



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
November 4, 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 6:30 pm by President, Craig Ulsh
2. Pledges were led by Samantha Hoekstra
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, Kolton Beachey, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Barb Weston, Virginia Trattles, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra

Members Absent: Sabrina Nelson
4. Public Comment- None
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes from previous meeting (October 7, 2019), Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Virginia made a motion to approve the minutes and Jennifer seconded that. Motion Carried.
7. Correspondence received- None
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of November 4, 2019: \$38,644.42
9. Bills needing approval/review:
 - a. National 4-H Council- \$267.92 for awards banquet
10. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Milk Barn- milk cooler back in storage.
 - i. Dippin’ Dots update- remainder of inventory was returned for credit and freezers picked up.
 - b. Nominating Committee- Meeting was prior to this regular scheduled meeting. Committee is working on contacting individuals about running for Youth Council.
11. 4-H Development Report
 - a. Leader Meetings, November 14, 19, 26, 6:30pm, ISD Building- reminder, that a background check needs to be completed to be a leader this year.
 - b. New Club- Eva brought to our attention that the Juvenile Detention Center would like to put together a new club, however, they have missed the November 1st deadline for this year. Connie P. made a motion to allow JDC to go ahead with becoming a new club, Allison seconded. Motion Carried.
12. Old Business
 - a. Park Benches
 - i. Update (2 available for 2020)
 - b. Awards Banquet (November 6, 2019) - It was suggested that a committee should plan in the future.
 - i. Power Point Presentation - will be running through dinner.

- ii. Location – Centreville Elementary Gym
- iii. Theme – Celebrate Michigan in the Fall
- iv. Job Assignments are not ready yet
- v. Food Donations – United Way Food Drive- Bring your canned goods!
- c. United Way activities- no report
- d. Exploration Days – Date: June 24-26, 2020
- e. CWF – Date: June 20-27, 2020 (**One** open spot)
- f. Trophies- Otten trophies donating some plaques that he no longer needs. Still trying to get the bill squared away with Sturgis Trophy House and figure out what to do with the abundance of extra trophies. Virginia made a motion that we award the correct 4-Her with the “Rate of Gain” sheep trophy as the original winner was disqualified. Lucas seconded. Motion carried.
- i. It was also brought to our attention that several donors, donate \$10-\$20, and in return get their name on a trophy, meal ticket to recognition banquet, and 1 Day pass to the fair. In this situation Youth Council may be handing out more than we are receiving. In the future we need to look at those smaller donations and maybe put them towards a scholarship.

13. New Business

- a. United Way Allocation Meeting....Amount for 2020: Connie P. made a motion to request same as last year (\$2000), Barb seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Officer Training- There will be no officer training this year.

14. New Ideas

- a. Connie P. recommends that the secretary for the future keeps track of a list of the people who are up for re-election on youth council instead of the 4-H office.
- b. Julie recommended a program, “Sound The Alarm” to raise funds for smoke alarms for those that can’t afford them.
- c. Samantha brought up a good idea about maybe having a silent auction or baked goods sale at the recognition banquet. Barb added to this and said that maybe the still projects that kids would like to sell could be done here!

15. Adjournment- Samantha made a motion to adjourn 7:25pm, Allison seconded.

Expansion and Review Meeting

Next Meeting Date: December 2, 2019, 6:30p.m., MSU Extension office

Looking Ahead:

November 12, 4-H Youth Council Rules Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, MSU Extension Office
November 12, Dairy Post-Fair Meeting, 6:30pm, MSU Extension office
November 14, 4-H Leader Meeting, 6:30pm, ISD Building
November 19, 4-H Leader Meeting, 6:30pm, ISD Building
November 26, 4-H Leader Meeting, 6:30pm, ISD Building
November 28, THANKSGIVING, MSU Extension office Closed
November 29, MSU Extension Office Closed
December 2, 4-H Youth Council Meeting, 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office