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- I. Dessert was served at 6:05pm and the Awards Ceremony began shortly after.
 - A. The 2010 Community Member Appreciation Award was given out to both Tip Holloway and Randy Garret.
 - B. Outstanding Leaders Awards were given out to leaders – nominated by the Community Leaders of each club.
- II. The business meeting was called to order by 4-H Council President, Nancy Perkins at 6:50 pm.
- III. The Flag Salute and the 4-H Pledge was led by Nancy Perkins.
- IV. A Roll Call was taken of all 4-H Clubs in attendance.

PRESENT:

Able Riders, Arboga, Barry, Beale, Browns Valley, Dententer, District 10, Franklin, Guide Dogs, Hi 4-H, Live Oak, Pleasant Grove, Plumas, Rocky Hills, Smartsville, Sutter Buttes, and Wheatland

ABSENT:

Hallwood and Yuba Hills (Yuba Hills – no voting rights March meeting)

- V. **Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Danielle Coleman and seconded by Pat Dickens to approve the agenda as amended. The agenda for the meeting was approved by voice vote.**
- VI. **Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Pat Dickens and seconded by Kendra Schmidl. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by voice vote.**
- VII. **Correspondence** – We received an email from Catherine Hall – Mary’s daughter – letting us know that her back surgery on January 8th went well and she is currently recovering from it.
- VIII. **Announcements:** Pat Dickens let everyone know that Marlene was doing much better than expected, is in good spirits and would love well wishes. Sharon Moxen announced that Cookie Tree will be featured as the snack of the day on Rachel Ray tomorrow January 15th.
- IX. **Treasurers’ Report:**

As of 12/30/09 we had a balance of **\$27,726.88**
Danielle submitted a report attached to our November minutes.
- X. **Committee and Program Representative Reports:**
 - A. **Beale AFB/Operation Military Kids:** Jeanne Christiansen reported that she picked up some extra curriculum and it is available to check out of the 4-H Office library. Jeanne is also putting on a babysitting training at the 4-H Office on March 13-14th and it is open to youth 12-18 years of age. The second day of the training they will be certified in CPR. Any members interested can contact the 4-H Office or Jeanne. They are also looking for people to help with Operation Military Kids – there are a lot of different ways to help. Contact Jeanne or the 4-H Office to volunteer or get more information.
 - B. **Arts and Crafts Workshop:** Tommie Metz reported that Arts and Crafts Workshop will be Saturday February 6th from 9am-1pm. They are still in need of crafts and Rocky Hills will be providing lunch. Steven Sanchez will have some computers there and people can bring memory sticks to download 4-H pictures if they would like. There will be a small charge per craft and please bring quarters if possible. Arts and Crafts Workshop is not a fundraiser just a fun day for the kids.

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- C. **Fashion Revue:** Sandy Parker reported that they would have a meeting soon and that she thought the date should be changed because she said it conflicted with a horse event. She wanted to move the date to April 24th. Sandy said they committee might change the date because again 'they' were always double booking dates for big events. She felt this has happened multiple times. Danielle Coleman asked who 'they' were and Sandy responded the Council and the 4-H Office. Nancy stated that we were unaware of any horse event that was going to take place as one was not on our calendar and when Rene was asked she was not aware of a horse event that day either. Sandy also reported that we had a contract out but were still working on a facilities agreement but Pat Dickens replied that we had an agreement in place with Wheatland High School.
- D. **Junior Livestock Committee:** It was reported by Erin Cucchi that the Fair is planning on building a second permanent auction ring and that committees and assignments were just starting to be discussed. It was asked who from 4-H was on the committee and Erin again went over the new committee structure. The 4-H representatives are Erin Cucchi, Eric Jenks, and Megan Osborne and although the main committee meetings are open to all it would better serve the Livestock Auction Committee if interested individuals concentrated on assisting the various committees and attending those subcommittee meetings.
- E. **Goat Day:** Pat Dickens said Goat Day should be back on and is tentatively scheduled for April 3rd. More information will follow.
- F. **Spring Fair:** It was announced that the Spring Fair Committee would meet soon and the format is going to be the same as last year. Clubs need to start thinking about what would like to present as a mini-workshop and we will hopefully have a Round Robin workshop this year. Pat Dickens submitted that Plumas and District 10 will do the meat goat workshop together.

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. **Cal Focus:** There is one Cal Focus applicant possibly interested in attending Cal Focus. Nancy asked if there was any discussion on how much we should offer in support of Cal Focus applicants for the 2010 year. Sam Dias thought \$100 was more reasonable and Eric Jenks felt that these kids are the cream of the crop and as a council those are the kids we should be supporting. **A motion was made by Pat Dickens to allot \$250 in matching funds to Cal Focus applicants and it was seconded by Danielle Coleman. The motion passed with a voice vote.**
- B. **County Presentation Days:** According to Sam Diaz so far one member has signed up for the February Presentation Day and just a few for the March one. We have plenty of judges but please encourage your members to sign up. They can let Rene in the Office know if they would like to participate.
- C. **Sectional Presentation Day:** We are hosting Sectional Presentation Day this year. Sam Diaz and Rene need to meet to go over what needs to be done. Sam feels it should be easy since we have all of our information from the last time we hosted it. It will be March 20th and Sam wanted to know if it was okay to invite Butte and Placer Counties. It was the agreement of the group that it shouldn't be a problem to extend an invitation to them.
- D. **Mary Staas Award:** Nancy Perkins gave some background on how and why we were trying to honor Mary Staas. The Executive Committee had discussed naming the Senior Scholarship Award after Mary since naming a Fashion Revue award wouldn't be as fitting. Steven Sanchez said he would like to get a plaque made and suggested that we could collect cans. **A motion was made by Danielle Coleman to name the Senior Scholarship Award the Mary Staas Memorial Award and it was seconded by Steven Sanchez. The motion passed with a voice vote.**

A discussion took place as to whether or not we should purchase a bench at the Yuba Sutter Fair – with the 4-H Council paying for the bench. **A motion was made by Sandy Parker to purchase a bench in the amount of \$150 and was seconded by Stan Olsen. Discussion took place for and against the decision. A voice vote was called and because there was no clear majority a hand vote was called with 12 in the affirmative and 14 in the negative.** Steven suggested that we ask clubs to fundraise and that we set up a sub-account for the clubs and individuals in the community to sponsor a bench and plaque. **A**

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motion was made by Steven Sanchez to set up a sub-account to purchase a bench and a plaque with community and club donations and was seconded by Jan Quisenberry. The motion passed with a voice vote.

XII. New Business

- A. Bok Kai Parade:** Erin Cucchi reported that it has already been approved at a previous Council meeting to send in entries to the Bok Kai Parade. The Parade is March 20th, the same day as Sectional Presentation Day. This year is the year of the Tiger and any members that are interested are encouraged to come. Animals are welcome but with the loud noises of the firecrackers it isn't advised to bring them.
- B. Camping Conference:** We have an opportunity to send someone (or multiple people) to the Camping Conference and it will be April 23-25th. The pricing information hasn't been posted yet when we get more information we will make a decision.
- C. Science Engineering and Technology Training:** It is coming up and it's free to attend if anyone is interested please see Rene and she can get you signed up. You need to let her know tonight if you would like to attend.
- D. Spring Fair:** Nancy reminded everyone that it is May 8th as it was already discussed in Committee Reports.
- E. Baby Gift:** Danielle reminded us all that Megan was on maternity leave and has already had her baby. She thought it would be nice to do something for her and Tommie Metz made a motion to give her a Target Gift card and Pat Dickens seconded the motion. **A voice vote was called and because there was no clear majority a hand vote was called. Instead of a hand vote the original maker rescinded their motion and instead it was suggested that a donation pot be passed around.** A hat was passed around at the meeting and we collected \$200 to send to Megan in the card we had all signed.
- F. Earthquake Donations:** Nancy suggested that we post a challenge to each club in the Clover Chatter to donate to the earthquake victims in Haiti. She reminded us that the 4-H pledge includes the lines "...and our world" and this would be a good lesson for our members. Nancy stated that she would have her club possibly do a change drive and in the past they have earned quite a bit of money doing them. She suggested they send the money into the office and then send one check from the 4-H Council. Sandy Parker felt that any money raised should be kept in California to help quake victims more locally in Humboldt County. Nancy asked Jeanne Christensen if she had heard anything from the State Office. Nancy said that when 4-H Clubs were affected by the Southern California Wildfires the State 4-H Office initiated a donation campaign. Jeanne said she hadn't heard anything but would look into it. Nancy suggested that any club interested in doing something to help should consider doing it and that Franklin 4-H would challenge the other clubs to help in any way they can.

XIII. Adjournment: Tommie Metz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Danielle Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. The next meeting will be held March 11th at 6:30pm at the 4-H Office.

Erin Cucchi – Secretary