

4-H Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order.

Those in attendance were:

Donna Weisheit-Council Member and All-Star
Michelle Boice-Compass 4-H
Recca Boice-Compass 4-H
Leslie-Ann Stevens-Council Member and Treasurer
Marcia Thies-S.A.L.T.
Sandy Arnold-Nokesville 4-H
Vania Root – Pins and Patterns

Leslie-Ann Stevens announced that she will vacate her position as of 1/30/2012.

Marcia moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
The minutes were approved by all in attendance.

Committee Reports

Leslie-Ann read the treasurer's report and explained that there are two funds represented in the report.

We donate \$500/year to the 4H Center.

A \$200 scholarship is given to a High School Senior.

The Leona Barlow Scholarship is for Junior Camp.

Leslie-Ann suggested that the new Finance Chair (Sydney Nguyen) meet w/committee at least once per year if not twice.

Michelle brought up fundraising idea: Wreaths Across America.

Linda asked Michelle if she would organize this as a county fundraiser. Michelle explained that while it could be a fundraiser, the process of laying the wreaths is a very moving experience for the youth.

Linda suggested we do a fund raising report on what nuts we have left to sell.

Perhaps a fundraising survey-what could we offer, what could we do better next time?

Program Report

Recognition Day was as successful as could have been. Speakers were the highlight as they were 4-H Alumni.

Linda reported on Officer Training. The use of the Board chambers only added to the importance of the evening which was very well attended.

Publicity/Public Relations

Linda reported that a recent article was published highlighting the winner of the Character Counts poster contest.

Recognition and Awards

Leslie-Ann said that she actually had 4 children thank her for reading their portfolios. Linda commented on what a big job it is to review the portfolios and how much we appreciate all that Leslie-Ann does to encourage the kids to keep their 4-H records.

Linda reported that 6 youth All-Star applications and 3 adult applications were submitted for the year. MaryLou Malo and Shelly Baronavski review all of the applications each year. Linda reported that they would like to train some more individuals to learn the review process.

Club Reports

Linda suggested that Club Historians be encouraged to report club activity for a county newsletter.

CatheRine Root reported that Pins and Patterns are currently on winter break.

Sandy Arnold reported that Nokesville 4-H just had a monthly meeting at which Delegate Richard Anderson spoke to the youth. He told them that he was impressed with the kids and well they were able to run their meeting. So many questions were asked by the kids that the agenda had to be adjusted to allow for him to continue to field questions about legislative procedures. She mentioned that her club brought up a New Business item that was not on the agenda.(first time) Legos/Robotics are coming soon.

Horse Project-preparing for the busy contest season.

Rebecca Boise reported on Compass 4-H-Club meets every other Wed. afternoon. The goal at club meetings in December was an introduction to Impromptu Speaking. The second meeting in December was the Christmas Party. Business meetings are held at the first meeting of each month.

The club receives all county emails and will discuss at the following meeting.

There are 7 kids in the 6th grade and under group and 13-14 kids in the 7th grade and up group.

Marcia reported that S.A.L.T has over 40 members this year.

Leslie-Ann reported for Trigger Time. The Holiday Party and Officer elections were held in December. She asked if there is going to be a new Shooting Sports club.

New Business

Linda reported that PW and Fairfax 4-H will be given money to start at least 2 Robotics clubs with hopes to reach at least 40 kids. There will be a training on March 8&9th w/Lockhead Martin. The equipment has not been purchased but it will be soon. Blake Ross is the lead for the project.

Linda stated that we will be checking on the Charter Status of all clubs and being sure that each is chartered.

Project Day is January 28,2012.

Presentation training is coming. There are new categories for the District Contest.

Looking for a Share-The-Fun Chairperson.

TALT Weekend will be in March.

Fashion Review Training-Donna spoke more about drumming up interest and getting more participation.

It was suggested that a Project Day topic could be Fashion Review Prep.

We are looking for an Historian for the 4-H Council.

Linda announced the Ed Jones would be coming to speak about VCE. Leslie-Ann asked how we should represent our county.

Linda proposed a Council Retreat Weekend in March.

Michelle suggested we be frank about what we really need as far as Council positions.

Sandy suggested a possible fundraising option to help defer the cost of the bus transportation to State Capitol Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 13' 2012.