



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
October 1, 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. Jenny Bower called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.
2. Pledges were led by Cody Baker.
3. Members Present: Cody Baker, Jenny Bower, Brittany Bogema, Luke Carpenter, Julie Carpenter, Holly Gregory, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra, Caitlynn Hughes, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Emily Mead, Andrew Rambadt, Virginia Trattles and Barb Weston.

Members Absent: Zach Sackrider

- a. Public Comment. John Mangus, who worked as a Milk Barn volunteer during fair week addressed the youth council and kindly reminded us that yelling and negativity has no place in 4-H or at the milk barn. He asked that we remember this is all about the kids and NOT about the adults. Later in the meeting the Youth Council thanked John for his volunteer hours and help throughout the fair!
4. Additions to the agenda. None.
5. Michelle indicated a typo on the previous minutes regarding the next meeting being October 1st not October 12th. A motion to approve the minutes with that adjustment was made by Jennifer, seconded by Kelsey. Motion approved.
6. Correspondence received –None.
7. Julie reported a beginning balance of \$56,495.80

Bills needing approval/review:

- a. The following bills were presented to Julie at the beginning of the meeting by Eva.
 - i. The bill for all passes for the fair was \$2,300, the Youth Council portion is \$831.00
 - ii. Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp for Allison Littlefield \$187.50
 - iii. Great Lakes Natural Resources Camp for Gavin Bunning \$187.50
 - iv. Bison Graphix for Youth Council Scholarship Banner \$25
 - v. Bison Graphics for 4 additional Still Exhibit Signs \$31
 - vi. Wendy Walters for Mileage to pick up the curtains for still exhibit barns and for a variety of dance and Fair Frenzy expenses \$268.40
 - vii. Trophy House Final Bill \$4,280
 - viii. Art Craft for the Curtains (that Wendy picked up in GR) \$487.50
 - ix. Virginia Trattles for judges meals at fair \$357.14
 - x. Nancy Hiemstra for gas for the EZ Go Cart \$11
 - xi. Cody Baker \$212.95
 - xii. Eva Beeker \$197.99

Total bills needing to be paid \$8,545.98

Total revenues of \$17,358.52. Total expenses \$30,560.95. Current balance sits at \$73,854.32

Brittany made a motion to pay outstanding bills, seconded by Emily. Motion carried.

8. Horse Council Report. They will meet tomorrow night.
 - a. Silent Auction Thank You notes will be sent out once the official list of donors is provided to the council. Holly asked about the Youth Council laptop being used for the Silent Auction, Cody reported a personal laptop was used for the Silent Auction and the thumb drive with the Silent Auction information has been lost. No one seemed to have an accurate account of items or a list of donors without that thumb drive. Once this has been located and organized the thank you letters and notes will be sent out.
 - b. Milk Barn. Cody gave a post-fair update on the Milk Barn. She stated there was clearly a problem with our pre-order which caused a huge issue at the fair mid-week. Cody switched to Prairie Farms when Country Dairy was unable to provide milk that had been preordered- blaming it on the fact that their

cows were not producing enough milk. Cody said the Milk Barn was pure chaos. We ordered 9,700 units of milk and all were sold- except for 27 units that Cody and Rich Baker took home with them and will purchase. Cody shared her frustration with individuals signing up for a timeslot and not following through. Cody reported that letting her know the week before that you could not fill your slot was inappropriate and disrespectful to her. Caitlynn was not pleased with Cody implying how specific members were not pulling their weight. She reminded Cody as well as the rest of the Youth Council how each of us are doing what we can and how no one understands the struggles that an individual might be dealing with. At this point Caitlynn left the meeting and the meeting continued with additional milk barn discussions.

- c. Cody indicated that we ordered 5 dozen cookies from Brookside and 9 dozen came from her farm- Riverside Bakery. In the previous meeting before fair, we voted on possibly decreasing our order from Brookside. The Youth Council never voted on having Riverside Bakery bring cookies to sell at the milk barn. Holly also at this time made us all aware of the cookies not being individually wrapped even though there were gloves to use. She also state how we need to follow health codes. If we expect other vendors to supply us with cookies and wrappers, those should have been as well.
 - d. Milk Barn Cash Register. Using the cash register for the first time was a disaster. With proper training, it could work for us in the future. Michelle suggested a committee be created to look at future milk barn issues to be discussed at a later youth council meeting.
9. a. 4-H Development Report. Eva has been asked to participate in the National 4-H Exchange Student Committee for the State of Michigan. Because of this, Eva will be in Colorado during the Awards Banquet in November. Someone needs to announce the special awards, help write the script and be in charge of making sure things happen. Jenny volunteered to do the behind the scenes work.
- b. Eva indicated that she was able to get help from the St. Joseph County Jail Trustees to set up buildings and project areas. Holly made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$175.62 to pay for the lunches for those trustees and the 3 dozen donuts that Eva also purchased for the judges. Cody seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

- a. Awards Banquet November 8, 2018 with set up beginning at 4pm. The event begins at 6:30pm at the Centreville Elementary. The *Harvest for All* will also be happening on this night.
- b. Donor Letters
 - i. Virginia reported that while some have not paid, the turnout was really good.
- c. Park Benches received some great positive feedback. Eva indicated that 5 park benches still do not have names on them. In the past, we have charged \$200 Virginia will bring the quote to the November meeting.
- d. Jim Fairchild Award. This is due October 12, 2018. Eva encouraged members of the Council to think of outstanding leaders to nominate. Brittany had a question about the selection committee for the Fairchild award; Eva indicated it was made up entirely of Jim's family so that the final decision was up to them. Brittany said she would look at the link that was sent out with the application to see if this is how the selection process was stated. Brittany emailed Eva the version she had received which did not mention that this award was selected by the family.

11. New Business

- a. TSC Paper Clover Sale starts this week (October 3-11th) in both Three Rivers and Sturgis. Connie Pagels has typically done this in the past. No one on the Youth Council was willing to step up and volunteer.
- b. County Awards deadline. Deadline is October 26th. Information will be posted soon.
- c. Youth Council Nomination Committee Dates. November 13th at 5:30pm here at the office to go over names for new membership.
- d. Fair Frenzy. Great feedback on this event. 68 kids participated.

- e. Holly made a motion that the Youth Council purchase up to 2 laptops (not to exceed \$400 each) and 3 flash drives for Youth Council use. Seconded by Nancy. Motion passed. Brittany volunteered to research this purchase for the Youth Council.
- f. Michelle thanked the Youth Council for the creativity on awards/trophies at the fair. Her daughter received a large cup for one of her awards and she was overjoyed.
- g. Holly asked if she could talk about the Buyers Dinner at the meeting. Eva told Holly to discuss that issue at the Livestock Committee only.
- h. Lastly, Eva reminded the Youth Council that whenever you single out an individual and chastise them for their lack of participation you run the risk of losing those members/volunteers/parents.

12. Motion by Michelle to adjourn the meeting, Shawn seconded the motion. Adjournment @ 8:04pm.

Next Meeting Date: November 5, 2018, 6:30p.m., MSUE office