

# Notes from EC Meeting September 8, 2015

1. Review and revision of Council notes from.

2. Discussions:

## **Council Attendance/Communication**

- Discussion around lack of attendance at council meetings, the decline in participation in county wide events, and several clubs not fully meeting their requirements.
- The EC committee goals are still to increase participation in countywide events and keep the integrity of the 4-H program. The EC expressed worry over the fate of 4-H in Lake County.

## **Council Rally Meeting**

- The EC decided to scrap the rally idea and explore alternative ways to help revitalize the 4-H community.
- EC came to the conclusion that our teens are the ones that may have a larger influence at the club level.
- After much deliberation, EC decided to organize and run a special countywide youth leadership project.

## **Establishment of a countywide 4-H Ambassador Project**

- Council brainstormed a list of active teens around the county to invite into this project with the hope that they would bring a friend.
- The project would start with an orientation meeting where youth would brainstorm what elements of the 4-H program were important to them. Next there would be a follow up training meeting(s) for training as ambassadors for 4-H. Then youth would develop a presentation to take to each club in the county, with an emphasis on the importance of the administrative duties of clubs and the 4-H calendar of events. The youth would visit clubs twice.
- EC brainstormed a list of things ways the youth might be recognized for their efforts as ambassadors to invigorate participation in the 4-H program. Those ideas included a special medal, credit for an All Star project, and providing pizza at the meetings/trainings.
- Budget \$150 in countywide events could be used for this purpose until Council can meet to vote in a budget.

- **Timeline**
- Sept. 30 - Deadline for Teen Ambassador RSVP
- Oct. 14 - Teen Ambassador Orientation
- \*Follow up meetings to be set at Orientation meeting
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- Club visitations to begin in January 2016