



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
June 1, 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, Angie King, Jared King, Loren King, Scott Miracle, Denise Skrzypek, Dixie Strawser, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Wendy Walters, Barb Weston

Members Excused: Doug Hasbrouck

Members Absent: Terry Miller, Connie Myers

- I. Call to Order:
 - Virginia Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. Pledges were led by Jared King.
- II. Public Comment
 - None.
- III. Additions to the Agenda
 - None.
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting (March 30, 2015) - Denise Skrzypek, Secretary
 - A motion made by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Denise Skrzypek, to approve the March minutes.
- V. Correspondence Received (no discussion)
 - Thank you from Katie Walters for college scholarship.
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Dixie Strawser, Treasurer
 - A. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of June 1, 2015: \$34,929.29
 - B. Update on Audit: Norman Paulson has the hard copy of taxes and will stay at the office.
 - C. Bills needing approval/review:
 - A. CWF Update (participants payment)
 - B. Otten Trophies – first deposit: \$2,000.00
 - C. Shooting Sports Certificate: \$106.00
 - D. Milk Barn: \$28.00
 - E. American Income Life Insurance – 2015-16 premium:
 - F. A motion was made by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Jared King, to approve and pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.
- VII. Officer/Committee Reports:
 - A. *Horse Council Report – Scott Miracle:* Horse State Qualifier Show on June 13 and 14, 2015. \$1,163.00 was received for the Fuzzy Horse Show Profit.
 - B. *Fundraiser:* Next scheduled fundraiser meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. before meeting.
 1. **Applebee's Update:** No amount yet given. Tabled to July Meeting.
 2. **Covered Bridge Days Silent Auction (July 17-18, 2015):** Hours for the Silent Auction viewing and bidding start on Friday, July 17, 2015 are 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 18, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bidding ends at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. All items will be inside empty building on the corner. Set up will be Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. and Friday morning, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. All Youth Council Members need to be available for setting up and clean up. All donated items need to go to the MSU Extension office to Eva or Tonya. Jenny Bower is keeping a list of all items received and will keep a log sheet for all items and sold items. All Youth Council Members need to go thru Jenny Bower for all financial receipts and monies.
 3. **5K Run:** Committee has met several times and all information will be available at the July Youth Council Meeting.
 4. **Schwan's Cares update:** Barb Weston stated that \$859.00 has been received to date. This fundraiser ends in November 2015.

5. **Candy Sales:** Burr Oak and Rolling Clovers 4-H Clubs still owes for their candy fundraiser.
 6. **Mishler's Pork Burgers:** A new fund raiser. Tabled to July.
 7. Milk Barn 2015
 - a) Cash Register - still looking at options for the Milk Barn.
 - b) Building Plans - Craig is in charge of Milk Barn improvements. A new window, shelving for supplies are needed.
 - C. *Still Project Exploration Night:* Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
 - D. *TSC Paper Clover Update:* Angie King stated that participation was good but there was no participation from any of the 4-H clubs in St. Joe County. Leaders and 4-H members need to step up and participate.
 - E. *4-H Youth Development Report:*
 1. **Still Project Update:** The transition of taking projects a week before the fair will be implemented in 2016. More time to prepare is needed. This will not start in 2015.
 2. **Exploration Days:** 53 members will be attending. Must attend one of the offered orientations meetings.
 3. **Poultry Project:** NO TURKEYS, NO CHICKENS & NO DUCKS will be allowed at the 2015 fair. It was published by MSU on 6/1/15 @10:00 a.m. 4-H members will still be allowed to bring eggs, and their book to show at the fair.
 4. **Rabbit Project:** A large donation has been received to purchase 20 new rabbit cages in the rabbit barn. Please see Jacki Brazo (Rabbit Sup.) if you would like to donate to the rabbit barn. A huge appreciation and thank you to all those that have donated.
 5. **"Make the Match" Update:** We have passed the \$20,000 goal and increased it \$25,000. At the end of June, the \$25,000.00 goal was met. Thank you to all those who contributed to the 4-H fund. Wendy Walters made a motion that the Youth Council donate \$500.00 to the Make the Match fund, 2nd by Denise Skrzypek. Motion was carried.
 6. **Summer 4-H Camp:** Jenny Troyer will be the new Camp Director; a MSU Intern (shared by other counties) will be the assistant director. \$280.00 will be given to the camp director for her salary. The alligator man from Athens, Michigan will be highlights speaker at the 4-H camp this year.
 7. **Animal Pre-Fair Meetings:** See calendar/email blast on website.
 8. **Bricks:** Leroy Chupp will be replacing the bricks and repairing those needed in front of the 4-H Fair Office. Eight (8) memorial bricks were purchased this year. Gator-dust is needed to complete this project if anyone would like to donate. We want to personally thank Mr. Chupp for donating his time to complete this project.
 9. **4-H Fair Office:** \$198.00 was paid to purchase and install a new toilet and faucet in the 4-H fair office bathroom. The rebate from this purchase will be used towards new tables for the still projects during the fair.
- VIII. Old Business:
- A. *Awards Banquet:* November 20, 2015, Centreville Elem Gym
 - B. *Fairgrounds Parks:* A little more time to finish up is still needed.
 1. mulch - 5 yds. from Findley, a bucket load to complete project.
 2. Gutters need to be cleaned out.
 3. 6/2/15 and 6/4/15 both dates at 12:00pm to finish up projects.
 - C. Donor Update -
 - D. Buyers Dinner follow up - tabled to July Meeting
- IX. New Business
- A. Foundation Renewals
 - B. Scholarships were awarded to: \$1,000.00 Kayla Mitchell and Katie Walters, \$1,500.00 Kacey Bell and Jenna Beeker.
 - C. Cloverbud animal projects: Please see website for all information for all new Cloverbud Animal Projects
 1. **Horse:** Cloverbuds may borrow a horse or bring their own and will only be allowed to show at the "Gymkhana" Horse Show. This will be a show and go only. Cloverbuds will not be allowed to keep their own horse at the fair during the week. They must have a lead line.
 2. **Rabbit:** Cloverbud may bring their own rabbit or borrow a rabbit to do showmanship only during the Sunday Rabbit Show. It will be a show and go either way. Their rabbit will not be kept at fair.
- X. Adjournment:
- Craig made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Debbie Davis. Motion carried to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension office