



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 28, 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, Tony Hochstetler, Scott Miracle, Connie Pagels, Joseph Rambadt, Samantha Sigman, Denise Skrzypek, Heather Teadt, Kylie Trail, Craig Ulsh, Wendy Walters, Barb Weston

Members Excused: Hannah Harless and Dixie Strawser

- I. Call to Order:
 - President, Craig Ulsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pledges were led by Joe Rambadt.
- II. Public Comment
 - None
- III. Additions to the agenda
 - Connie Miracle added as iii under Officer/Committee Reports : Fundraiser
- IV. Minutes from the previous meeting (March 7, 2016), Deputy Treasurer, Dixie Strawser
 - Moved by Tony Hochstetler and seconded by Debbie Davis to approve minutes as with the correction that the United Way grant is \$6500.00. Motion carried.
- V. Correspondence received
 - Thank you from State 4-H Foundation
 - Invitation to Sturgis Electric Parade
- VI. Financial Report, Treasurer, Jenny Bower
 - Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking Account as of March 28, 2016 is \$39,399.14
 - Moved by Wendy and seconded by Heather to accept.
- VII. Bills needing review/approval
 - Reimbursements for the Robotics program at Kettunen Center to Valerie Bungart, Zoe Bungart, Shari Graber, Daniel Graber, Michele Kelley, and Quinn Kelley \$35.00 each
 - \$75 to Mariah Jansen for the Michigan Dairy Conference
 - \$50 to Connie Miracle for 4-H Organizational Leader Training
 - Debbie Davis moved to take all of these reimbursements out of the United Way account. Scott seconded. Motion Carried.
- VIII. Officer/Committee Reports
 - Horse Council Report - Nothing new.
 - Fundraisers:
 - a. Tack Sale: Heather Teadt reported that we received \$180 from booth rental. Scott Miracle reported that we had expenses of \$83.24 for food and receipts of \$79.28. We are not recommending this project continue
 - b. Auction: We cannot use the old Covered Bridge Diner building because it has been sold. Eva is checking with Lara Kirby and Deb Lehman to see if we can use the Courtyard building, backup plan may be a tent in Kahila's side yard.
 - c. Connie Miracle reported on a company called LulaRae. They sell leggings, dresses, and skirts. We would get \$3.50 a pair. Will try to see if vendor is available for Covered Bridge days to add to our Auction Tent

- 4-H Youth Development Program
 - a. Scholarship Update: There were 16 Applicants, all 7 Scholarships were awarded. Winners were as follows:
\$1500 Youth Council (HS Senior) Achievement, Service, Leadership: Ben Littlefield and Loren King
\$750 Youth Council Scholarships: Brady Littlefield and Megan Zinsmaster
\$1,000 Youth Council (College): Katie Walters
\$500 Bender Scholarship: Jenna Beeker
The committee of Bill Lederman, Mike Rumsey, and Dixie Strawser recommended increasing the number of scholarships for students who are already in College
 - b. 4-H Camp Counselor Update: They are interviewing on Tuesday, April 19. We have 2 right now, need more. Camp in July 5-8th with counselors needing to arrive in evening of July 4th.
 - c. Constitution Committee (April 19th 5:30 at MSUE)
 - d. Exploration Days Update: Slow Start, picking up. 39 registered at this time

IX. Old Business

- a. United Way Update: Dixie and Hannah attended the Duster Variety Show
- b. Awards Banquet: To be held at Centreville Elementary Gym on Thursday, November 10, 2016
- c. Trophy: Sturgis Trophy House is our Vendor
- d. TSC Paper clover sale – April 13-24, 2016. Sturgis store will split between St. Joseph County and LaGrange County, Indiana. Three Rivers profits will all go to St. Joseph County. See Connie Pagels if you know someone who would like to volunteer. She is contacting clubs
- e. Home and Garden Show (April 22 & 23, 2016): Need Volunteers. Barb, Tony, Joe, Craig, Samantha, Scott and maybe Cody will schedule with EVA
- f. 5th Grade Conservation Tour: April 28th and April 29th. Cody and Barb will do the food. Eva needs tour guides. Wendy may be available to help
- g. 4-H Fun Day: Tony is heading up a committee to host this on July 9th. They will be using Centreville Public Schools facilities. Planning to have a volleyball tournament, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Bounce House, Kiddie Tractor Pulls, Face Painting and Food Booths. He needs help. The hours would be 9-4.

X. New Business

- a. Robotics Program Update: Spin Club has been started through Barnyard Buddies, this is a short term club there is \$1500.00 funding for this project through the United Way grant. Open to all members Group called Junk Drawer Robotics – 20 kids are interested so far.
- b. Calhoun County currently does a yearbook and sells ads in it promoting what the clubs have done all year with pictures and articles submitted by the clubs. It is an idea for a Youth Council Fundraiser.

XI. Adjournment

- Moved by Tony Hochstetler, seconded by Scott Miracle. Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Teadt

NEXT MEETING IS MAY 2, 2016 @ 6:30 P.M. MSUE OFFICE