



# MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21, 2025, Zoom

**Call to Order** – Nicole Hostert (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) at 7:07 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Andi Moran (Aromas)

**4-H Pledge** – Tawni Ortner (Chualar)

**Introduction of Guests and New Club Leaders**

- Included on the sign-in sheet

**Additions and Corrections to the Agenda**

- None

**Executive Officer Roll Call**

- President – Not Present
- 1st Vice President – Nicole Hostert (Spring)
- 2nd Vice President - Gina Acevedo (Aromas)
- Secretary- Melissa Ortner (Chualar)
- Treasurer- Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

**Youth Officer Roll Call**

- Co-Council President – Not present
- Co-Council 1st Vice President – Aly Acevedo
- Co-Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Youth Outreach Office - Open
- Co-Council Secretary-Kapri Batistich (Chualar)
- Youth Marketing Officer– Open

**Club Representatives and Guests –**

***Aromas:*** Andi Moran, Tara Albrecht

***Buena Vista:*** Mario Flores, Jorge Flores

***Carmel Valley:*** Tricia Glass, Brianna Glass, Ella Sullivan

***Chualar:*** Jenn McVay, Tawni Ortner

***Greenfield:*** Yesenia Perea

***Gonzales:*** Kendra Murillo, Hennessey Murillo

***King City Blue Ribbon:*** Alicia Crespo, Mia Lopez

***King City Rural:*** Teri Storelli

***Lockwood:*** Misty Hancock, Morgan Hancock, Cody Hancock, Megan Weferling, Hayden Soares, Penny Soares

***Mission:*** Crystal Rubbo, Giavonna Rubbo

**Natividad:** Anita Porcello, Olivia Porcello, Elizabeth Thornton  
**Royal Oaks:** JoAnn Etchison, Sheryl Jones  
**San Benancio:** Dawn Cricchio, Joseph Cricchio  
**Spring:** Not Present  
**Staff:** Lorin Hofmann-Lurz  
**Other:** Jeanie Grainger

**Approval of Meeting Minutes, 11/19/24**

- Approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Alicia Crespo (KCBR)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Crystal Rubbo (Mission)
  - No Discussion

**Correspondence Report:** Kapri Batistich

- A 'Thank You' received from Chualar & Carmel Valley for the Officer Hats from the County Ambassadors.

**Approval of Treasurers Report:** Aaron Thornton (Natividad)

- December Report:
  - General Fund Open: \$175,827.35
  - General Fund Close: \$175,827.35
  - Youth County Council Open: \$2,978.15
  - Youth County Council Close: \$2,978.21
  - Scholarship Funds Open: \$48,442.14
  - Scholarship Funds Close: \$48,442.99
  - All funds combined at close: \$227,248.49
- Approval:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Kendra Murillo (Gonzales)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Aly Acevedo (Aromas)
  - No Discussion

**President's Report: Nicole Hostert (Spring)**

- Nominating Committee for 2025/2026
  - Google Form: <https://forms.gle/SPjoMRfHQTzQtHcb8>
  - Nominations for council officer positions will open after the February council meeting
- Funding Committee
  - YF&R Crab Feed, January 25, 2025 at the Rodeo Grounds
    - Google Form: <https://forms.gle/hfyRBNPmCCswBCNr7>
  - MCF fundraising opportunities to consider and vote final approval at February council meeting: Dots vs. Country store
    - Please bring the idea back to your club as to their preference

### **County Ambassador Report: Brianna Glass & Kapri Batistich**

- If you would like the County Ambassadors to come speak to your Club Meeting, please reach out to Lorin for scheduling.

### **Camp Report: Jeanie Grainger**

- 2025 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 22-June 27
- Interviews for counselors were had this past week.
- Camp applications will be going live on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the fee for camp is \$365 per camper.
- On February 8<sup>th</sup>, Blackthorne Spas will be hosting a Cold Plunge, and will be donating \$50 to camp for every person who participates in the plunge.

### **Fair Reports: Gina Acevedo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

- Salinas Valley Fair (2025)
  - No updates
- Monterey County Fair (2025) Jungle Theme
  - No updates
- Santa Cruz County Fair (2025)
  - No updates
- San Benito County Fair (2025)
  - No updates

### **Youth Reports from Club Events, Activities, Trainings, fundraisers, etc.**

- No Reports

### **Council Committee Reports:**

- Fantastic Field Day – KCBR – Mia Lopez (Youth Chair)
  - The committee is continuing to work on the script
  - There will be a meeting on lunch and snacks, so far, no payments have come through.
  - Please let KCBR know how many tables and chairs needed for each event at FFD.
- FFD Baking – Natividad – Elizabeth Thornton (Youth Chair)
  - 4-Categories, accepting 15 entries per category:
    - Muffins
    - Sugar Cookies (Decorate to Theme)
    - Chocolate Chip Cookies
    - Sourdough
  - A “How to judge a baking contest” education session will be held before the judging starts
- FFD Poster & Photography – Spring – Nicole Hostert
  - The committee is assembled and are meeting soon to discuss the expectations
- FFD Veggie ID – Mission – Giavonna Rubbo (Youth Chair)
  - There are 24 different insects, seeds and weeds for identification

- The committee is working on getting a good variety of insects for the contest
- FFD Livestock ID – Chualar – Tawni Ortner (Youth Chair)
  - There will be presentations on 6 different species of livestock:
  - Everyone is working on making their handouts and working on presentations
  - We have ordered ear-tag keychains for all participants
- FFD Community Service – Aromas – Tara Albrecht
  - We will be painting Kindness Rocks in which the clubs can take home and distribute throughout their community.
  - There will also be succulent gardens planted to share with Meals on Wheels in Monterey County
- Presentation Night – Gonzales
  - No Updates

**Club Sharing: What kind of items could your club use if Council were to purchase and offer for sharing? Examples – projectors, portable speakers, 4-H logo tent for outreach? Anything else?**

- Aromas: Projector & Screen
- Buena Vista: Projector, Speaker, Microphone & 4-H Logo Tent
- Carmel Valley: Projector & Screen
- Chualar: Microphone & Speaker
- Gonzales: 4-H Banners
- Greenfield: 4-H Banners & Tent for outreach, Microphone & Speaker
- King City Blue Ribbon: 4-H Tent
- King City Rural: Cricut Machine & Tent for outreach, Projector & Speaker
- Lockwood: Speaker & Microphone & 4-H Logo Tent
- Mission: Cricut Machine, 4-H Logo Tent & Banner
- Natividad: 4-H Logo Tent
- Royal Oaks: Projector, Speaker, Microphone & 4-H Logo Tent
- San Benancio: Projector & Screen
- Spring: Speaker & Microphone & 4-H Logo Tent

**Staff Report:** Lorin Hofmann-Lurz UC 4-H Program

**Poultry & dairy ban.** All leaders received information on statewide poultry and dairy cattle ban that is current for all fairs. This is due to the Avian flu outbreak and that flu showing up in cow's milk. While those projects should be active in completing their 6 hours of instructions – it should be without the animals present. Each leader should stay informed on the local fair removing or bringing back those animals for the fair.

**Mid-year review-** all clubs hold a Mid-year review with officers and it is a requirement. and must be documented for me with either an agenda, minutes or the outcome of the budget revisions you made

**County wide Presentation** workshops are going well. These are workshops to help the clubs that don't have a Presentation project.

Presentation night is set for March 21st . Make sure your club is using and promoting the revised 2021 manual. We will open registration for judges first and then, we will open registration for members.

**Centennial** - we are still looking into the date of the 100th year of 4-H in this county. We know the centennial for California was 1913 to 2013. Now we are finding the date for Monterey county 4-H. To clarify – club were originally called Agricultural clubs before they were called 4-H clubs that had names. We have found activity of a club starting in 1924

**Service learning** by now your club should have a plan mostly written out. Whether this is by your officer team, a committee or the entire club, the name, the agency your collaborating with, and at least one meeting agenda or notes should be in the Secretary's binder.

**Citizenship Washington Focus** is back this summer June 21-27th.

**Unfinished Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

- Monterey County Centennial Celebration – Please provide any ideas to Lorin or Council officers for a great Centennial celebration

*Next Council Meeting Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at the Salinas Ag Office.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

1<sup>st</sup>: Kendra Murillo (Gonzales)

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeanie Grainger (4-H Camp)

Minutes compiled by Melissa Ortner & Kapri Batistich