The Southeast District 9 4-H Council Meeting August 17, 2013 minutes

The Council Meeting of the Southeast District 9 4-H was called to order August 17, 2013 at 10:08am by Chairman Jon Richter. The 4-H Motto and Pledge was led by William Brooks, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jodilyn Marrs. An inspiration “Awesome” was shown by Keli Morgan.

There was one correction for the previous minutes to change, Loose change for STARR, to Loose Change to Loosen Chains. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Mary Ingram gave the Treasure’s Report. Previous balance was $2271.25; expenses included pizza for pre-lab, out-going officer gifts, and council badges; with income of $78.50. Leaving a balance of $2211.57. Meranda Goodwin gave the Health and Safety Report on Snakes.

County reports were given, delegates present were asked to tell how many members were at the meeting, what their county seat is and something interesting about their county.

- Brazos, six members were present, Bryan is county seat, they have Texas A&M, a Cake Show, and the Brazos Valley Fair
- Burleson, has two members, Caldwell county seat, they have a dance to raise money, and there County Fair is coming up
- Brazoria, six members present, Stephen F. Austin statue, they have a Heifer show, and the County Fair is around the corner
- Chambers, two members, Baytown county seat, Alligator exhibit and Pirates Bay, they have a bake sale, and the Fair is in May
- Fort Bend, two members, Rosenberg County seed, attraction Katy, pecan sale fundraiser, and there installation of new officers
- Galveston, five members, Galveston County seed, they have the beach, golf tournament and geo cash, Banquet and instillation of new officers
- Harris, two members, Minute Maid Park and The Toyota Center
- Jefferson, six members, the County seed is Beaumont, they have the World’s Largest Fire Hydrant and Spindle Top mueseum, they have a Spud sale and BBQ Fundraiser, Awards Program
- Montgomery, one member, Conroe County seed, they have a Wal-Mart and K Mart, Pecan sales, and there Banquet
- San Jacinto, two members, Shepard is County seed, Elquito and Lake Livingston, pizza kit fundraiser, and there having a Banquet
- Walker, 2, the County seed is Huntsville, they have the Prison and Sam Houston State University, there is prospect show, and they are preparing for the 4-H year
- Waller, 3 members, Hempstead is the County seed, they are the Watermelon Capitol, they have a BBQ fundraiser, and the County Fair and Banquet are coming up
- Hardin, Orange, Madison, Lee, and Liberty had no members present.

Ryan led an icebreaker, “Name Tag”. Member present were recognized for 4-H events attended.

- 2013 4-H Record Book Judging had eight State Record Books
- 2013 District and State Horse Show there was one State participant present
• 2013 Leadership Institute with fifteen kids present
• 2013 Texas Dog Show two members
• 2013 Texas Shooting Sports Games two members
• 2013 County 4-H Camps ten members

Jon shared about Personalities Programs and many different leadership styles. We split into different colors to discuss personality styles. Sam Clark then led us in two recreations “Bear, Cowboy, Ninja” and “Samurai”.

Sam Clark led discussion about the district-wide Community Service Project. The Community Service Project will be “Feed 100k People”. Starr Swanson moved to make “Feed 100k People” our district 9 community service project, the motion was seconded by Brianna Causer. After discussion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Winter meeting location suggestions were made. Ideas included (in order of votes): The Armadillo 24 votes, Palladium 20 votes, Conroe Incredible Pizza Company 18 votes, Main Event 17 votes, Grand Station 8 votes, Horse Shoe Junction 0 votes.

Opportunities for Big Time in D9 were discussed. We talked about adding more signs, having a comedy category (must come from state), better awards program, maybe add shooting sports, make sure everyone knows there is a dance.

At 1:02 p.m., President Jon Richter turned the meeting over to 1st V. President Keli Morgan. The members present were split into three groups to discuss 2014 Senior Leadership Lab. The groups were Themes, Topics, and Recreation.

There were no by-law changes.

4-H One Day was announced by discussing what activities are done in the counties in District 9.

Announcements –
• 2013 Junior Leadership Lab will be November 15-16, 2013
• Texas 4-H Congress July 13-16, 2014
• District 4-H Leadership Lab June 17-19, 2014

Sam Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, and Shelby Lepley 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.