



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
October 7, 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 at 6:29 by President, Craig Ulsh
2. Pledges were led by Lucas Carpenter
3. Members Present: Julie Carpenter, Kelsey Kulpinski, Connie Pagels, Connie Meyers, Lucas Carpenter, Allison Littlefield, 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: Kolton Beachey

4. Public Comment - Debbie Davis stopped in to bring to make sure that Youth Council was all made aware of the incident that happened with the lamb at the fair this year. Where there was issues with a certain lamb and the tags of that animal. She wanted to mention that the Superintendent should have been able to deal with the situation at hand right away on Monday when it was noticed, not get told that a complaint needed to be filed by someone else. As this only prolonged the situation, allowing the individual to show their lamb and then sell it. Had it been dealt with immediately, it would have not gotten to that point of having to revoked awards and sale money.
5. Additions to the agenda- None
6. Minutes from previous meeting (August 26, 2019), Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Virginia made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie seconded that. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received- None
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of October 7, 2019: \$43,538.69
 - b. Bills needing approval/review:
 - i. Jennifer - \$12.69 for lock & keys
 - ii. Grange Fair - 816.00 for passes
 - iii. Wendy Walter - \$128.37 Fair Frenzy & Curtain mileage
 - iv. Art Craft - \$487.50 Curtains Cost
 - v. \$595.00 for Showmanship Banners
 - vi. A&K - \$65.00 for Dance Tickets
 - vii. Phone Bill - \$65.49
 - viii. Ice - \$1232.00
 - ix. Dippin Dots - \$1683
 - x. Eva - \$58.10 Water & Food
 - xi. Eva - \$22.42- Hitch Pins for trophy selves
 - xii. Eva - \$36.47 Picture Frames
 - xiii. Eva - \$113.38- Food for Trustees
 - c. Balance at Oakleaf Financial as of August 30th was \$15,121.19
 - d. Jennifer made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills, Lucas seconded. Motion carried.

9. Horse Council Report - There were two incidents at the fair that Eva had to write up reports about.
10. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Silent Auction update- unsold items will be stored for next years Silent Auction
 - b. Milk Barn
 - i. Dippin' Dots Results: \$1225
 - ii. Milk Results: \$3,225.83
 - iii. Milk Barn Suggestions:
 1. Heard lots of people asking about Strawberry Milk, however, still not worth the minimum amount that we make off of it and the second Dairy that we have to go through to sell it. Only way it makes sense to carry again is if Cedar Crest adds it to inventory.
 2. Also suggested that if we could find a 6' cu freezer for keeping milk handy that it would be a little easier to work out of.
 - iv. Give away inventory- Still have quite a few pencils, coloring books, crayons.
11. 4-H Development Report
 - a. Financial Review reminder for October 8, 2019.... 5:30pm, MSU Extension Office
 - b. Fair Wrap Up- Sturgis Trophy House, having some issues with the trophies. Owner wasn't aware that this wasn't a one and done thing that he would need to be communicating back and forth and make multiple trips to the fair. Several trophies didn't make it to the fair that should've been awarded. The 4-H clover didn't come on the plaques like we had asked for. Trophies were also made that we didn't need. We will not settle up with them until all is resolved. We also have 9 small cups and 13 large cups left over. Eva asked to use them for Tractor Safety awards. Virginia made a motion to hold off on doing anything with them for now, Connie P seconded that. Motion carried.
 - c. Organizational Leader meeting – October 21, 2019
 - d. Leader Meetings, November 14, 19, 26, 6:30pm, ISD Building. There is now a required yearly background check that is going to be done on ALL leaders. You can fill out the forms at these meetings. If not done, leader status will be revoked.
12. Old Business
 - a. Park Benches
 - i. Update (3 available for 2020)
 - b. Awards Banquet (November 7, 2019) at 6:30pm, YC members need to be there at 4:30pm. Jennifer asked if Youth Council would pay her back for a surprise she purchased for the Youth, for \$51. Trisha made a motion to reimburse Jennifer for the surprise, Virginia seconded. Motion carried.
 - i. Power Point Presentation - Andy needs pictures
 - ii. Location - Centreville Elementary Gym
 - iii. Theme - Fall "Celebrate Michigan"
 - iv. Job Assignments will be given at the next meeting
 - v. Entertainment - Connie P made a motion to use the PowerPoint as the entertainment and do away with getting someone else. Brian seconded that. Motion Carried.
 - c. United Way activities
 - d. Exploration Days - Date: June 24-26, 2020
 - e. CWF - Date: June 20-27, 2020
 - f. TSC Paper Clover Sale (Oct 9th-Oct 20th) Connie P said she would help organize and re-do the boards.
13. New Business
 - a. County Awards Committee meeting date: Due October 21st. Meeting date is October 24th at 5:30pm. Virginia, Connie M, Trish & Jennifer on this committee.
 - b. Youth Council Nomination Committee date: November 4th at 5:30pm

- c. Rules Committee meeting will be November 12th at 5:30pm, rule change ideas should be emailed to Eva by October 25th. The Executive Board members and Samantha are the individuals on this committee.
 - d. Peter Rambadt has asked the Youth Council to sponsor part of his trip that he is taking to National 4-H Congress on November 29th- December 3rd. The cost is \$1,350, typically we take care of half the cost. Jennifer made a motion that we use the unclaimed scholarship (\$750) and give to Peter to pay for part of his trip. Allison seconded. Motion carried.
14. Jim and Thelma Fairchild 4-H Leader Award Applications due: Friday, October 11, 2019.
 15. New Ideas - Julie brought up that other fairs take hair/DNA samples at weigh in of animals in case they need to use it to determine if any cheating has taken place.
 16. Adjournment by Jennifer at 7:57pm, seconded by Allison.

Next Meeting Date: November 4, 2019, 6:30p.m., MSU Extension office

Looking Ahead:

- October 8, Financial Review, 5:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 8, 4-H Horse Council Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 14, 4-H Livestock Association Mt, 5:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 15, Sheep Post Fair Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 16, Goat Post Fair Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 21, 4-H Organizational Leader Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 22, Swine Post Fair Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- October 23, Poultry Post Fair Mt, 6:30pm, MSUE Extension Office
- October 24, Rabbit Post Fair Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office
- November 4, 4-H Youth Council Mt, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office