



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
August 27, 2018
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

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

1. Call the meeting to order at 6:55pm after the milk barn work session at the fairgrounds.
2. Pledges were led by Michelle.
3. Members Present: Jenny Bower, Brittany Bogema, Luke Carpenter, Julie Carpenter, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra, Caitlynn Hughes, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Emily Mead, Zach Sackrider, Virginia Trattles and Barb Weston.
Members Absent: Cody Baker, Holly Gregory, Andy Rambadt
 - a. Public Comment- Rachel Rice from Sturgis Bank & Trust discussed why we cannot accept add-on buyers at the 4-H sale. The council appreciated that Sturgis Bank & Trust is willing to hand out slips to bidders regarding adding on to specific members. The council also decided to open this discussion back up after the fair so that changes could be put into place by fair, 2019.
4. Additions to the agenda – Barb has an item under new business instead of fairground parks.
5. A motion to approve the minutes from the previous council meeting (August 6, 2018) was made by Jennifer, seconded by Emily. Motion approved.
6. Correspondence received – A letter was received from Barb Weston requesting a complete and detailed expense report from the Youth Council's silent auction held this spring. Council members have made attempts to access specific numbers since the April event with nothing specific provided. A lengthy discussion regarding the youth council financials took place after Barb's request was read. A follow up meeting will be held next Tuesday (Sept 4th) at 6:15 with the Auction Committee, the Council Treasurer(s) and Eva to finalize all of the auction financials. A report will be provided to council members at the October meeting.
7. Julie reported a beginning balance of \$56,240.30.
Total revenues of \$1,530. Total expenses \$1,274.50. Current balance sits at \$56,495.80
Bills needing approval/review:
 - a. \$500 to Sturgis Trophy House
 - b. Reimbursement requests from A & K for tickets for the 4-H fair dance \$55
 - c. Subway for dinner tonight \$42.39
 - d. Great Lakes Camp for \$187.50 for 3 members (Barrington, Doering, Rambadt)
 - e. Cash Register Paper/Cartridges \$119.32
 - f. Bricks and saw for \$90.07 to Barb Weston for fairgrounds parks.

Jennifer made a motion to pay outstanding bills, seconded by Zach. Motion carried.

8. Horse Council Report – Eva gave a brief report, but they meet tomorrow night. They had no one interested in helping staff the milk barn in 2018, but Eva will ask them again.
9. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Silent Auction Thank You notes will be sent out once the official list of donors is provided with the council.
 - b. Milk Barn
 - i. Milk Prices – still waiting for the official amount from Cody. She was able to provide price estimates last meeting.
 - ii. Schedule – Volunteer calendar is with Cody.
 - iii. Cookie discussion took place regarding the specific amount the council will be ordering and if anyone had actually done a taste test on the new baker.

- iv. Cash Register- Eva has programmed the cash register so that it is easy to use and easy to calculate at the end of the shift.

10. 4-H Development Report

- a. Buyers Dinner will begin at 4pm and it will be held in a tent behind the beef barn. Eva also let the Youth Council know that due to State Veterinarian recommendations, NO food can be consumed in ANY barn at the fair- including the show arena. There will be signage indicating this, but we are NOT the food police on this issue.
- b. Barn Spraying – last reminder! Will be held on Sept 4-6.
- c. Golf Cart Rental has been handled.
- d. United Way Funds- Eva asked for an update for funds we have spent. Julie will provide that to her directly. The Youth Council basket that Shawn put together has been delivered to the United Way along with some bird feeders and feed that were also donated on behalf of the Youth Council.

11. Old Business

- a. Awards Banquet November 8, 2018
 - i. Still being held at the Centreville Elem Gym.
 - ii. Power Point Presentation is being handled by Brittany- continue sending her pictures.
 - iii. Brittany made a motion to look for a performer (preferably someone who performs at the fair this year) to entertain at the awards banquet in November. Emily seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Donor Letters
 - i. Second letter went out, we think we are very similar to what we've brought in previously. The council agreed the letter was a good idea and we would consider using this process again.
- c. Park Benches have all been sold with one being donated to the Master Gardner Program. Eva gave an update on the new benches- they have been ordered and should be here the week of September 10th.
- d. The council discussed whether or not to increase the cost of bench sponsorship. Virginia made a motion to table the discussion until prices for engraving the new benches is officially established. Barb seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- e. Hay Bale Contest- there were only 4 entries- but it might not be too late. Contact the fair for more information.
- f. Jim Fairchild Award – Due October 12, 2018. Eva encouraged members of the Council to think of outstanding leaders to nominate.

12. New Business

- a. Barb shared the 2018 Fair T-shirts and reward card. See Barb if you would like to buy one. \$15 for just the shirt, \$20 with the card.

13. Motion by Brittany to adjourn the meeting, Kelsey seconded the motion. Adjournment @ 9:03pm.

Next Meeting Date: October 12, 2018, 6:30p.m., MSUE office