



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
January 6, 2020  
Courthouse Annex II  
MSU Extension Office  
Centreville MI 49032

President: Craig Ulsh  
Vice-President: Jennifer Mead-Bennett  
Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski  
Treasurer: Virginia Trattles  
Deputy Treasurer: Julie Carpenter  
Media: Tarina Jansen

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:29pm by President, Craig Ulsh
2. Pledges were led by Jennifer
3. Welcome New Youth Council Members!
4. Members Present: Julie Carpenter, Kelsey Kulpinski, Connie Pagels, Connie Meyers, Brian Quirin, Craig Ulsh, Tricia Ulsh, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Virginia Trattles, Samantha Hoekstra, Tarina Jansen, Brenda Eggleston, Peter Rambadt, Brianna Seekman, Regan Barrington, Rachel Eggleston & Julianna Collins  
  
Members Absent: Sydney Johnson
5. Public Comment
  - a. Barb Weston- Brought a packet of information in regards to the Still Project Live Auction guidelines that her and the committee have put together. Youth Council needs to decide if we are going to move forward with this. She also wanted to let us know that she is now on the Fair Board and is also serving as a 4-H Liaison.
6. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
7. Minutes from previous meeting (December 2, 2019), Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary- Connie P. made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Julie seconded. Motion carried.
8. Correspondence received- None
9. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of January 6, 2020: \$30,139.50
  - b. Balance at Oakleaf Financial as of November 29,2019: \$15,820.95
10. Bills needing approval/review:
  - a. Conservation Club Donation- \$200
  - b. Julie made a motion to accept the treasurers report and pay the bills. Kelsey seconded. Motion carried.
11. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Silent Auction- Planning on Yards, Barns & Brews, no date set yet but start getting donations!
  - b. Milk Barn- Need to get in touch with the Fair Board about contract as we have been told it is now up.
12. 4-H Development Report
  - a. United Way Allocation update- asking for \$2,000
  - b. 4-H Camp Director- Ashley is having a baby and can help but not direct, looking for an Interm Director.
  - c. 4-H Leader Requirement Update- Eva has been mandated to go through leader files and any leader that hasn't met the necessary requirements must do so. Most of these leaders have been a leader since before the interview process began and they will now have to complete that portion along with some further paperwork.
  - d. Donation Packets- Need to start sending these letters out and contacting potential new donors.
13. Old Business
  - a. United Way activities- Lots of activities for Youth Council members to help out the United Way

- b. Exploration Days – Date: June 24-26, 2020, may potentially have a donor that is giving a donation, unsure of any amount but should know by the next meeting.
- c. CWF – Date: June 20-27, 2020 (second seat filled) The cost to go is \$1500 and YC pays for 3/4 of the cost. This year we are sending Caitlynn Hughes and Adyn Bower
- d. YC Ballots- Only 23 ballots were returned this year. Need to look into removing the halves as well as getting rid of paper voting.

#### 14. New Business

- a. County Wide Community Service Project- Julie presented us with a community service project that Youth Council could start up in area. “Sound the Alarm” which provides smoke alarms for families that don’t have them. We decided that we should form a committee for this project.
- b. Club Financial Review Date: **February 3, 2020 @ 5:15pm Extension Office**
- c. 2020 YC Calendar- Feb 3, Mar 9, Mar 30, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 3, Aug 24, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4
- d. Update 2020 Youth Council Contact list
- e. Fair Book Order Number- Samantha made a motion to purchase 200 Fair Books and Virginia seconded. Motion carried. Eva will be looking into getting quotes from local printers.
- f. 2020 Youth Council Officer Elections:
  - i. President: Nominations were Kelsey & Craig. **Craig is the 2020 President.**
  - ii. Vice President: Nomination were Jennifer. **Jennifer is the 2020 Vice President.**
  - iii. Secretary: Nominations were Kelsey & Tarina. **Kelsey is the 2020 Secretary.**
  - iv. Treasurer: Nominations were Virginia. **Virginia is the 2020 Treasurer.**
  - v. Deputy Treasurer: Virginia appointed **Julie to be her 2020 Deputy Treasurer.**
  - vi. Media Officer: Nominations were Tarina. **Tarina is the 2020 Media Officer**
  - vii. Jr. Secretary: Nominations were Julianna, Regan, Bree. **Julianna is the 2020 Jr Secretary.**
  - viii. Jr. Treasurer: Nominations were Regan & Rachel. **Rachel is the 2020 Jr Treasurer.**
  - ix. Jr. Media Officer: Nominations were Peter, Bree, Regan. **Peter is the 2020 Jr Media Officer.**
    - In regards to the Facebook page, we need to have Wendy Walters remove herself as an admin. Andy Rambadt will need to add Tarina and Peter and then remove himself from being an admin.
- g. 4-H Youth Council Scholarship Review Date: TBD Later
- h. Budget Date: January 27th @ 5:30 Extension Office
- i. Trophy Presentation Date: March 9th @ 6:00 prior to meeting

#### 15. New Ideas

- a. Peter Rambadt- Shared his 4-H Congress experience with YC. Through an application process Peter was chosen to represent Michigan 4-H as one of the 18 delegates. They all met and traveled to 4-H Congress together. Held in Atlanta, GA they spent 5 days learning leadership skills, doing community service, hearing speakers, interacting with many other kids from all over. The cost was \$1,350 and it included their flights, lodging, tours, etc.

He also wanted to let us know about Capitol Experience which is the 3rd week in March. He will be bringing in info as well as it being printed in the newsletter.

- 16. Adjournment- Jennifer motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, Regan seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: February 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office**

**\*\*\*\*\*Club Financial Review prior to this meeting at 5:15pm\*\*\*\*\***