

PWC 4H Advisory Council Meeting September 13, 2011

PWC 4H Advisory Council was called to order by President Sandy Turner. Those in attendance were: Vania Root (Pins & Patterns), Cindy Puryear (4-H Program Manager), Sandy Turner (President), Linda King (extension Agent 4-H), Walt Peterman (Alumni), Jean Peterman (Alumni), Terry McCarty (volunteer), MaryBeth Lerch (4-H Youth Educator), Christian Hayes (Baldwin 4-H Afterschool Club), Michelle Boice (Compass 4-H), Rebecca Boise (Compass 4-H), Scrib Mockler (Alumni), Jean Mockler (Alumni), Sandy Arnold (Nokesville 4-H club), Michelle Leporatti (Cake-A-Teers 4-H club), Stephanie Johnson (Cake-A-Teers 4-H Club), Samantha Nour (Cake-A-Teers 4-H club), Loren Johnson (Cake-A-Teers 4-H club), Sandy Arnold (Nokesville 4-H Club)..

Minutes were approved as read.
Treasurers' report approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Membership –

The council members were pleased to see such a wonderful turn out and discussed ways to keep the interest in others attending the meetings. The council discussed the benefits of getting more teens and alumni involved in the council.

Linda King announced to the council that Michelle Leporatti was appointed as a Virginia State 4-H Ambassador. Linda thought Michelle could help in encouraging other teens to become involved, starting with her club.

Programs

Junior Camp went extremely well. This was the first time we partnered with OMK having military youth camping with our youth. It was a great experience for all. Fair Camp – 150 campers, 60 teens, and 20 Adult volunteers were engaged for the week of fair camp. Elvis came and sang for the campers.

4-H Barn area at the fairgrounds – This area was designed to increase the public's awareness of where 4-H started and where it is now in the county. This was a huge success bringing local farmers in with produce and livestock as well as the alumni items of memorabilia. Many came by to see and learn what 4-H was then, now, and forever. MaryBeth did a great job with this area. Alumni pins were given out to those who had been involved in 4-H at sometime in their life.

Alumni dinner – several came out and enjoyed a meal and talked about what 4-H meant to them. The alumni talked about what projects they did when in 4-H, This prompted others to want to have teens interview the alumni and tape the interviews. This would help preserve the history of 4-H in Prince William County. Prince William County 4-H will be celebrating 100 years next year.

Linda spoke to the Virginia 4-H Foundation on Sept 12th about the programs we have here in Prince William County and how with our increased presence and programs in the school systems it has substantially increased our in-school enrichment programs. Due to this increase, Prince William has the largest in-school enrollment in the state of Virginia.

Linda reported on Lemonade in the Garden that Jennie Dean 4-H Green Club and the school hosted. The school and club partnered and received a grant from Lowes for a school garden.

Publicity and Public Relations

Terry McCarty had nothing to report at this time. He suggested taking the history of 4-H and sitting down with Linda and Bennie Scarton from the paper to get an article in the paper to show the county what has been accomplished over the years.

Recognition & Awards

Leslie-Ann Stevens is currently grading the portfolios. Presidential Service Awards have been turned in as well as Outstanding Member Awards.

Leader Kick-off is coming up, September 24, 2011

All-Stars- All-Stars will be meeting in October and applications will be due in November.

Club reports

Walt explained to the council that he wanted to encourage clubs to come and report to the council all the good things they are doing in their clubs and out in the community.

All the clubs present gave a report

Cake-A-Teers- Michelle reported they did a cooking project making cakes and attempted working with fondant but had difficulty. They painted a ticket booth at the fair grounds. They will continue with the cooking project and learning how to cook different things. They have plans to work on a community project in the upcoming year.

Baldwin 4-H Afterschool Club- Christina reported increased involvement this year with county events. Two club members went to junior camp. Three participated in Share-the-Fun. The youth enjoy doing whatever Christina sends their way. The first year she had 85 members. This year she will have 45 members. She reported having more adult involvement this year.

Nokesville 4-H Club - Sandy Arnold reported her club had a busy year ending with a group of girls working on drill team and performing at the county fair.

Some of the girls participated in the State Drill Team Competition at the State Fair. They worked on several projects this past year such as: camping, horse, dog, robotics, embryology, cloverbud nature walk, and mission and community service.

Jennie Dean 4-H Green Club – Linda reported they built a lean-to for the Civil War celebration in Manassas City.

Pins & Patterns – They have a small group of seven super sewers. The club leaders have stepped down and Vania Root has agreed to become the leader along with two former club members.

Trigger Time – They participated in the State Shoot again this year having 18 youth competing. The youth returned with several awards both in the individual and team divisions. In the District shoot they received the overall 1st Place.

Linda and MaryBeth attended the Northern District 4-H meeting held today. Linda reported there may be some new contests added this year. Districts will be held in April 2012.

There was further discussion by Terry on getting the youth involved with interviewing the alumni in the county.

New Business

Sandy T. proposed to change the name of the 4-H Advisory Council to 4-H Leadership Council. Discussion was made on how the word “advisory” could be intimidating or even misleading to the role of the council. She would like the adults and teens to realize it is a leadership opportunity. Linda talked about how leadership leads to community service and citizenship and how important it is to instill in youth today. Several of the teens who were present agreed “leadership” is friendlier than “advisory”. Walt suggested changing the name to 4-H Council. Terry discussed the role of the Advisory council and how he felt the council played an important part in bridging the gap between 4-H and the community and advising the 4-H staff.

Sandy A. moved to change the name PWC 4-H Advisory Council to PWC 4-H Council. A second was made by Christina and all were in favor of the change with no opposition.

Sandy T discussed getting more teens involved and give them recognition for their involvement. She suggested, along with other members, to recognize those that are involved in the council. Youth can get credit on their All-Star application and Presidential Service Award. Linda made the motion to give a certificate at the end of the year to the youth and clubs that are involved in the council. Vania seconded the motion. Discussion was brought up by members on how to track

the involvement and how to measure the involvement of the youth in order to be recognized.

The council decided if they attend 75% of the meetings it can be counted on their All-Star application and Outstanding Member Award application and they would receive a certificate at the end of the 4-H year.

Terry discussed how the individual as well as the club should be recognized for their involvement in the council. He suggested having "super clubs" giving out blue, red and white ribbons for those clubs. Linda stated that she did not want to start club competitions but it would be encouraging for the individual and club to be recognized for their involvement.

Terry recommended to amend the motion to if an individual participated in 3 out of 5 meetings they would be recognized as well as the club being recognized if they have a representative at 3 out of 5 meetings.

All members were in favor of the amendment made.

The council meets second Tuesday of every other month. Next meeting will be November 8, 2012.

Terry brought up discussion to change the meeting day from Tuesday as it is the same day as the Board of County Supervisors' meetings. Most of the members present agreed that meeting should remain on Tuesdays. No further discuss was made.

Leader Kick-off will be held September 24 - all are welcome to attend.

Upcoming dates – Oct 3rd – Fundraiser at Chick-fil-a

Oct. 4th – County proclamation will be read at the board meeting

Oct 5th – National Science Day several youth are traveling to Bethesda to participate.

Sandy T talked about getting the Council website set up and on-line. She will be looking for teens that may be interested in helping with this project.

Michelle reported she had attended her 1st Ambassador meeting and has made new friends and learned new things.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting November 8th.

President – Sandy Turner

Vice-President – Brad Fyock

Treasurer – Leslie-Ann Stevens (Acting)
Secretary – vacant

Committees:

Executive committee – Chair – Sandy Turner

Finance committee – Chair – Leslie-Ann Stevens

Publicity committee – Chair - Terry McCarty

Program committee – Co-Chair – Linda King

Recognition, Awards and Portfolio Committee - Chair – Leslie-Ann S.

Membership committee – Chair – Brad Fyock