

San Gabriel Valley 4-H Fair Board Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Mary Lash's home, 9497 E. Foster Rd., Downey, CA 90242

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Youth Head Director Camille Norezyk.

She led the flag salute and 4-H pledge.

Role call of those present (or on phone): Camille Norezyk, Dee Keese, Rick Herbert, Judylynn Pelling, Mary Lash, Victoria Rosenfield, Kiran Ekanayake, Ashlyn Spaziano, Lucia Brown, Niki Yunker, Lydia Rich, Glenys, Marina Urishmar, Sepali Ekanayake, Wesley Rich, Patrick Kam, Michelle Sylvest, Alexa Sutter, Marie Sutter, Georga Pike, Grace Higgins; **On Phone**, Lucia Brown, Layla, Danielle, plus one more.

Treasurers' Report— Mary Lash reported that at the present time some expenses still have to come in. Expenses so far are \$3,817.57. Income so far is \$3,264.94. The difference is - \$552.63. We received donations of \$1,100.00. Total bank balance April 2017 is \$14,596.34. Dee moved and Rick seconded that we approve the report. Voted on passed.

Old Business

1. 2017 Fair Evaluation: 33 took the survey. Needed help for next year is cleanup. Directors should not have to stay and do all the clean-up by themselves. We need to be more consistent in giving out special awards. They need to be written on the front of the entry tag. Most of the fair was rated as good to very good. Pre-fair publicity had the highest rating and posters and displays had the lowest. We are not exactly sure what this means, as members posters were very good. Maybe it means signs at the fair.

New Business

1. Fair directors and Chair reports: Awards—Some reported disappointment that the Best of Show medals were so small compared to the fancy Judge's Choice ribbons. It was suggested that we go back to giving the medals to just the seniors.
Small Livestock—Lucia Brown—Some cages were broken, or locks were missing. Paperwork did not go smoothly. The cage situation was discussed. Dee assured us that there are enough good cages. They were just in the back of a very hot container. Clean up was also a problem. No director should leave until it is all cleaned up.
2. Election of 2017-18 Head Fair Directors. Betty Gregory was nominated for Head Adult Director. Ashlyn Spaziano was nominated for head Youth Director. Rick moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Amy. Voted on and passed. Congratulations to our new head directors.
3. Evaluation and voting on new venue: We discussed different ideas. We can do the fair significantly cheaper and have a 2 day Fair, saving money. Dee moved we change the fair venue to Ernie Holwlett Park and Rancho Vista Elementary School auditorium for the 2018 fair. Seconded by Lucia Brown. Voted on and passed. No nays were heard. All the details will be worked out at our future meetings.

4. Conference call meetings were discussed for next year. We can try this at some of our meetings in the new 4-H year. It has been very successful for some of our other committees. Dee moved that we have conference call meetings at every other meeting as follows to try it out: Sept. 21—at Mary Lash’s home, Nov. 16 conference call, Jan. 18 at Mary Lash’s home, March 15—conference call, April—at Mary Lash’s home, May 17—conference call. Seconded by Victoria. Voted on and passed.
5. Best Youth Director and Best Youth non-director awards were discussed. Judylynn moved that the best youth director and best youth non-director be awarded by a chosen committee the last day of the fair. Seconded by Karen E. Voted on and passed.
6. Sweepstakes Trophy: Dee Keese moved that the Sweepstakes trophy be named “Lewis Sweepstakes” Trophy in honor of Mary Lash’s father and family who started this fair. Seconded by Victoria. Voted on and passed.
7. Victoria moved we give Camille Norezyk a special award for being an “exemplary director for the SGV Fair.” Seconded by Dee. Voted on and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judylynn Pelling, administration director