



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
February 2, 2015
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville, Michigan 49032

President: Virginia Trattles
Vice President: Scott Miracle
Secretary: Denise Skrzypek
Treasurer: Dixie Strawser
Deputy Treasurer: Terry Miller
Media: Debbie Davis

Members Present: Cody Baker, Jenny Bower, Debbie Davis, Erika Eggleston, Terry Miller, Scott Miracle, Connie Myers, Denise Skrzypek, Dixie Strawser, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Wendy Walters, Barb Weston

Members: Excused: Doug Hasbrouck, Angie King, Jared King, Loren King.

- I. Call to Order:
 - Virginia Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Debbie Davis led the pledges.
- II. Public Comment
 - A. An appreciation went to Bill Johnson for letting us use the Fair office to hold our Youth Council Meeting.
 - B. Breanna McNees was a visitor and requested a scholarship for Capitol Experience.
- III. Additions to the Agenda
 - None.
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting - Denise Skrzypek, Secretary
 - A. Change to word Fillmore to Greenmark.
 - B. Motion by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Cody Baker, to approve minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting with changes. Motion approved.
- V. Correspondence Received
 - A. Endowment information from Sally Stuby.
 - B. Thank you card from Horse Judging Team.
 - C. Benefit Dinner for Betty McClish family.
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Dixie Strawser, Treasurer
 - A. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of February 2, 2015: \$32,133.95
 - B. Bills needing approval/review
 - St. Joseph County Fair – Milk barn insurance: \$75.00
 - C. Motion to approve bills to be paid as presented by Jenny Bower, seconded by Terry Miller. Motion approved.
- VII. Officer/Committee Reports:
 - A. *Fundraisers:*
 1. **Tack Sale Update:** Denise Skrzypek
 2. **PAYLE\$\$ Fundraising:** Scott Miracle – Terry Miller, seconded by Craig Ulsh, made a motion to send a deposit of \$3,600.00 (1/2) to Ric for the candy bars. Motion carried.
 3. **Schwan's:** Barb Weston - 5% profit will continue through the end of 2015.
 - B. *Audit Committee:* Went well.
 - C. *United Way Grant:* A presentation was given by Debbie Davis and Eva Beeker to United Way for \$5,000.00 to put towards funds for Exploration Days and Summer 4-H Camp. It cannot go towards college tuition/scholarships or operation funds.
 - D. *4-H Youth Development:*
 1. **Youth Council:** A motion was made by Cody Baker, seconded by Jenny Bower, to amend the constitution to amend 1 year to finish term and that position be eliminated. We have 17 members, and only should have 16. The 17th member can finish this 1 year term out. Motion carried.
 2. **Enrollment:** Is up and running.

3. **Cloverbuds:** The youth council board has approved the cloverbuds to have the option to take and show a horse at the fair and can take 1 small animal species to the fair which rabbits will be the animal for 2015. The Fair board has approved. Eva Beeker is working out the details of the insurance liability, as well as state and county guidelines to follow. Committee members to develop the program are - Debbie Davis, Connie Myers, Virginia Trattles, Barb Weston, Pam Cook, and Denise Skrzypek.
4. **Still Projects:** It's been approved by the Youth Council Board and the Fair Board to proceed with having Still Projects brought in the weekend before and perishable items will be brought in as normal. This will help with the flow of projects and give more time for set up. Guidelines will be implemented in the 4-H handbook.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. *Youth Council Budget:* Tabled until March meeting.
- B. *Club Audit:* Tuesday, February 24, 2015, starting at 5:30 p.m. by appointment. Committee includes Denise Skrzypek, Dixie Strawser, Virginia Trattles, Debbie Davis, Scott Miracle and Terry Miller. Six clubs including Desperados, K9 Pals, County Side, Leonidas Do-Best, Fawn River Clovers.
- C. *Club Officer Training:* Need to bring FFA back to show officers.

IX. New Business:

- A. *Youth Council Committee Assignments:* Eva Beeker has the completed list.
- B. *Youth Council Shirts:* Tabled until March meeting.
- C. *Youth Council Scholarships:* Motion by Debbie Davis, seconded by Cody Baker, to have the following scholarships: 1 - \$1,500.00, 3 - \$750.00, 1- \$1,000.00, Achievement/Service/Leadership - \$1,500.00, Bill & Midge Bender - \$500.00. A second motion was added by Debbie Davis, seconded by Craig Ulsh to add 1- more \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Motion carried for both.
- D. *2015 Awards Banquet:* Date set for Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the Centreville Elementary Gym.
- E. *New/Interrupted Service Leader Interviews:* Wednesday, February 25, 2015 starting at 5:00 p.m. by appointment.
- F. *Trophy Presentation Night:* Monday, March 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
- G. *Sturgis Parenting Fair:* Help needed on Saturday, February 21, 2015, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- H. *Capitol Experience Scholarship:* A motion was made by Debbie Davis, seconded by Terry Miller, to give Breanna McNees \$150.00 toward Capitol Experience. Motion passed.

X. Adjournment:

- Debbie Davis, seconded by Cody Baker, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

The Next Regularly scheduled meeting is on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office – NEW DATE AND TIME!!!