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Date: Wednesday, March 02, 2022
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Public Registration:

Join Zoom Meeting to be let into the waiting room

<https://larimer-org.zoom.us/j/93331576481>

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Call To Order

Public Comment

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

Draft Minutes for Approval 1/5/2022

1. Draft Minutes for Approval 1/5/2022

Discussion

- Board Feedback
- County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments
- Hiring Updates

1. 4-H

Members: Katie, Pam, Diane, Toby and Bailey

2022 Enrollment update:

21-22 4-H enrollment will close on March 15th, 2022

Total member enrollment is currently at 789, which is exactly what our total membership was after enrollment closed in 2021.

705 regular members

84 Cloverbuds

Volunteer enrollment is currently at 253. For comparison, we had 262 leaders enrolled when enrollment closed in 2021.

Katie & Bailey hosted a successful Annual 4-H Leader Training with our organizational leaders on February 2nd virtually (due to weather)

Topics covered were expectations of 4-H volunteers, new member support, the experiential learning model, enrollment, member support and 4-H team goals for 2022.

Within new member support, we shared the approach one of our clubs is successfully taking with supporting new members, which involves three components: (1) a new member leader role specifically focused on supporting new members and their families in experiencing a successful & enjoyable first 4-H year, (2) consistent ongoing support & communication with new 4-H member & families including an initial orientation with those families separate from the regular club meeting, (3) peer mentorship support through pairing both new members and new 4-H parents with experienced members & parents with similar project interests. We encouraged all clubs to work on strengthening their support of new members using this approach. This is part of our team's goal of increasing enrollment & member retention.

Exchange Club Dinner & Auction was held successfully on February 5th. Attendance was high and club raised about \$5500 in donations to support travel and hosting this year. They have partnered with a 4-H club in Shenandoah, Virginia for this two year exchange cycle and we are preparing to host them here in Colorado this summer.

The Leadership Development Conference for Colorado 4-H seniors was held in Denver in person successfully. We had eight youth attend, including six members of the Junior Leadership Club, our District II secretary, and our Junior Leadership Club president and secretary. Two volunteers chaperoned the event. Youth were thrilled to be back in person with their peers from across the state and growing as leaders through the programming offered.

4-H 101 virtual session on February 9th:

This year we are offering two 4-H 101 sessions to help new 4-H members and families learn about the 4-H program and have the foundation they need for a successful first year in 4-H. This is part of our team's goal of increasing new enrollments and member retention.

Katie Daywalker hosted a virtual 4-H 101 session for new 4-H member and families on February 9th. 22 families attended and the recording will be shared with other new families.

A second 4-H 101 session will be offered in-person by Katie on March 17th at The Ranch. Interested families can register [here](#).

One of our senior 4-H members, Amelia Macy, has successfully published a new 4-H poultry manual, which has been adopted by Colorado 4-H as the official state poultry manual. Amelia is the president of her club, Harmony Hustlers, past president of the Junior Leadership Club, current secretary of District II, Junior Poultry Superintendent, and active in leadership in her high school as well. When the pandemic began she took the initiative to begin working on a manual on her own after checking with our Poultry Key Leader, and she went above and beyond anyone's imagination or expectations by creating one of the most thorough and beautiful 4-H manuals many of us have seen before. On February 15th, the BOCC recognized her for her accomplishments at their Admin Matters Meeting.

Amelia's poultry manual

Recording of the BOCC meeting where Amelia was recognized (starts at 44:30)

Livestock field day & MQA certification was successfully held on 2/19

81 families signed in. Some additional families who didn't sign-in and came to walk-through and refresh their knowledge even if not required this year.

Attendees came from Larimer, Boulder, & Weld counties.

Held 5 workshops in addition to MQA cert - 12-25 members attended workshop

Beef Weigh Day was held 2/22 at The Ranch

Katie is working in partnership with Buena Vida Farm and the Colorado State 4-H team to develop a SPIN (special interest) 4-H program called "Niños: ¡Verduras!"

Funded by grant received from Colorado Department of Agriculture's HR133 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program in the amount of \$29,800.

Larimer County 4-H is hosting a 4-H Dog Expo on March 19th in partnership with Boulder County 4-H. This will be a full-day opportunity for 4-H youth statewide to attend with educational opportunities to promote responsible dog ownership, build their skills across disciplines in the project (obedience, showmanship, rally, & agility), connect with AKC experts, and support a successful experience in the 4-H dog project. The event will also have educational opportunities for parents & volunteers to share knowledge and skills to best support positive youth development and growth of youth in the project. 4-H members & volunteers should enroll in 4-H online. Interested parents can contact Katie Daywalker to register (kdaywalker@larimer.org).

Record Book resources

We are launching a wonderful series of videos created by volunteer, Mary Kirsten Wolf, to support our youth across projects in Family Consumer Sciences, Natural Resources, & General projects.

Upcoming events:

March 4 - Sheep & Goat orientation for members in Sheep & Goat projects

March 4 - 4-H Carnival hosted by the Larimer County 4-H Foundation

This is a fundraiser for our Foundation, which supports our 4-H program and members financially across projects and programs. We invite the community to attend & support 4-H!

March 9 - Public Speaking Contest Orientation & Workshop (this contest is open to all 4-H members, including Cloverbuds)

March 17 - 4-H 101 session for new 4-H members

March 25-27 Beef camp for Beef members

March 21-24 Mega Meeting - Annual statewide 4-H professional development opportunity for 4-H agents which our agents will be attending

March 25-27 Beef camp for Beef project members

2. **Horticulture and Farmers' Market**

Members: Alison

The horticulture ProGreen Expo was held February 1-4, 2022 in Denver; Alison presented on three topics (Woody Plant ID, Turfgrass ID, and common landscape issues) and also took several classes on the latest research and updates

Public presentations have included seed starting, gardening myths, plants for dry shade, companion plants for daylilies, and newcomer gardening

The Master Gardener vegetable research trials will continue in 2022 with a focus on bell peppers and vegetables for containers

The 2019-2021 tomato trial information was made more widely available via a planned PR campaign by Cari Brown

Farmers' Market applications close on March 25; all applicants will be screened and selected the first week of April

Because of an anonymous donation, the market will welcome back musicians in 2022 - scheduling will start in mid-March

3. **Food & Nutrition**

Members: Amber

Verbal update + more information on Showcase video

New position announcement! Program Coordinator for Food Safety

Partnership with Health Department and Economic Workforce Development

Will be teaching and proctoring Certified Food Protection Manager courses through NEHA

Food Safety Works curriculum updated and converted to virtual format to be more equitable for restaurant workers. Spanish version coming soon.

Offering virtual financial literacy series through partnership with Larimer County Human Services

Worked with community partner Vindeket Foods to provide food safety education to clients through social media, Extension website and onsite materials. Developing food safety training for volunteers.

4. Ag & Natural Resources

Members: Karen

Colorado Building Farmers/Ranchers 8-week course began on January 12, with six participants taking part in the hybrid course.

Participating on the Larimer County Climate Smart Task Force.

2022 Native Plant Master program. There will be three courses and three classes. Courses will be taught at High Plains Environmental Center, Lory State Park and Red Mountain Open Space.

Through a grant with CDPHE, six virtual radon classes were held in January and February. Each participant received a free short-term test kit to test their home.

CSU Extension Internship - Mentor for two internships: (1) Roberts Ranch Grazing Plan, Implementation, Livestock Management; (2) Small Mammal Communities as Indicators of Ecosystem Health in Cameron Peak Burn Area. Interviewed and selected students for internships.

5. Community Development

Members: Sue and Lisa

Sue is partnering with the Health Department and CO School of Public Health in developing a data dashboard to support decision making throughout Larimer County as well as training and engaging public health students.

Sue is partnering with the Health Dept and a number of organizations to plan a mental health summit in April in support of building collaborations around county-wide mental health priorities..

Sue is working with a CO School of Public Health capstone student to develop a menu of public health training modules to help build capacity for Extension's statewide rural health initiative. This might lead to developing training modules in partnership with CSU Online,

Sue has been invited to present on Extension's aging initiatives at the Colorado Municipal League conference in June with Jarett Hughe, the Governor's Senior Policy Advisor on Aging. This is a follow up presentation from the CCI conference in December.

The FLT/MI Voz adult and FLT youth class began last week. The adult class is offered in a Language Justice English/Spanish model with interpretation provided by Irene Romsa. There are 11 enrolled adults. The youth cohort has 14 participants enrolled ages 12-17 across various schools within PSD.

Lisa has been invited to attend the community engagement alignment effort by the county.

Emails will go out on Friday regarding a stakeholder/community partner meeting to be held at the end of March on bringing the 4-H Juntos program to Larimer County. If you are interested in attending please email Lisa @auerlm@larimer.org.

Staff Presentation

Heidi Pruess, Climate Smart & Sustainability Program Manager

1. Climate Smart PowerPoint

Information Items

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Discussion

Review of the Power House 2 tour and information

Board recruitment plan, 2/24 - 4/21 applications open

Other Business

Next Meeting Scheduled

5/4/2022: 8:00am - 10:00am

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