



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 7, 2022
MSU Extension Office

President: Craig Ulsh
Vice-President: Sara Trattles
Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski
Treasurer: Virginia Trattles
Deputy Treasurer: Jennifer Mead-Bennett
Media: Brittany Bogema

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm
2. Pledges led by Lea
3. Members Present: Sara Trattles, Brittany Bogema, Kelsey Kulpinski, Lea Cardella, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Scott Miracle, Cody Baker, Nancy Mangus, Sydney Kirby, Kayla Irelan, Ella Yunker, Carlie Doehring
Members Absent: Tarina Jansen, Zachary Sowards-Haack, Ally Barga
4. Public Comment- Tereasa Hufstedler brought in fabric samples for the curtains. They are about \$5.30/yd, we decided the better choice was the dark green fabric and about 260 yards would be needed.
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes from previous meeting (February 7, 2022 need to be approved) Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Virginia made a motion to approve the minutes, Sara seconded. Motion Carried.
7. Correspondence received (Junior Secretary, Sydney Kirby)- a Thank you letter from the St Joseph County Conservation Club for our donation.
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of March 7, 2022 - \$29,020.55
 - b. Bills needing approval/review:
 - i. County - \$87.41 - Postage
 - ii. Accounting - \$50
 - c. Jennifer made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Sara seconded. Motion carried.
9. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Fundraising-
 - i. Plat book discussion- Spreadsheet sent. Need forms in office by May 2nd!!
 - ii. Donation update – New donor packets on the website. 265 letters sent out, ~86 already back, pledges raised on several.
 - b. County Awards Update- Committee met, 3 applications. All awarded.
 - c. Budget Update- Sara made a motion to approve the budget, Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Liaison Report – Virginia – No Meeting yet.
 - e. Still Project Auction Committee Update – No meeting update.
10. 4-H Development Report – Autumn Converse
 - a. Horse Council Update- voted to change some things in rule book. No county qualifier this year.
 - b. Livestock Association Update – next meeting April 19th. Working on fairbook changes.
 - c. Leader Meetings – in person & 1 zoom option. Required to receive pass, need to RSVP.
 - d. 4-H Capital Experience – Peter Rambadt going
 - e. 4-H Exploration Days - \$220/person (YC covers half). Need chaperones. Ages 12 & up

- f. State's 4-H International Exchange – 2 St. Joseph County 4-Hers going to Japan. They both need about \$5000.
- g. 4th Grade Conservation Tour – May 3rd & 4th at Covered Bridge Farm. 9a – 2p Need Volunteers. MAY 2nd NEED VOLUNTEERS PRIOR TO MEETING to pack trees at fairgrounds.
- h. Enrollment update- 92 cloverbuds, 429 club members, 169 enrolled volunteers
- i. Endowment distribution
- j. Scholarship Applications – April 1st deadline roughly
- k. Animal Science Career Quest – On campus, \$30/person. Still spots open. Fri – Sun, Age 12-19

11. Old Business

- a. Facebook Update, need people's spotlight info
- b. Benches - \$1,150 each
- c. Trophies- tabled until more info. Floating river printing came in and presented the tumblers she makes. For 20 oz custom tumbler it is \$8, the 30 oz is \$10.

12. New Business

- a. Additional media opportunities? Should we be using other methods of media to get 4-H out there. Like Farmers Exchange.
- b. Milk barn photo sign discussion – Would like to remake or update.

13. New Ideas

14. Adjournment – Kelsey made a motion to adjourn, Nancy seconded. 7:30pm

Next Meeting Date: April 4, 2022 @ 6:30pm – In Person or zoom