

4-H State Advisory Board Summary
April 23-24, 2016
Pasco, WA

Treasurer's Report

The investment account is currently at \$33,364.33, which is an increase of about \$500. Chuck Todd reported that with the market jumping all over the place we're lucky to see any kind of rise. The major source of income this quarter was from the county dues. Chuck has received dues from about half of the counties. Costs associated with the January 2016 meeting were a little over \$1,000, which is much lower than usual. Non-reimbursed expenses totaled \$261.85. The checking balance on the first page is incorrect and will change the other totals. A new cover sheet will be mailed to each of the State 4-H Advisory members. The correct amount of the checking account balance is \$35,604.70, which makes the Advisory Board Balance \$30,662.89.

The State Ambassador's income comes from the State Ambassador jackets and shirts. The State Ambassadors pay half of the purchase price. The other half comes from State Ambassador funds. There was an income of \$373.20 and expenses of \$391.59 with an ending balance of \$902.78. The State 4-H Advisory Board handles some money for the State Ambassadors and the State Horse Project. State Ambassador money is money raised by the State Ambassadors. The State Ambassador money handled by the 4-H Foundation is money from the Lewis County Trust Fund.

There have been no changes in the State Horse Project money, except for the Hippology Contest expenses. Some of their expenses have already been paid.

State Directors Report

- National 4-H Marketing Campaign – 4-H Grows Here is the theme of the new 4-H national marketing campaign. There will be more national marketing pieces. Connecting with alumni, increasing membership, and increasing financial contributions are the three goals. Participation in this campaign cost \$25,000 for first year. This is a three-year commitment. Doreen is looking for funding for the 2nd and 3rd years.
- Doreen passed out the new 4-H state policy. As of last week, it has been reviewed by 4-H faculty, staff, WSU Extension Administration, COHE (CAHNRS Office of Human Engagement) and the Attorney General's office. A few more changes will take place between now and when it goes into effect in October 2016. The new policy will tighten up financial management checks and balances. Shooting sports national safety protocol and rodeo guidelines will be added. County faculty and staff know about the changes and will have regional trainings in June/July of 2016. This will be more closely aligned the Washington 4-H State policy with the USDA national policy. For one year only, counties will be able to grandfather in the oldest 4-H members who would be adversely affected by the change from grades to ages. Families can be a family "group" or "learning group" but not a "club". National Rules require a club be composed of a

minimum of five (5) members from three (3) different families. Clubs that do not meet this requirement cannot be tax exempt. 4-H clubs, who meet the requirements, should be chartered by the local WSU County Extension – 4-H program. There is a national policy guide for the 4-H name and emblem. It will be posted on-line with links in the document. This board's constitution will need to be adjusted as a result of some of the changes in the policy.

2016 Forum Report

Keynote Speakers – Neither of the keynote speakers for the 2016 Forum is charging a fee. Ann Erika Whitemarsh will be speaking on Sunday. She is the founder of Rascal Rodeo. Ryan Kruger, Alliance for Child, is a former 4-H'er who works with at risk youth (gangs, violence, etc.) and trains new foster parents. He may be able to do a workshop.

Hospitality Room – Neither TRAC nor the hotel will allow outside food except from an approved vendor. Conversation circles will be set up in the Atrium area at TRAC.

Hotel/RV Options – My Place Hotel (\$90) is an inexpensive hotel option. This hotel is close to TRAC but the rooms are small. There is also an RV park at TRAC and another off Road 100.

Entertainment – Entertainment at the Award Ceremony on Friday night will be provided by some youth in a local Cloggers group. This group includes some of our 4-H'ers. (Dinner will not be provided to those providing the entertainment.)

Door Prizes – There was a discussion of possible changes to make the door prizes more exciting. The Advisory Board decided to have fewer door prizes and the door prizes will have a value of \$10-\$20. Door prize winners will not be posted on a board. Up to five winners will be announced during each meal and the donor will be acknowledged. Advisory Board members will be asked to bring at least one door prize to forum.

Food Drive – A food drive similar to last year's food drive will take place at Forum. Only non-perishable food will be collected. The food collected will go to the local Second Harvest organization.

Teen Leadership Committee

They discussed the need to make a video using short quotes from teens to promote the State 4-H Advisory Board to teens. They want to have people speak at teen rally to promote the State 4-H Advisory Board. It was recommended that the State 4-H Advisory Board teen elections be moved from the teen rally to the district meetings at forum. Changes will need to be made to the constitution about officer mandates to allow teens an equal opportunity to serve. This was tabled for review by the Constitution Committee. It was suggested that changes be made to the teen application and the adult application forms to align them more closely with each other. Sabrina Wood asked why the voting power to select teen representatives was taken from teen peers. Sam Smith said that most

teens don't understand what the State 4-H Advisory Board is doing. For this board, the peers of the teen board members are actually the adults.

Forum Workshop Committee

Raise the Paddle Activity – Since Burundi has been the recipient of these funds for several years, other possible recipients were discussed. The possibility of supporting all Washington State teens attending National Conference or National Congress as state delegates was discussed.

Motion: Joy Wilken made a motion to have the “Raise the Paddle” fundraiser at end of auction with the funds going into a State 4-H Advisory Board account designated for 4-H National Conference or National Congress delegates who would apply for these funds. The motion was second by Sabrina Wood. The motion was unanimously approved by the State 4-H Advisory Board.

It was recommended that a Burundi presentation take place before lunch on Saturday. Kevin Wright will be contacted regarding the need for auction items that can be used to raise funds for Burundi.