



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
March 30, 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, Doug Hasbrouck, Angie King, Jared King, Loren King, Terry Miller, Scott Miracle, Connie Myers, Denise Skrzypek, Dixie Strawser, Craig Ulsh, Virginia Trattles, Wendy Walters, Barb Weston

**Members Excused:** None

- I. Call to Order:
  - Virginia Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Erika Eggleston led the pledges.
- II. Public Comment
  - None.
- III. Additions to the Agenda
  - A. Old Business E. – Buyer’s Dinner
  - B. Old Business F. – Club Audits
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting (March 9, 2015) - Denise Skrzypek, Secretary
  - Motion by Dixie Strawser, seconded by Wendy Walters, to approve minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting. Motion approved.
- V. Correspondence Received
  - Letter from the Michigan 4-H Foundation was read.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report - Dixie Strawser, Treasurer
  - A. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of March 30, 2015: \$35,693.39
  - B. Bills needing approval/review
    1. National 4-H Supply – promotional cups: \$220.69
    2. National 4-H Supply – promotional pens & stickers: \$169.28
    3. Livestock Association –banquet supplies (\$107.90), fair supplies (\$7.90) & copies (\$5.20): \$121.00
    4. St. Joseph County – postage: \$1,134.82
  - C. Motion to approve bills to be paid as presented by Cody Baker, seconded by Denise Skrzypek. Motion approved.
- VII. Officer/Committee Reports:
  - A. *Horse Council:* Scott Miracle reported that several changes in the constitution language are being changed to update. Comments towards Horse Board have been received by several with all positive comments as being more structured; meetings are going much more smoothly. Youth Council Board very happy to hear all the positive comments.
  - B. *Fundraisers:* The committee met prior to this Youth Council Meeting.
    1. **PAYLE\$\$ Fundraising:** Scott Miracle – As of March 30, 2015 there are 15 boxes of candy left to sell.
    2. **2015 Auction:** To be held during Covered Bridge Days, July 17 & 18, 2015. Motion made by Barb Weston, seconded by Craig Ulsh, to proceed with the Auction during Covered Bridge Days downtown by the Courthouse. Motion carried.
    3. **Applebee’s:** April 19 or June 2. We will be sending fliers out to schools to send home with students, and have each village or city display on marquee wall. Motion made by Debbie Davis, seconded by Cody Baker, to proceed with the Applebee’s Fundraiser. Motion carried.
    4. **Chuck-a-Puc:** Sell Orange Pucs for Kalamazoo Wings Hockey game. We sell as many tickets for the orange pucs, K-Wings keep \$300.00 and the rest would go to the Youth Council. Motion made by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Terry Miller, to proceed with this fundraiser. Motion carried. Scott Miracle is the coordinator.
    5. **4-H 5K Run for Fun:** Countywide 4-H 5K. Motion made by Cody Baker, seconded by Barb Weston, to proceed with 5K fundraiser. Motion carried. Denise Skrzypek is the coordinator.

6. **2016 County wide 4-H Tack Sale:** will be held at Centreville Elementary School. Would like to combine with the other County Tack sales to 1 large. Would like to see each 4-H club in county have a table/space for their clubs to earn money as a fund raiser. If each member of the club brought in 1 donated item to their club to sell, that money would go towards their club funds that would help as 1 fundraiser. Tack sale would be for every animal species taken to the fair, not just for horses. Tack sale would also be for all 4-H projects for kids to sell supplies to make 4-H projects, puzzles, jewelry supplies, Legos, gift wrapping etc. This will also be a time for leaders to have a table for kids to actually come and work on a project to see how much fun 4-H can be. We want this to be a county wide for all animals and all still projects.
  - C. *Still Project Exploration:* Tuesday, June 30, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in building #44 at the Fairgrounds.
  - D. *4-H Youth Development:*
    1. **Youth Council High School/College Scholarship program:** There are four (4) applicants for seven (7) scholarships.
    2. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour:** Tuesday, April 28 and Wednesday, April 29. Full schedule, most schools are participating.
    3. **Cloverbud Update:** Horses and rabbits will be the animals allowed for the 2015 fair. This is a pilot program and will be evaluated afterward. More information will be in the May e-mail blast.
    4. **Exploration Days:** Over 40 members are registered to attend.
    5. **State Awards:** All were asked to return. Two (2) are not returning this year.
- VIII. Old Business:
- A. **Recognition/Awards Banquet:** Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Centreville Elementary Gym is reserved.
  - B. **Donor Packets:** Due tonight.
  - C. **Home & Garden Show:** April 17 & 18 (**CHECK DATE**) – Dixie, Cody, Jenny & Wendy will be working the booths at the Show.
  - D. **TSC Paper Clover Sale:** April 22 – May 3. Angie King will be in charge for the Sturgis and Three Rivers stores.
  - E. **Buyer's Dinner:** Livestock Association wants a change for 2015. Tabled until May meeting with all board members bringing suggestions.
  - F. **Club Audits:** Jolly Neighbors – has no checking. Tabled until May meeting.
- IX. New Business:
- None.
- X. **Adjournment:**
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

**The Next Regularly scheduled meeting is on  
Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office**

**Looking Ahead:**

- Tuesday, April 28 & Wednesday, April 29, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour, Covered Bridge Park
- Sunday, May 3, [4-H/TSC Paper Clover Sale](#) Ends
- Monday, May 4, 4-H Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension Office
- Tuesday, May 5, 4-H Horse Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension Office
- [Friday, May 8, 4-H Day at Comerica Park](#) (Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals), gates open 5:30 p.m. , game time 7:08 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 26, [Exploration Days Orientation Meeting](#), 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension Office **or**
- Thursday, May 28, [Exploration Days Orientation Meeting](#), 6:30 p.m., MSU Extension Office