



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
March 9, 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:** Jenny Bower, Debbie Davis, Erika Eggleston, Doug Hasbrouck, Angie King, Jared King, Loren King, Denise Skrzypek, Dixie Strawser, Virginia Trattles, Wendy Walters

**Members Excused:** Terry Miller, Connie Myers

**Members Absent:** Cody Baker, Scott Miracle, Craig Ulsh, Barb Weston

- I. Call to Order:
  - Virginia Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. Doug Hasbrouck led the pledges.
- II. Public Comment
  - Steve Trattles, President of the Livestock Association spoke to the board with concerns about the Livestock Buyers Dinner in September at the Fair. These issues were taken into consideration because of many complaints after fair.
- III. Additions to the Agenda
  - A. Old Business F – 2015 Budget
  - B. New Business H – Buyer’s Dinner
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting - Denise Skrzypek, Secretary
  - Motion by Jenny Bower, seconded by Debbie Davis, to approve minutes from the February 2, 2015 meeting. Motion approved.
- V. Correspondence Received
  - None.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report - Dixie Strawser, Treasurer
  - A. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of February 28, 2015: \$28,500.95
  - B. Bills needing approval/review
    1. St. Joseph County – Post card postage: \$132.99
    2. PAYLE\$\$ Fundraising – balance due: \$3,960.00
    3. MSU – Citizenship Washington Focus second payment: \$1,050.00
    4. St. Joseph County – Post card copies and card stock: \$50.65
    5. St. Joseph County Conservation Club – annual donation: \$100.00
    6. Norman Paulson – Tax support: \$50.00
    7. Camp Fort Hill – Summer 4-H Camp deposit: \$100.00
    8. Michigan 4-H Foundation – State awards donation: \$100.00
    9. Denise Skrzypek – reimbursement: \$85.61
  - C. Motion to approve bills to be paid as presented by Denise Skrzypek, seconded by Loren King. Motion approved.
- VII. Officer/Committee Reports:
  - A. *Horse Council:* Working on updating the constitution. All going well.
  - B. *Fundraisers:*
    1. **Tack Sale Update:** Denise Skrzypek – Went well for first year. Had seven (7) vendors and all positive feedback. Lots of great ideas for next year. Possible Mendon Tack Sale wanting to join with 4-H Tack Sale which would make it even better for many reasons but a big event for the county and for 4-H. We had a small profit and over all went very well.
    2. **PAYLE\$\$ Fundraising:** Scott Miracle – As of March 9, 2015 there are 32 boxes of candy left to sell. Please call or stop by the MSU Extension office to pick up a box or case.

3. **2015 Auction:** Tabled until March 30, 2015.
4. **Applebee's:** Tabled until March 30, 2015.
- C. **United Way:** United Way awarded the Youth Council a grant of \$5,000.00. According to the application the monies to be used towards 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University, and Summer 4-H Camp at Camp Fort Hill. **Thank you United Way!**
- D. **4-H Youth Development:**
  - **Youth Council High School/College Scholarship program:** Applications are due to the MSU Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015. Interviews are by appointment only on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. **New Leader Interviews:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015, by appointment.
- B. **Youth Council Shirts**
- C. **Recognition/Awards Banquet:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Centreville Elementary Gym at 6:30 p.m.
- D. **Sturgis Parenting Fair:** There is a need for a Spanish speaking 4-H leader in the Sturgis school area. We have several new members from Sturgis and are looking for a 4-H leader.
- E. **Donor Packets:** Due March 27, 2015.
- F. **2015 Budget:** A motion made by Jenny Bower, seconded by Wendy Walters, to approve the 2015 Budget. Motion carried.

IX. New Business:

- A. **Still Project Exploration Night:** Motioned by Dixie Strawser, seconded by Jenny Bower, to hold Still Project Exploration on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.
- B. **Exploration Days:** United Way grant will help fund Exploration Days.
  1. Chaperones will receive a 75% scholarship - \$41.25 of \$165.00 will be due.
  2. Members will receive a 50% scholarship - \$82.50 of \$165.00 will be due.
- C. **Summer 4-H Camp - July 7-9, 2015:** Fee will be \$50.00 per member. Grant monies from United Way will be used to supplement the entire camp experience.
- D. **2015 Trophies:** Selection was made prior to meeting. Only one trophy company participated.
- E. **Home and Garden Show - April 17-18, 2015:**
  1. Friday: Dixie Strawser and Wendy Walters
  2. Saturday: Jenny Bower
- F. **Pictures:** Tabled until March 30, 2015.
- G. **Spring TSC Paper Clover Sale:** Angie King is coordinating this event for St. Joseph County.
- H. **Buyer's Dinner:** Tabled until March 30, 2015. Bring ideas.

X. **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

**The Next Regularly scheduled meeting is on  
Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office**

**Looking Ahead:**

- Friday, March 27, 4-H Youth Council Scholarship Applications due by 5:00 p.m., MSU Extension office
- Friday, March 27, Summer 4-H Camp Counselor Applications due by 5:00 p.m., MSU Extension office
- Saturday, March 28, Countywide Market Beef/Dairy Beef weigh-in, 9:00-11:00 a.m., SJC Fairgrounds
- Monday, March 30, 4-H Youth Council Meeting (April meeting), 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office
- Tuesday, March 31, 4-H Horse Council Meeting (April Meeting). 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension office
- Friday, April 3, MSU Extension office closed in observance of *Good Friday*