Freman, Royal Ranchers; John McGonagal, pigeon project; Christine Heslop, Buckshot Buckaroos; and Rosie Dockins, Bits -N- Spurs.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were recited, introductions were made, and the previous meeting minutes from February 5, 2018, were read by Jeannie Kiehn, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Emily Burke. A new account for the WSU 4-H Youth Development Grant-Adams 4-H Leaders Council, with Umpqua Bank in Moses Lake, was opened with the new tax EIN number. Signers on the account are Allen Smith, Richard Weitman, and Emily Burke. Expenses in the amount of \$673.31 were paid for Super Saturday, and a deposit of \$370 was made for income from that event, with a total cost for Super Saturday from the Leader's Council account of \$303.31. Enrollment income of \$800, and repayment of such to WSU of \$1000 was recorded as well. Current balance on the account \$23,120.87, and reflects the addition of money previously in a CD. **Signers on the account will put \$10,000 back into a CD as soon as possible, with the best rate available with Umpqua Bank at the time, within an approximate 12-18 month term length.**

We have 11 or so scholarship requests for enrollment fees, and this is within the amount that was voted on and passed in a previous meeting so the Leader's Council will be covering those.

Area Reports

Area 1: Allen Smith reported that the Jr. Livestock Show went well. The 4-H state forum is in October and information can be found at <http://extension.wsu.edu/4h/for-volunteers/washington-state-4-h-forum/>

Area 2: Christine Heslop reported that their demonstration day is scheduled for May 14.

Area 3: no report.

Area 4: no report.

Area 5: Nancy Freman reported that Judging Day will be 6/21/18, and more information will come later.

Area 6: Rosie Dockins reported that they participated in the NW Farm Supply Opening, and had a petting zoo.

Area 7: no report

Area 8: Christine Heslop reported that they were asked to present at a local elementary school to promote local clubs, they brought along animals and spoke about 4-H. It went very well and they got a new enrollment from it. They will also be attending the All Things Poultry Event put on by Benton/Franklin Counties.

Committee Reports

Horse Committee: Jeannie Kiehn reported that horse certificates were due 4/1/2018, and for those that need to be, the certificates are being forwarded to Adams County. They are moving along with the various horse events coming up.

Livestock Committee: Allen Smith reported that allowed swine weight was changed, with up to 315 lbs now being allowed for fitting and showing and to sell, but they cannot go into the championship round, and any sales will only be for payment up to 300 lbs. They are still working on getting judges.

Financial Committee: this is not formed yet, but Lauren Scanga clarified it is needed for doing the peer audit of the financial records at the end of each year. Commitment of two volunteers, for around two hours of work is all that is needed.

Leadership Committee: Emily Burke reported that she and Laura Smith did a leadership workshop at Super Saturday and asked participants to fill out a survey regarding interest in a longer program covering leadership and officer positions. Only one participant filled out the survey. Given that most clubs do not get officer elections completed until spring sometime, continuing to cover this need at Super Saturday makes the most sense.

Extension Office

1. Record books from last year are still available at the extension office, but no guarantees on how long before they are thrown out. The need to be picked up as soon as possible.
2. Charter Training - any leaders or co-leaders that still need financial training, need to contact Jeannie to schedule.
3. Lauren Scanga's last day will be 5/4/2018. Her husband has taken a new job in Sacramento. WSU will be filling her position, but it may take 6-12 months to do so. There is a new director at the State level, and they are looking at including coverage for the three counties Lauren currently covers, as well as four others in NE Washington that are not covered at all. Please be patient with Jeannie in the coming year.
4. 4-H 101 for new leaders is scheduled for 4/23/18, from 5:30-8:30, at the extension office.

5. Enrollment - some clubs have not yet completed enrollment of members yet. Be sure to get this done before ownership dates.

Old Business

1. Superintendents are still needed for both fairs. At least five needed for still life exhibits in the 4-H building at Grant County, and two or more for Adams County. Jeannie is planning on retiring next spring, so getting superintendents in, and trained this year is critical.
2. County-wide achievements and awards day - Possibly recruit volunteers/committee for this at fair.
3. Leader of the Year committee: Allen Smith has volunteered for Grant county, and Mark Weber for Adams County. We need more committee members. Will be looking at additional awards, such as Outstanding Youth of the Year, and Club of the Year as well. John McGonagal mentioned that this was done in Snohomish County, with the Club getting a plaque and each member getting a ribbon as well. This may all tie in with a county-wide achievement day/program.
4. JoAnns partnership: Some participated in a Valentine's program at the Moses Lake store and it went well, but there were not alot of opportunities to promote 4-H, and others are not seeing much in the way of promotion by JoAnn employees. If 4-H members could mention the 4-H promotion to cashiers, it may help.

New Business

1. Jamie Krueger 4-H Day: Run Amok club is doing a 4-H information day in Othello, that has been well promoted.
2. Horse & Dairy certificates were due today.
3. YQCA (Youth Quality Care of Animals) is svailalbe online for \$12, and Sarah will also be offering a class in June for \$3, and more information on that will come soon. It covers all species but is only required for swine at this time. All livestock kids should take the class.
4. Aredell Scholarship Reviewers are needed still. There are 12-13 entries, and some reviewers will receive the high school entries, and some will receive the college entries.
5. NW Farm Supply (Othello) Nutrition Clinic will be on April 27th, at 4:00 pm, with more information in the Friday Update.
6. Teen Summit: more information will be in the Friday Update. Neither Grant nor Adams counties send many teens to these programs and we would like to work on that. This is a fun camp in Cle Elum (Lazy F Camp), for kids entering 7th grade to 10th grade.
7. Shooting Sports: We have a new club formed in the Ephrata/Quincy area with 3 adults getting the Shooting Sports required training in Coeur D'Alene later this month. They are personally incurring the cost of travel and accomodations and asked that the Leader's Council consider covering their registration costs. The cost is \$85-110 per person. Emily Burke made a motion that the Leader's Council cover the registration costs for up to 3 people for this training, with a maximum of \$330. Christine Heslop seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

8. National 4-H and Microsoft have paired to create a Youth Leadership program in teaching digital skills classes. There are 6 communities in the U.S., one of which is in Quincy. The participants travelled to Microsoft headquarters in Bellevue, to meet with engineers there, and continue to Skype with them for guidance and instruction. Microsoft provided the group with 25 Microsoft Surface Pros. They completed surveys to determine needs and will be teaching a Smartphone use classes at Quincy High School, open to members of the community. The first class is 4/11/2018, from 5:30-8:00. The next grant cycle will begin in the fall and will be covering digital safety.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2018, at Time Out Pizza in Othello.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Freeman, seconded by John McGonagal, and passed.

Minutes written by, Emily Burke