



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
January 7, 2019
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

President: Jenny Bower
Vice President:
Secretary: Michelle McNamara
Treasurer: Julie Carpenter
Deputy Treasurer: Virginia Trattles
Media: Brittany Bogema

1. Call the meeting to order – by Virginia Trattles
2. Pledges led by Allison Littlefield
3. Welcome New Council Members
4. Members Present: Julie Carpenter, Kelsey Kulpinski, Connie Pagels, Connie Myers, Lucas Carpenter, Allison Littlefield, Andy Rambadt, Brittany Bogema, Craig Ulsh, Tricia Ulsh, Emily Mead, Sabrina Nelson, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Barb Weston, Virginia Trattles, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra

Members Absent: Kolton Beachy
5. Public Comment: Presented by Emily Redmond suggesting that we allow more time for the Youth Council voting ballots to be filled out and sent back to the office to get a more numerous responses from the public.
6. No Additions to the agenda
7. Minutes from previous meeting (December 3, 2018), taken by Kelsey Kulpinski, Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.
8. No Correspondence received
9. Financial Report presented by Julie Carpenter, Treasurer. Current Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of January 7, 2019: \$34,459.82.
10. Bills needing approval/review:
 - a. \$105.00 Farm Bureau for milk barn trailer insurance.
 - b. \$662.29 Postage
 - c. \$10.00 Trophy HouseLuke moved that the expenditures be paid, and financial report be approved. Allison seconded. Motion carried.
11. Horse Council Report: They have elected a new set of officers and are currently working on show bills, horse sharing, and updating their constitution.
12. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Milk Barn: Revisions have been made and the new policy manual will be posted in the milk barn for future use.
 - b. Silent Auction: The date is to be announced soon after Eva meets with United Way representative, so contacts lists will be done hopefully by next meeting to start our promotion.
13. 4-H Development Report
 - a. United Way: Our grant is being finalized and will be submitted by the 11th. We are asking for a \$2,000-dollar grant.
 - b. Youth Council ideas (see new business)
 - c. Leader meeting dates (January 23, 2019, February 21, 2019 both at the ISD& at 6:30)
 - d. YQCA dates (January 9, 2019, GOCC, Nora Hagen Theater, 6:30pm/ March 19, 2019, 6:30pm, GOCC Nora Hagen Theater/ April 27, 2019, Centreville Elem Gym, 9:00am)
 - e. Changed March Youth Council Meeting date (from March 4th) to March 11th. Motion made by Jennifer, Lucas seconded. Motion carried.
14. Old Business
 - a. CWF (2 spots). First payments are due next month of 500 dollars per spot. Invoices will be going out to recipients for their portion.
 - b. Park Benches - It was voted that the cost to engrave on one of our three open park benches is \$300. Motioned by Jennifer, Julie seconded. Motion Carried.

- c. Club Financial Review Date still on schedule for January 29, 2019, 5:00 (5 clubs) Letters went out this morning.
- d. 4-H Club Officer Training Date still set for January 30, 2019, 6:30pm, ISD. For clubs having the four major positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, & Treasurer) present will be entered for a drawing for their club. Also, we will have a drawing for each position attendees in attendance.
- e. County Award Committee Review Date was tabled to February for committee selection has not been set.
- f. YC Budget Planning Meeting is set January 30, 2019, 5:15 ISD.

15. New Business

- a. Officer Elections:
 - i. President: Craig Ulsh
 - ii. Vice President: Jennifer Mead-Bennett
 - iii. Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski
 - iv. Jr. Secretary: Emily Mead
 - v. Treasurer: Virginia Trattles
 - vi. Deputy Treasurer: Julie Carpenter
 - vii. Jr. Treasurer: Sabrina Nelson
 - viii. Media: Brittany Bogema
 - ix. Jr. Media: Andy Rambadt

It was voted to add Eva to the Admin page on Facebook in case of emergency. Motioned by Eva, seconded by Virginia, Motion Carried. It was also voted that the Junior Media Position will also have access to the Admin page of the Facebook Account. Motioned by Luke, Seconded by Allison. Motion Carried. Eva will investigate if MSU has a problem with putting Youth Council Meeting Minutes on the Facebook page.

b. New Ideas

- i. It was suggested to have others helping the Vice President to do fundraising and organizing. Barb and Connie Pagels offered to be right hands for the fundraising activities.
- ii. It was brought up that we need to look for ways to get organizational leaders more active.
- c. Year End Financial Review Date is set for February 4, 2019 5:00 at the extension office.
- d. It was voted that we again this year purchase 200 copies of the Fair book to be sold at the \$3.00 apiece. The fair book updates meeting will be set after tonight's meeting.
- e. 4-H Scholarship Review Committee date: Tabled till committee is founded.
- f. Trophy Presentation Date is set for the March 11th, Youth Council Meeting. We will be asking Sturgis Trophy House to present along with Jennifer will ask for some samples from the LTW Apparel for the banners again this year.

16. Adjournment. Connie moved to adjourn meeting. Lucas seconded.

Next Meeting Date: February 4, 2019, 6:30p.m., MSUE office