



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
May 6, 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

**Member Present:** Julie Carpenter, Kelsey Kulpinski, Connie Myers, Connie Pagels, Lucas Carpenter, Allison Littlefield, Tricia Ulsh, Emily Mead, Kolton Beachey, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Barb Weston, Virginia Trattles, Nancy Himestra, Samantha Hoekstra, Craig Ulsh, Brittany Bogema.

**Members Absent:** Sabrina Nelson, Andy Rambadt.

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:32pm
2. Pledges Led by Virginia
3. Public Comment – NONE
4. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda:
5. Minutes from previous meeting (April 8, 2019), Emily Mead, Junior Secretary-
  - a. Revise previous minutes with the adjourn time of 8:00pm and add that the Sports memorabilia was approved.
  - b. With the revisions, minutes were approved by Nancy and seconded by Allison.
6. Correspondence received- A thank you from Jacie King, and an invite to the 100+ Women Who Care
7. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of May 6, 2019: \$39,877.26
  - b. Bills needing approval/review:
    - i. Jennifer Bennett-\$90 for Silent Auction
    - ii. Barb Weston- \$71.38 for Silent Auction
    - iii. Angie King- \$180 for Capital Experience
    - iv. Impact Solutions- \$397.75 for Fairbooks
  - c. Financial report and bills to be paid were approved by Jennifer and seconded by Kelsey
8. Horse Council Report:
  - a. The big arena is being split in half and they will have two announcers.
  - b. The show bills are being approved.
  - c. They are going over the horse awards and points system.
9. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Silent Auction, Jennifer Mead-Bennett- went well, still have a few people that need to pick up their items and pay. Roughly brought in about \$9,800. A couple items arrived in the mail after the auction and those will go up on Facebook to try and sell.
  - b. Scholarship Committee update-13 students have applied, several applications are not complete, interviews on 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM
10. 4-H Development Report
  - a. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour update/help-May 7th at Covered Bridge Farm

- b. State Awards update- There are 7 4-Hers going
- c. Summer 4-H Camp - July 10 - 12, Super Hero Theme
- d. Exploration Days Update/Bus/Chaperones - Getting the large charter bus. Currently have \$300 Andersons donation, \$1000 Co-Alliance, Land O Lakes.
- e. Update - 4-H office changes, Parks & Recreation is based out of office and now going to be sharing office staff. One day a week Tonya & Ginny will be in the office at the same time otherwise only one of them will be in the rest of the week. To help with overload of questions, contact Eva first.

11. Old Business

- a. Park Benches Update - still haven't heard from them
- b. Awards Banquet 2019 - November 7th. Rouch World would charge \$300 to rent. Need more details to decide.
- c. Dippin' Dots - Looking for more clarification from the Fair Board, tabled until June.

12. New Business

- a. Youth Council Shirt order - shirts are here, pick-up after meeting
- b. ALDI Fundraiser - have application, \$2500 to ask for, update in June
- c. Milk Barn update - Need to get rid of the old refrigerator to allow us to put milk cooler by barn. All Youth Council members will need to be trained on the cash register.
- d. Still Project Judges meal - Virginia willing to do.
- e. Fair Grounds Parks (Memorial and Friendship) - Barb, Samantha and Connie willing to go over and get it looking better.
- f. County Endowment Funds - Going to request \$1,014 be sent to us to use on Fair Frenzy (T-Shirts), Dance and Exploration Days.
- g. Brittany has decided to step down from her position on Youth Council because of her busy, new job and the time it takes to commute. The next highest person on the voting list will replace her.

13. Adjournment- Allison moved to adjourn the meeting and Emily seconded at 7:24pm. The meeting was called back to order to hear from Brittany (see 12g), the meeting was re-adjourned at 7:44pm by Virginia and seconded by Nancy.

## **Next Meeting Date: June 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office**

### **Looking Ahead:**

- May 20, Exploration Days Orientation, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office
- May 21, Exploration Days Orientation, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office
- May 23, United Way Radio-A-Thon, 11-1, WBET Radio
- May 27, MSU Extension OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day
- June 3, 4-H Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office
- June 4, 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office