



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 7, 2016
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

President: Craig Ulsh
Vice President: Scott Miracle
Secretary: Heather Teadt
Treasurer: Jenny Bower
Deputy Treasurer: Dixie Strawser
Media: Wendy Walters

Members Present: Cody Baker, Jenny Bower, Debbie Davis, Hannah Harless, Scott Miracle, Joseph Rambadt, Samantha Sigman, Dixie Strawser, Kylie Trail, Craig Ulsh, Barb Weston

Members Excused: Tony Hochstetler, Connie Pagels, Denise Skrzypek, Heather Teadt, Wendy Walters

- I. Call to Order:
 - President, Craig Ulsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledges were led by Kylie Trail.
- II. Public Comment
 - None.
- III. Additions to the agenda
 - A. Eva Beeker would like an addition to the 4-H Youth Development Program item h. Exploration Days
 - B. Dixie Strawser would like an addition to New Business item h. Companion Animals Workshop
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting (February 1, 2016), Secretary, Heather Teadt
 - A. Corrections
 1. Kylie Trail was present.
 2. United Way Grant dollar amounts were corrected to read \$5,000 last year and are asking for \$7,500 this year.
 - B. Moved by Jenny Bower and seconded by Cody Baker to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.
- V. Correspondence received
 - None.
- VI. Financial Report, Treasurer, Jenny Bower
 - A. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking Account as of March 7, 2016 is \$37,319.82
 - B. Bills needing review/approval
 1. Lake Milton Raptor Center – 5th Grade Conservation Tour: \$250.00
 2. MSU – final Citizenship Washington Focus payment: \$550.00
 3. St. Joseph County Grange Fair – Milk Barn use: \$85.00
 4. Eva Beeker – Exploration Days expenses: \$28.00
 5. Michigan 4-H Foundation – State Awards: \$100.00
 6. Motion by Cody Baker to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Dixie Strawser. Motion carried.
 - C. Other financial information: Lord Abbott Fund at \$14,661.32 down \$27.64
 - D. Farm Bureau Declaration
 - E. Motion to accept the financial report and pay the current bills by Dixie Strawser, seconded by Scott Miracle
- VII. Officer/Committee Reports
 - A. Horse Council: No report. March meeting was cancelled due to weather.
 - B. Tack Sale: Heather Teadt provided extra flyers and rental contracts. 7 tables currently sold. Scott Miracle will check on times for helpers and email all Youth Council members.
 - C. Auction: Debbie Davis will check on a building for our use. Scott Miracle will check with Wendy Walters on last year's info; next meeting will be before the Youth Council meeting on Monday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.
 - D. Youth Development:
 1. Summer 4-H Camp Counselors – Interview date set for Tuesday, April 19, 2016, starting at 5:30 p.m. by appointment.
 2. Constitution Committee (Debbie Davis, Heather Teadt, Barb Weston, Jenny Bower) will meet Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

3. Interviews for Success Program: Eva Beeker is presenting county wide and encourages inquiries.
4. JDT – Build your Future Program: Eva Beeker has been working with youth trying to better their future.
5. Scholarship Update: Deadline has passed. 16 applications received. Interviews will be conducted on Saturday, March 19, 2016 by appointment.
6. Poultry Superintendent Update: Angie Landis - Superintendent, Karri Landis - Assistant Superintendent, Michele Kelley – Turkeys.
7. State Award Update:
8. Exploration Days: Increasing the scholarship amount was investigated but currently without an increase in funds it was unanimously defeated. It will remain at one half the cost.

VIII. Old Business

- A. United Way Grant Update: The \$7,500 was approved with the stipulation that \$1500 be designation for the new Robotics Program. The Duster is scheduled for March 26, 2:30-5:00 at the Riviera Theatre, Three Rivers. Dixie Strawser, Hannah Harless and Samantha Sigman volunteered to represent the Youth Council and 4-H at the Duster.
- B. Youth Council Budget: Jenny Bower presented the proposed 2016 Budget. Motion to accept the Budget with the United Way and Robotics changes was made by Dixie Strawser and seconded by Barb Weston. Motion carried.
- C. Youth Council Assignments: The current committee assignments were distributed.
- D. Awards Banquet (Centreville Elementary Gym): The date for the Banquet was discussed and November 10, 2016 was selected. Motion for the November 10 date was made by Samantha Sigman and seconded by Jenny Bower. Motion carried. It was noted that the Youth Council members would need to report at 4:30 p.m.

IX. New Business

- A. Trophy Selection: Otten Trophy and Sturgis Trophy House presented selections. The 4-H youth in attendance (Hannah Harless, Joseph Rambadt, Samantha Sigman, Kylie Trail, and Bailey Miracle) chose three trophies from each vendor. Size, color, cost and other qualities were discussed. Sturgis Trophy House was chosen as the vendor. A black trophy for animals, modern holographic for still projects and natural wood plaques were chosen. It was also noted that Sturgis Trophy House should return on the March 28th meeting for further inquiries.
- B. TSC Paper Clover Update (April 13-24): Connie Pagels will again ask for volunteers to represent St. Joseph County 4-H at the Sturgis and Three Rivers locations. The Sturgis TSC Store will be splitting the proceeds between Lagrange and St. Joseph Counties.
- C. Home and Garden Show Staffing of Booth: a still project of First Aid will be available for attendees. Dixie Strawser and Jenny Bower will volunteer for Friday. We still need volunteers for Saturday.
- D. 5th Grade Conservation Tour Update: April 26 and 27 are when food getters and volunteers are needed.
- E. Fair Book Order: After revisiting last year's order a motion to order 200 Fair Books was presented by Cody Baker and Seconded by Barb Weston. Motion carried.
- F. Donation Packets: Packets were turned in and extra donor sheets were divided.
- G. 4-H Fun Day (Adams Park) Tony Hochstetler will organize 3 on 3, pedal pull, bouncy house, etc. Motion to table for a date made by Cody Baker and seconded by Debbie Davis.
- H. Companion Animal Workshop: Dixie Strawser passed along information re: the workshop: It will be held at Greenville, MI instead of the Kettenen Center. Lodges and camping facilities are available. 4-Hers must provide chaperones.

X. Adjournment

- Moved by Scott Miracle, seconded by Joseph Rambadt to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dixie Strawser

**Next regular meeting is Monday, March 28, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the
MSU Extension Office**