

San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair

Board Meeting – Thursday, May 16, 2019

Conference call only (605) 475-3220 Access Code 758600#

Youth Fair Executive Director Nikki Yunker called the meeting to order at 7:40p.

The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge was led by Erin.

Roll Call and Quorum Check – Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

Those who attended the meeting in person or on the conference call included:

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| Rick Herbert | Dee Keese | Nikki Yunker | Judylynn Pelling |
| Marina Krishmar | Mary Lash | Noel Keller | Lisa Loewner |
| Danielle Sevilla | Efrain Sevilla | Kenneth Yunker | Sophie Loewner |
| Erin Murdoch | | | |

Minutes Approval – It was moved by Danielle, seconded by Judylynn and passed to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2019 fair board planning meeting as published.

Treasurer's Report – Mary reported

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| Income of | Expenses of |
| \$392.50 – Baked Goods | \$359.04 – PVP School District |
| \$294.50 – Silent Auction | \$150.00 - website |
| \$100.00 – donation | \$895.40 - awards |
| \$457.00 – fair entry fees | \$17.00 – honor court |
| \$1,244.00 – TOTAL | \$1,244.44 - TOTAL |

resulting in a current balance for the fair account of \$13,390.04. It was moved by Erin, seconded by Efrain and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. It was mentioned that there is an additional income of \$10.01 from recycling at the fair and an additional expense of \$375.13 for trophy and plaque engraving.

Old Business - None

New Business

Fair Director Reports –

General Plants & Animals – Judylynn reported that her area went well – good quality entries and good judges, who want to come back again next year to judge.

Activities – Lisa reported that the activities went well. Rock painting was very popular. Perhaps there should have been a limit to the number of rocks you could paint.

Administration – Rick reported that the awards went well. There was some confusion in turning in judging sheets for an area. Noel now needs to know the remaining inventory of awards to help with ordering awards for next year. Rick has already sent her how many awards were given out this year. Awards are expensive – perhaps a new vendor should be considered, the size of the awards should be decreased and/or the fee for entries should be increased. This year there was an effort to use up some of the older awards.

Primary – Efrain reported that his area went smoothly. The entries were diversified and creative.

Arts & Crafts – Marina reported that her area went well. There were good entries, but not as many as usual.

Home Economics – Erin reported that her area went smoothly. The judging was fair this year.
Livestock – Dee reported that everything went well. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the activities and seeing the animals.

Fair Evaluations

Several fair evaluations were turned in this year, but not as many as last year when evaluation forms were available to be completed at the fair. Most of the evaluations were very favorable about the fair and didn't include suggestions for making the fair better. An evaluation that included suggestions for changes to the fair planning and running was sent out to fair planning committee members before the meeting for their review. The fair evaluation forms were turned over to the 2020 SGV 4-H Fair Executive Directors for next year.

Next year it was recommended that hard copy evaluation forms should be available at the fair in addition to an online fair evaluation option.

Thank you to Dee and Nikki for all their hard work to make the 2019 fair a big success!

Fair Suggestions and Recommendations

At our first fair planning meeting in September we will discuss changes and/or improvements for the 2020 SGV 4-H Fair. Be thinking how we can make the 2020 fair ever better than this year. Come to the meeting with ideas that can be discussed.

Suggestions included:

- Not having members clerk in areas where they have entries. Judges could be concerned about evaluating a fair entry in front of its maker.
- Having one venue for the fair, not two.
- Providing more information about entry form preparation, so that items are not entered in the incorrect category.
- Not waiting until the last minute to find judges.
- Better communication between youth and adult directors.

Venue Suggestions

The 2020 fair venue was discussed. The fair has been operating at Ernie Howlett Park and Valmonte Elementary School. The fair has had a smaller feel but has worked well, even with some prior activities not available due to limited space. Some people are having a problem getting to both venues for the fair and would prefer one location for all fair activities. One thought was that we should not move to a bigger venue until we have more participation and entries. Marina mentioned that Keith said that Southwest College could be considered as a possible venue. It was decided that we should look into alternate venues during the summer and bring back specific details about possible venues and schedules for the 2020 SGV fair.

Nominations for and Election of 2020 Fair Executive Directors – Erin nominated Brody Susnjar for youth 2020 SGV 4-H Fair Executive Director. Dee said that since Brody was not participating in the meeting, the nomination could not be accepted. Nikki had been nominated at the prior fair meeting for the youth executive director position. Before the meeting, Dee had sent out an email declining her nomination for the adult 2020 SGV 4-H Fair Executive Director position. Dee nominated Marina Krishmar for the 2020 adult SGV 4-H Fair Executive Director. It was moved by Dee, seconded by Efrain and passed to elect Nikki as the youth and Marina as the adult 2020 SGV 4-H Fair executive directors.

Fair Awards – The engraved fair trophies and plaques were distributed to clubs before the meeting.

Adjournment –The fair meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

The next fair board meeting is **Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:30pm at Mary Lash's home in Downey.** The meeting will also be available as a conference call.

Reminders for the next meeting:

- Read the minutes of this meeting on the fair website and be ready to vote on approving/correcting them. Please send any corrections to Noel Keller.
- Look at the meeting agenda on the fair website and be prepared.
- At this meeting, the remaining fair directors will be elected. Send nominations to Nikki or Marina.
- Bring your ideas for the 2020 fair venue, schedule and activities
- If you cannot attend this meeting, please send your ideas and suggestions to Nikki and/or Marina before the meeting so your ideas and suggestions can be presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Noel Keller, SGV 4-H Fair Secretary