



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
July 6, 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 (via phone), Erika Eggleston, Angie King, Jared King, Loren King, Terry Miller, Scott Miracle, Connie Myers, Dixie Strawser, Craig Ulsh, Wendy Walters, Barb Weston

**Members Excused:** Doug Hasbrouck, Denise Skrzypek, Virginia Trattles

- I. Call to Order:
  - Scott Miracle called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Erika Eggleston led the pledges.
  
- II. Public Comment
  - Sally Stuby, Fred Henningsen, Tony Hostetler were present and gave the Council an update on the, "Make the Match" campaign. Sally thanked us for our donation and as of this weekend (7/5/15) a total of \$32,061.00 has been donated. We should have a match up to \$35,000. People can still designate funds to the campaign by memorial or other means. So far to date they have 91 donors. Fred mentioned, "One of the best projects to work on and work with."
  
- III. Additions to the Agenda:
  - None.
  
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting, June 1, 2015:
  - Were presented to the Council by Eva Beeker.
  
- V. Correspondence Received:
  - Kacey Bell sent a thank you for college scholarship.
  
- VI. Treasurer's Report - Dixie Strawser, Treasurer:
  - A. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking as of July 6, 2015: \$34,357.39
  - B. Bills needing approval/review
    1. Lansing Community College (Katie Walters scholarship) - \$1,000.00
    2. Michigan 4-H Foundation ("Make the Match" donation) - \$500.00
    3. American Income Life (2015-2016 insurance) - \$897.00
    4. Otten Trophies (1<sup>st</sup> payment) - \$2,000.00
    5. Michigan State University (Jenna Beeker scholarship) - \$1,500.00
    6. Eva Beeker (Exploration Days Supplies) - \$13.00
    7. Straight Shooters (Robert Wilkinson registration fee reimbursement for state workshop) - \$53.00
    8. State of Michigan (Milk Barn License) - \$28.00
    9. Standard Print (2015 Fair Books - 200) - \$314.70
    10. Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary (Summer 4-H Camp Presentation) - \$280.00
    11. Tony Hochstetler (Barn Paint) - \$50.00
    12. Sturgis Press (Auction Flyers) - \$60.80
    13. Southwestern Michigan College (Kacey Bell Scholarship) - \$1,500.00
    14. Heritage Bricks (8 Bricks) - \$157.92
    15. Otten Trophies (second payment) - \$1,000.00
    16. Eva Beeker (Exploration Days - \$82.52, Summer 4-H Camp -\$35.44) - \$117.96
    17. Tony Hochstetler (additional paint supplies) - \$65.88
    18. Tony Hochstetler (Summer 4-H Camp Fishing supplies) - \$23.27
    19. Dixie Strawser (Book of stamps) - \$9.80
    20. Jenny Bower (Still Project Exploration supplies) - \$52.47
    21. Jennifer Wall (Supplies for still Project) - \$17.99
  - C. Motion to approve the bills to be paid as presented by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Barb Weston. Motion approved.

- VII. Officer/Committee Report:
- A. *Horse Council Report*: Scott Miracle reported that we have state qualifiers and we are able to send 26 delegates.
  - B. *Fundraisers*:
    - 1. **Applebee's**: Total raised was \$128.93.
    - 2. **Schwan's Cares**: It is now 5% profit that will continue through the year of sales.
    - 3. **Covered Bridge Days Silent Auction (July 17, 2015)**: Discussed contact information, notification information, donations, set-up, clean up, sign-up for helping on both Friday and Saturday of Covered Bridge days.
    - 4. **5K Run Update**: Saturday, October 17, 2015 with a rain date October 24 at the fairgrounds. Eva Beeker and Wendy Walters presented a sample flyer.
      - 1. Looking for help on run date. Need to contact radio stations, put the information on the Michigan Run Website. Need to contact Meijer for water table sponsorship, Prizes to the top 8 people.
      - 2. Motion by Craig Ulsh to change the pricing to \$25 for the Fun Run, Jennifer Bower seconded. Motion approved.
      - 3. Motion by Angie King to take costume portion out of the flyer, Craig Ulsh seconded. Motion approved.
      - 4. Motion by Jennifer Bower to take no shirt option off the flyer, Craig Ulsh seconded. Motion approved.
    - 5. **Milk Barn**:
      - a. Getting milk prices.
      - b. Cash Register was tabled till next month.
      - c. Building update plans – Craig Ulsh talked to Bill Johnson, fix the shelf on the inside, clean and paint as needed. Windows next year, 2016.
      - d. Eva Beeker mentioned that she was contacted by Pomona Grange to purchase milk from the council to have for their 100 year wall at the fairgrounds for pancake breakfast. Motion by Craig Ulsh to sell them the milk at \$1.00 each, Jennifer Bower seconded. Motion approved.
  - C. *Still Project Exploration*: Discussed on having another one in October sometime with the use of the Centreville Elementary Multipurpose room. Checking on dates and will get back on availability. Talked about having flyers available at the fair with date on to hand out to the 4-H families.
  - D. *4-H Youth Development Report*:
    - 1. **Exploration Days**: Joe Rambadt state winner in goats. Eva was very proud of the 4-H members whom they represented St. Joseph County very well.
    - 2. **Summer 4-H Camp**: Low numbers between 34-35 children, looking at having a great staff, new camp counselors, and having the Alligator Sanctuary do an education program.
    - 3. **Scholarship Donor Thank you Notes**: The Exploration kids wrote thank you's for all of the donations. Michelle McNamara helped with this at Exploration Days.
- VIII. Old Business:
- A. *Awards Banquet*: Tuesday, November 10, 2015
  - B. *Fairgrounds Park*: Mulch - Barb Weston and others helped with this, gutters cleaned, flower pots watered.
  - C. *Donor Update*: Big stack of donations in today with \$6,305.00 already in.
  - D. *Buyer's Dinner Follow Up*: We will still have it this year like we had in the past. Look at options for next year.
  - E. *Fair Book*: 200 books have been ordered cost of \$3.00 each.
- IX. New Business:
- A. *Still Barn Painting/Still Barn set up night*: Barn 43 painting will be scheduled with Tony Hostetler. Power washing cement blocks maybe ready for July 28 and/or 29.
  - B. *Still Project Judges Meal*: Motion made by Terry Miller that Virginia Trattles caters the still project meal, seconded by Dixie Strawser. Motion approved.
  - C. *August (September) Youth Council Meeting Date*: Set for August 31.
- X. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Craig Ulsh seconded by Loren King. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension office.**