



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
November 7, 2022  
MSU Extension Office

President: Craig Ulsh  
Vice-President: Sara Trattles  
Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski  
Treasurer: Virginia Trattles  
Deputy Treasurer: Jennifer Mead-Bennett  
Media: Brittany Bogema

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm
2. Pledges- Lead by Ella
3. Members: Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Scott Miracle, Nancy Mangus, Kayla Irelan, Ella Yunker, Carlie Doehring
4. Public Comment: Kayla Mitchell went over behavioral expectations, issues with behavior in clubs both kids and adults and asked that we promote positive behaviors in our clubs.
  - Emily Redmond asked if trophy sponsors can be acknowledged when sponsor a trophy even if sponsor name not on trophy. Maybe display of names on a board?
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda: No additions.
6. Minutes from previous meeting motion for approval by Sara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy, approved.
7. Correspondence received: None
8. Financial Report: Sara went over financials in Virginia's absence. Ending Balance as of 11-7-22 is \$42,094.77. Jennifer motioned to accept the financial report and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.
9. Bills needing approval/review: Approved to pay bills.
10. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Plat Books - Shipping? Will ship books at buyer's expense.
    - ii. Milk Barn
      - 1) Wrap Up – Cooler Sell, list it? Craig may have an option need price – Emily Redmond asking Willie Bontrager if he wants to buy the cooler. Emily will call Sara after speaking to Willie. Cooler valued at \$1500
      - 2) Cash Register – Register is in bad shape. Talk in future about replacing or using a calculator.
      - 3) Sign and Supporters – Needs work and new sponsors (Craig).
    - iii. Toy Auction – Auction was held. Total before fees was \$15,575 – and \$13,238.75 after fees. Craig suggested a scholarship in Jim & Linda Fritz name with the funds. Motion made by Sara and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer. Passed.
  - b. Liaison Report –None
  - c. Parks
    - i. New Signage for 2022 – Need to get quotes and decide vendor. Signs and More did signs before and Sara getting quote.
    - ii. Photo Sign needs work or replaced – Need to get quotes and decide vendor (signs and More)
  - d. Ribbons for 2023 – Inventoried before end of 2022 fair, Tonya should have numbers. Need to order by end of January and will be addressed at next meeting on #'s from Tonya. Kayla Mitchell checking on this.

- e. Thank You Cards – do we need to order more for 2023? No need to order for 2023

11. 4-H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell

- a. Horse Council Update – Scott Miracle, Kayla Mitchell – Danielle Sackrider new President. New Board. There are now 2 horse clubs, lost Trailblazers, 60-75 kids showed at fair. Reconstructing show days and show bill. Talking about eliminating 100 classes. May be big changes to fair book and need to be submitted before Feb. 8-11 year old age group is largest group and looking to accommodate this age better.
- b. Livestock Association Update – Small animal sweepstakes in the talks. Questioning moving poultry to Sunday of fair. Questionnaire going out on this.
- c. Sign Up Update – Sign-up online and volunteer central. 239 enrolled so far.

12. Old Business

- a. Recognition dinner – Should recognize achievements somehow, Fair? Spring Dinner? Discussion – Jennifer, Kayla I, Ella formed a committee to discuss dinner and asking Wendy Walters to join committee.
- b. Media opportunities – FB sign up post and possibly post the cooler after decision from Willie.
- c. State Horse Show – List of members who need to pay? – paid members.
- d. 2023 YC Nominee List and Meeting Date – meeting before YC meeting to discuss asking people regarding Youth Council for upcoming terms. List was divided and people will be contacted. Ballots going out end of the month. Contact Kayla with those that want to be on ballot.

13. New Business

- MAFE for youth educator – Jan 12-14 in Grand Rapids. Suggested Kayla Mitchell go for this training. Motion made by Jennifer B to send Kayla to training and cover reasonable costs after MSU covers their portion and Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

14. New Ideas

- a. Kayla Ireland brought up banners and sizes, difficult displaying, size difference from last year. When we get to ordering discussion for upcoming year we will discuss the size at that time.
- b. Kayla Mitchell checking on available dates at Camp Fort Hill for 4H camp.

15. Adjournment - Motion by Jennifer B, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott.

**Next Meeting Date: December 5, 2022 @ 6:30pm – At Extension Office**