

# PWC 4-H Association Council Meeting Minutes For November 10th, 2014

---

## Attendees:

Matt Valentino- Association President, Alan Lerch – Association Vice President, Tom Harrigan – Association Secretary, Sydney Nguyen – Association Treasurer, Linda King – Extension Agent to PWC 4-H Association, MaryBeth Lerch- Extension Office, Donna Weisheit – Leader Pins and Patterns, Megan Harrigan – Nokesville 4H Association Representative, Rebecca Loose – SALT, Geneva Loose –Reporter, SALT, Jason Thies – President, SALT, Marci Thies, Co-leader, – SALT, Vania Root – Behind the Seams, Catherine Root – President, Behind the Seams, Olivia Morales – Pins and Patterns, Kine Morales – Compass, Natalya Morales - Compass

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

1. *Welcome/Introduction* – Matt Valentino welcomed everyone and asked attendees to sign sheet.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance / 4-H Pledge
3. Matt Valentino: Meeting agenda and handout.

## 4. Club Reports:

### BEHIND THE SEAMS – Catherine Root reporting

- First meeting held on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, conducted club business and discussed project ideas
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014; field trip to JoAnne’s Fabric for needed material and patterns for projects
- Club has lost 1 member this year due to a move, gained 5 new members
- Planned activity: Will hold election nominations for club officers on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Elections will be held on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014
- (Note: handout)

### PINS and PATTERNS - Olivia Morales reporting

- Officer elections held on October 25, 2014
- Planned calendar
- Discussed project ideas & supplies
- Set club goals & community projects
- Planned activity: Look for fabric and cut patterns
- (Note: handout)

### COMPASS – Natalya Morales reporting

- September 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 Meeting:
- Club will take on two projects this year: Geocaching and Speech
- October 2014 Meeting:
- Met in Leesylvania State Park
- Park Ranger taught us how to use a compass; club went on first Geocaching exercise
- Met with a rep from NCFCA to talk about speech and how to give a proper speech
- Club Goal: Everyone in club will give a speech on Presentation Night
- Planned activity: will continue with Geocaching in the Spring
- (Note: handout)

### NOKESVILLE – Megan Harrigan reporting

- Nokesville had their second meeting of the year on November 7, 2014
- Before meeting club worked on 40 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child

## PWC 4-H Association Council Meeting Minutes For November 10th, 2014

---

- Also collected and organized canned food donations for Operation SERVE
- During meeting – held club officer elections, reported on Nokesville participation in fundraiser
- Elected an Association Representative to attend meetings for Nokesville
- Nokesville representation in State Horse Show and State Fair Hores Show
- National Youth Science Day participation during October
- (Note: handout)

### SALT 4-H – Jason Thesis, Marci Thesis, Geneva Loose, Rebecca Loose Reporting

- Rainbow Loom Project members made bracelets
  - Book Writing/Comics Project worked on plot and setting using National Novel Writing Workbook
  - Archery Project instructed on Safety, parts of bow and arrow, whistle commands, target shooting
  - Lego project created a Washington Monument
  - Younger cooking project experiment with pumpkin, cooked a few dishes
  - Photography project learned parts of camera, types of cameras, and practiced skills
  - Rocket project built various rockets
  - Nature Study/Hiking Camping project studied trees, photosynthesis while on nature hike in Bull Run Regional Park outing
  - Archeology project looked at garbage and people who lived in the area, studied techniques Archeologists use to learn about people and the times they lived in
  - Chess/Card Games studied techniques and game moves in Chess like “castling”  
Mine Craft Project shared ideas, plans and techniques to improve skills
  - International Dance & Music proj studied the importance of music and dance and how it can be an international language. They tried a “Rain Dance”, made their own instruments, and choreographed their own dance.
  - Community Service project collected and donated food for SERVE, also finished up blanket drive project for Syrian Refugees
  - SALT members took part in National 4-H Week activities, Character Counts, Portfolio Training and Leadership Training, and Poinsettia and Pecans fund raiser events
- (Note: handout)

### 5. Treasurer’s Statement / Report 7/01/14 – 10/31/14

- Treasurer’s Report  
Treasurer’s Report for period submitted by Sydney Nguyen; Treasurer.  
Total holdings: \$ 52,145.78  
Budget Submission: 07/01/14 – 06/30/15; (see handouts)  
BB&T Instructions for Obtaining a Bank Account (see handout)

### 6. Fund Raising Activity and 2014-1015 Report submitted by Christina Harrigan

- Wreaths Across America; Status: ongoing; Nov 30<sup>th</sup> event at Quantico
- Poinsettia/Pecans 2014 Program: outline & discussion  
Program is on target and is expected to be about the same size as 2013
- New Activities  
Coupons: ...Hold discussion until 2015 meeting

# PWC 4-H Association Council Meeting Minutes For November 10th, 2014

---

Aside: Looking for more volunteer people on fund raising committee.

**Action:** Need description of job from Extension Office

**Action:** Request for write-up for Wreath's Across America from Matt for newsletter

Looking for new suggestions / ideas for fund raising (Ex. Chick-fil-a, Chipotle, local businesses)

*"Immediate need"* for volunteers for Fund Raiser Committee projects

## 7. Old Business

- Sept 11 – 14 Horse Show – 9 PWC riders participated at show - All disciplines participating – Awards given to PWC club including High Point Western Rider Award!
- Sept 12 – 14th State 4-H Shoot – PWC club participated, (report not available)
- Sept 15 – Nov 30th Wreaths Across America Campaign – see Fund Raising
- Sept 27th Leader Kick-off – Successfully completed
- Oct 5 -11th National 4-H Week – Successfully completed
- Oct 6th Board of Supervisor's Meeting – Successfully completed
- Oct 8th National 4-H Science Experiment Field Trip – Successfully completed
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 4-H Recognition Night – Successfully completed
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Portfolio Training – Successfully completed
- Volunteer Hour Tracking – New online system begins this month. Requires members to register on the 4-H Online data base - Mary Beth Lerch
- Future Events - Discussed:
  - Food Challenge (New Event) – Fauquier Fairgrounds March 14<sup>th</sup>; Linda
  - "Share the Fun" – February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Presentations – March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Alumni Dinner (New Event) – Plan for spring 2015; Linda
  - Fashion Review – Place to Be Determined

## 8. New Business

- Review Calendar events
  - Request to not have Association meet in December by Matt / Next meeting in Jan 2015
  - Watch for discussion on "Future Events – Discussed" items (above)
- Review Association Brochure
  - Association Brochure was presented in this Association meeting by Matt
  - Action:** Everyone was requested to review brochure and comment or endorse for use in recruitment in the next Association Meeting
- Association Membership Recruitment
  - The Association will visit all 4-H clubs during (and other PWC organizations) in 2015 for purposes of recruitment for new Association Members
  - Action:** Everyone was requested to review the Association Membership Form and comment or endorse for use in membership registration in the next Association Meeting
- Meeting Minutes
  - Information:* Association Meeting Minutes issued by the Association Secretary can be found at the following PWC 4-H website: <http://pwc4h.org/>; in the green box on the right hand column of the page.
- Youth Component to Association

## PWC 4-H Association Council Meeting Minutes For November 10th, 2014

---

*Item:* Megan Harrigan was elected by Nokesville to represent club at all Association Meetings  
*Discussion in meeting...*

This is a needed change in the Association organization allowing youth participation  
Reps from each club will attend Association Meetings and elect officers from the body of Reps

**Action:** Linda will research 4-H records to understand how to organize and give the youth a voice to speak to the Association

**Action:** Matt will report back in next meeting on involvement on committees and the elected element

- Aside: The Association is reminded of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce “Holiday Open House” at Old Hickory Golf Course on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

*Adjourn -*

**Next Meeting:** - January 6th, 2015: 6:30 – 8:00 PM Association Meeting; Cedar Run Room, McCoart Building ( at County Office Complex)

Matt Valentino- Association President

Alan Lerch- Association Vice President

Sydney Nguyen- Association Treasurer

Tom Harrigan- Association Secretary