



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
August 5, 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:

1. Call the meeting to order by President, Craig Ulsh at 6:35pm
2. Pledges were led by Barb Weston
3. Members Present: Kelsey Kulpinski, Connie Pagels, Connie Meyers, Andy Rambadt, Brian Quirin, Craig Ulsh, Tricia Ulsh, Emily Mead, Sabrina Nelson, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Barb Weston, Virginia Trattles, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra  
Members Absent: Julie Carpenter, Lucas Carpenter, Allison Littlefield, Kolton Beachey
4. Public Comment - NONE
5. Minutes from previous meeting (July 1, 2019), Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary and Emily Mead (Junior Secretary). Barb moved to approve the minutes and Sabrina seconded that motion. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received - NONE
7. Financial Report - Virginia Trattles, Treasurer- Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of August 5, 2019: \$41,676.84
8. Bills needing approval/review:
  - a. Camp Fort Hill Rental - \$860.00
  - b. Rin Bontrager - \$613.08 for camp food
  - c. Postage to County - \$276.23
  - d. Tax Audit - \$1,150.00
  - e. Barb moved to approve the treasurer's report as read and pay the bills, Jennifer seconded and the motion carried.
9. Horse Council Report - In the process of working on the mini horse stalls
10. Stamping of Thank you notes - done by all board members throughout meeting
11. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Silent Auction update, Jennifer Mead-Bennett
    - i. Thank you notes - if you still have extras please return or need to send some out please do!
    - ii. Unsold items - they were put online and some still didn't sell, going to either return or keep for next year.
  - b. Milk Barn
    - i. Cash Register Training - done following the meeting
    - ii. Dippin' Dots - fair board is no longer selling them. They offered YC to sell them. Would purchase them from fair board at their cost. Connie P made a motion to move forward with Dippin' Dots to be sold out of the milk barn if all is set with fair board. Brian seconded. Motion carried.
    - iii. Milk Prices - Strawberry milk may not be available, Brian made a motion to remove strawberry milk from inventory this year. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.  
Pint of Choc- \$0.80    Pint of White- \$0.70    Qt of Choc- \$1.31    Qt of White- \$1.12

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- iv. Health Permit - getting the number and it will get filled out
- v. Give Away Inventory - should have plenty of items now
- vi. Schedule for Fair - continuing to work on this!
- vii. Kubota Tractor - don't think we will need this if the milk cooler is by the milk barn

### 12. 4-H Development Report

- a. 4-H Camp- 40 kids to camp, Letter from Dennis & Rin Bontrager (Camp Cooks) letting us know that the kids were polite and camp was great.
- b. Scholarship update (2) - Committee met and added & re-wrote scholarship questions, made 3 sets of questions to rotate through.
- c. Eva said we got 1 scholarship back because the applicant had switch schools and hasn't notified office.
- d. Eva also said that 1 applicant would like to use the scholarship towards housing because they received a scholarship from the school for cost of books/tuition/lab fees. Our scholarship doesn't state that it CAN'T be used towards that so need to decide on what to do. Trish made a motion to approve the scholarship to be used for "ON CAMPUS HOUSING", it was seconded by Andy. Motion carried.
- e. School Promotional help - Elementary schools in Sturgis at the end of August. Should be about 2 hours.

### 13. Old Business

- a. Park Benches were ordered! Will need some help putting together when they come!
- b. Awards Banquet 2019 - changing the name to 4-H Recognition Banquet
  - i. Catering bids due tonight - Connie P made a motion to use the \$9.50/person quote. That would include: Salad, Chicken, Beef & Noodles, Mashed potatoes & gravy, Corn, Peas, Bread & Butter, Dessert (Sheet Cake), Bottled Water, Coffee, Lemonade. Table service is provided. Samantha seconded. Motion carried.
  - ii. Power Point Presentation - Andy working on.
  - iii. Location - The contract for Rousch World is way to extensive and will never be approved by campus, need to look at going back to the Elementary school, Virginia going to check on that.
  - iv. Theme- Harvest
- c. United Way Donation - Samantha put together a bucket with livestock goodies.
- d. United Way activities - everyone should have received a flyer in the mail for upcoming events.

### 14. New Business

- a. Mid-Year Financial Review Date: September 4, 2019, 5:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- b. Phone service for the fairgrounds - landline in 4-H office was Verizon and is now Comcast, normally the county paid for it but are not any longer. Eva would like YC to pick up the cost of the bill for September. Should be \$120.67. Kelsey made a motion to go ahead and pay for the month of September phone bill for the 4-H office. Sabrina seconded. Motion was carried.
- c. Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) – 2020
  - i. Cost increase to \$1650 per person which is up \$150. Jennifer made a motion to save 2 seats for our counties kids. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.
  - ii. Date – June 20-27, 2020 which is also during Exploration Days
- d. Still Barn cleaning date – August 15 (All Day)
- e. Jim and Thelma Fairchild 4-H Leader Award Applications due: October 11, 2019
- f. New Ideas - Barb mentioned that other counties have a still project auction for their projects. Can enter one item (depending on the project) into the auction and come up with a marketing plan. They must receive a blue ribbon for the project. 90% of the sales go to kid, 10% go to improve barns.

- 15. Adjournment at 8:30 by Virginia, Sabrina seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: August 26, 2019, 6:30p.m., MSU Extension office**