Imperial County 4H Leaders Council

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Imperial County Farm Bureau in El Centro. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge by Dillon Sanchez.

Roll call was accomplished by sign-in sheet and a quorum was established.

Minutes and Treasurer Report tabled. \* Special Guests and Correspondence: None

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Judging Day/Skill A Thon-Great participation, about 135 members. Next year we need to move back outside due to sound and start an hour earlier. Skill A Thon was a great success.
* Knowledge Bowl-We have the most teams ever. There are 12 Senior teams.
* Fair Clean Up-Small animal barn is too congested. Shanna Abatti suggested a Small Animal Committee to address issues. This will be deferred to the Livestock Leaders Council to discuss. 4H needs to create a task checklist for fair clean up.
* Large and Small Animal pre-fair was a success.
* Fair Rehash-A procedure manual would be great for fair tasks.
* Still Exhibits/Inspiration Gallery-An idea was proposed to have any member/parent donate 1 hour to Inspiration Gallery or more time based on number of entries. A procedure manual is needed. Fair usually hires someone to oversee Inspiration Gallery but this year it did not happen.
* Auction Running-Good flow of helpers. More help is needed on Friday night. The bigger clubs need to be involved. Suggestion made to have a person mark who buyers are during auction, high school age or above.
* Washington Focus Fundraiser-Dillon Sanchez presented update. Cost per member is $4200 per youth. They are within $800 of their goal. Fundraisers were gift wrapping, barbacoa, BBQ sandwiches with Athletic Club, snack bars, farmers markets, Color Run (fundraiser for Cal Focus as well).
* Garden Delights-Date was changed to May 19, 2018, same day as Inflatable Run. Discussion to have it same day as Inflatable run at Tractor Supply. Going to have “Grilling Good Time” for Garden Delights. 10:30am-12:30pm.
* No Other Old Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

* All Star Report-State Ambassador Interviews. Emil Schaffner and Amanda Cantwell were elected. They were 2 of 7 members selected. They were the best prepared compared to other candidates. All Stars attended the Ag Expo Dinner. At Ag Expo IC 4H has 10 stations for kids. Skill A Thon had a great turn out. All Star Interviews applications due May 2, 2018, Interviews are May 5, 2018. Achievement Night will model last year. Mark Allegranza is providing the meal. All Stars checking into the Lions Center.
* Paper Clover-April 11 thru 22nd. We are holding a carnival, April 21st, 10am-2pm, and would like each club to have a booth at Tractor Supply. We would still like clubs to be at Tractor Supply during the week. Last two years the county was #7 out of 1500 stores. Clubs can go anything during the week.
* Raise Your Hand Campaign during April. State with most participants get $20,000. Go online to Support 4H. Anyone can participate this year.
* Mary Harmon Scholarship due May 4, 2018. List of scholarships available in the intercom.
* Fashion Revue/State Presentation-April 14, 2018 in Westmorland. Judges needed, send names to Anita at Dogwood 4H, judges can be 4H our outside community members and high school ages.
* State 4H Advisory Committee-Applications due end of May, open to Youth and Adults. Committee advises on what happens in 4H. All expenses paid.
* Nominating Committee for Leader Council-Committee needed to find nominees for June 2018 elections. Open positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. It does not have to be a Community Leader. Youth 16 or above can hold any position except Treasurer. Linda Sanchez volunteered to find nominations. Yolanda Fiorenza and Shanna Abatti also volunteered to help her.
* Budget Committee discussion tabled.
* Record book training-see intercom for dates. Encourage members to take Spark Survey if doing online record book.
* Family Camp-Email coming with information, June 22-24, 2018.
* Project Update/Idea Sharing-Yard Sale charge each club $20, what you sell is for your club. April 14, 2018, Holtville Chamber is having a swap meet, $10 for a booth, great fundraiser. Open to non-profit/service clubs. Call Anita for more information at 760-693-3025.
* No Other New Business

**4-H STAFF REPORT**

* Volunteer Leader Training-Shanna Abatti will conduct mandatory over next couple years for all clubs to discuss organizing projects, working with others, education in projects, resources for projects, creating positive club environment.

**LIVESTOCK LEADERS REPORT**

* Next meeting April 16, 2018

Motion made by Linda Sanchez to adjourn meeting at 7:38pm. Seconded by Anita Ortiz.