



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
February 4, 2019
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: Brittany Bogema

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm
2. Pledges were led by Kolton & Lucas.
3. Members Present: Julie Carpenter, Kelsey Kulpinski, Lucas Carpenter, Allison Littlefield, Brittany Bogema, Craig Ulsh, Tricia Ulsh, Kolton Beachey, Sabrina Nelson, Barb Weston, Virginia Trattles, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra

Members Absent: Andy Rambadt, Emily Mead, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Connie Pagels & Connie Myers
4. Public Comment- No Comment
5. Additions to the agenda- 8a & 8b, 15e & 15f
6. Minutes from previous meeting (January 7, 2019), Kelsey Kulpinski & Emily Mead, Secretary & Junior Secretary. Virginia made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Julie. Motion carried.
7. No Correspondence was received
8. Financial Report presented by Virginia Trattles, Treasurer. Current Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of February 4, 2019: \$33,654.82
 - a. Oakleaf Financial: \$13,643.97 as of 12/31/2018
 - b. Seven Outstanding checks, some dating back to 2015-16 needing approval to void and bring the books back up to date. Kelsey made a motion to void these checks and Lucas seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. Bills needing approval/review:
 - i. Camp Fort Hill (\$200.00) to reserve
 - ii. Danielle Sackrider for MI 4H Horse Judges- \$37.50
 - iii. Teresa Hufsteder for MI 4H Horse Judges- \$37.50
 - d. Kelsey moved to approve the financial report as read and pay the bills, Brittany seconded. Motion carried.
9. A Federal extension was approved on January 9th through Norman & Paulson for filing taxes
10. Horse Council Report- Everything going well & running smoothly.
11. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Milk Barn- Nothing to report at this time
 - b. Silent Auction – Rental of barn \$250.00 (Yards, Barns, and Brews Festival)
 - i. Fairgrounds & United Way partnering to put the event on May 3rd & 4th. Brittany made a motion to go ahead with the rental of the barn and sign the contract as soon as more information is available, Barb seconded. Motion carried.
 - ii. Cody Baker offered to help with the Silent Auction. Brittany reminded everyone that if they are looking to get donations from any College or Professional for sporting events or items then those typically need to be done at least 60 days prior to the time that we would need items. Ellyn Curtis volunteered to try and get K-Wings & Growler items.

12. 4-H Development Report

- a. United Way – Presentation: Feb. 6th, Eva will be meeting with them to ask for \$2,000
- b. Youth Council ideas (see new business)
- c. Leader meeting dates (January 23, 2019, February 21, 2019 both at the ISD 6:30pm), the January 23rd meeting was cancelled due to weather and another date is being looked at to reschedule.
- 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). The January 9th meeting had a great turn out.
- e. Remind everyone that we changed the March YC date (March 4th) to March 11 at 6:30. Prior to the meeting there will be trophy presentations at 6pm and all 4H members are encouraged to come and let us know your thoughts. We will also be taking group and individual pictures at this meeting, come prepared!

13. Old Business

- a. CWF (2 spots)- Andy Rambadt & John Collins attending
- b. Committee Assignments were completed
- c. Park Benches
 - i. update- The 3 benches that weren't engraved are now sold. Julie made a motion to order 5 new benches to have for others that have inquired about one. Lucas seconded. Motion carried.
 - iii. Wooden Bench Plaques- There are 10 of the wooden benches left that we could put a play on if we wanted to do so. Barb made a motion to keep the wooden benches and not sell them like we did with the others. Brittany Seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Club Financial Review Date: (5 clubs) is February 20th at 5pm at the extension office.
- e. 4-H Club Officer Training Date: Lucas made a motion to set a date for next years officers. Allison seconded. Motion carried.
- f. County Award Committee Review Date will be on February 19th at 5pm at the extension office.
- g. YC Budget Planning Meeting is set for February 20th at 5pm, it will follow the Financial Review.

14. New Business

- a. Youth Council Scholarship Committee meeting date: February 27th at 5pm at the extension office
- b. Youth Council Shirt order was passed around for anyone to order if they would like.
- c. Media Ideas-
 - i. Brittany & Andy wanted to work on posting a Spot Light club per month as well as a Spot Light member every month.
 - ii. Brittany wanted to let everyone know that the media pictures that she requested for the slideshow can be any 4H event, not just the fair. Actually, outside of the fair is encouraged.
- d. New Ideas
 - i. Julie let everyone know that there will be a String Art & Rubber Stamping workshop with most of the supplies available at the Leonidas Grange Hall from 10am-2pm on February 17th.
 - ii. Trish brought it to everyones attention that the livestock clinics/workshops that were inquired about at the last meeting should be brought up at the Livestock Association meeting as it is in their bylaws that they will be responsible for those.
- e. Exploration days
 - i. Price went up to \$220 per member/leader. Eva would like to be able to keep the cost affordable for each member/leader wanting to attend by paying for half of the cost.
 - ii. Julie made a motion to increase Youth Council's portion to \$110. With the balance of \$80 coming from the member/leader and \$30 coming from the TSC paper clover sales funds. Allison seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Youth Council Donor List- the list of the invoices that didn't get returned with payment was handed out and discussed if we should still send further invoices in 2019.

15. Brittany moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm, Lucas seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2019, 6:30p.m., MSUE office

Trophy Presentation Night: March 11, 2019, 6:00pm, MSUE office