

**Larimer County Extension Advisory Committee Minutes
March 4, 2015**

Members present: Sue Ballou, Ronda Koski, Pam Harrold, LaVon Blaesi, Irene Romsa, Dixie Dick, Mel Hilgenberg, Laurel Kubin, Fred McClanahan, Jr., Diane Kern and Nicole Wright.

Excused: Valerie Clark, Harry Love, Jean Bosch, Susan Bonsall, and Commissioner Lew Gaiter.

Chairman Dixie Dick called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Introductions were made and minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting were approved.

4-H Carnival

Laurielle and Caroline Lee from the North 40 4-H Club reminded Extension Advisory members about the Larimer County 4-H Carnival on March 21, 2015 in the 1st National Bank Building at The Ranch. They had tickets available for sale to advisory members and explained the procedure for drawings and playing the booths that are set up by 4-H clubs.

Laurel Kubin also asked if any advisory members would like to help sell tickets at the carnival.

Personnel Update

Currently there is only one SNAP-Ed Nutrition Program educator.

Efforts to fill the Family & Consumer Science (FCS) agent position are moving forward.

Nicole Wright is leaving Extension due to family reasons. Her last day is March 6 and the job announcement for the 4-H agent position is in process.

Agent Report

Diane Kern and Nicole Wright reported on happenings in the Larimer County 4-H Program.

* Numbers for 2015:

- Larimer County has the largest 4-H program in Colorado
- 1,025 members (to date)
- 400 leaders (to date)
- 46 active 4-H clubs
- 61 different projects offered

* Several county-wide project workshops, trainings and clinics are held

* New resources for growing projects

*Partnerships with other counties

Livestock Field Day – Meat Quality Assurance and Pork Quality Assurance

Horse Level Rater Training

Horse Level Field Day

Livestock Weigh Day – weight, ear tag and retinal scan market animals for county fair

* 4-H Resources – 10 newsletters annually on the 4-H home page of the website

* Fourteen (14) Larimer County 4-H members attended Leadership Development Conference in Denver along with Colorado Legislative work sessions

* Seven (7) Colorado 4-H Delegates were selected to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC, --- three (3) of them were from Larimer County

Director's Report

Laurel Kubin reported on possible AmeriCorps opportunities. Larimer County Extension has had AmeriCorps members on staff in the past working with the STEM program. CSU is working on a grant for more members in the future.

There will be a Life Options Fair on March 7 from 9am to 4pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center. People are invited to attend this free event and discover hundreds of opportunities in our community.

Trends and Issues

- Life Reimagined during the Life Options Fair, March 7, Fort Collins Senior Center
- Peace Corp event, March 7
- Wild Kingdom Revisited – photographer Warren Garst's collection, Global Village Museum through June 20, 2015
- Larimer County 4-H Foundation, March 21, 10am to 7pm, The Ranch
- High Park Fire Forum, Fort Collins Discovery Museum, March 12, 5:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40am

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 8am, Larimer County Extension Office.

Submitted by Fred McClanahan, Jr.