



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
November 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: Jenny Bower, Debbie Davis, Hannah Harless, Tony Hochstetler, Connie Pagels, Joseph Rambadt, Samantha Sigman, Dixie Strawser, Heather Teadt, Craig Ulsh, Wendy Walters, Barb Weston

Members Absent: Cody Baker, Scott Miracle, Virginia Trattles

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.
2. Pledges were conducted
3. Additions to the agenda – Tony Old Business C, Connie New Business B., Craig New Business C, Wendy under Fundraiser
4. Public Comment- None
5. Minutes from previous meeting (November 7, 2016): Secretary – Heather Teadt. Moved by Tony and seconded by Jenny to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received- None
7. Financial Report, Treasurer – Jenny Bower
Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of October 3, 2016: ___\$46,404.09___
8. Bills needing approval
 - a. National 4-H Council \$56.40 – Awards for Banquet
 - b. Bev Larken - \$24.63 Banquet Decorations
 - c. Barb Weston - \$53.00 Tablecloths for Banquet
Heather moved to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Tony seconded. Motion carried.
9. Horse Council Report – None
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Fundraiser
 - i. Wendy would like to consider moving the Silent Auction to Earth Day/Countywide Garage Sale at the fairgrounds. We would have to rent a booth from Shoppers Guide. She will check on prices and get back to us at the next meeting.
 - b. Tack Sale Date/Location: We already decided that we were not doing it again
 - c. Award Banquet Wrap up - The Decorations were gorgeous. There was plenty of food. The slide show was awesome. The Speaker was excellent. Eva questioned rather or not to read donors or not and to add Donor recognition year plaques for next year. Joe did a fabulous job as Mr. of Ceremonies. There were approximately 173 people attending. We paid for 200 meals.
11. 4-H Youth Development Report
 - a. Enrollment: Enrollments should be complete. Organizational leaders have extra Code of Conduct forms to be signed for those that have not.
 - b. Website: According to Eva, MSU has demanded that we take the new website down. We must use MSUE web page
 - c. FB “Harvest for All” : Clubs need to deliver on December 17th at Centreville Agri-Science building from 10-12 noon.
 - d. 4-H Club Officer Training has been scheduled for Tuesday January 17th 6:30 p.m. at the ISD. All Youth Council members should be present to help facilitate this although Connie Lange from MSU will be conducting the training.
 - e. Leader Meetings: Two dates are available, December 13th or January 10th. Both are at the ISD at 6:30 p.m. ALL LEADERS must attend one of these dates.

12. Old Business

- a. Youth Council Ballots – Only three have been turned in at this time.
- b. United Way Grant (amount for 2017): Eva and Jenny are working on the grant and need to know how much to request for 2017. We asked for \$7,000 last year and got \$5,000 plus another \$1500.00 for Robotics. Then an additional amount of \$4200.00 was given for Robotics materials. We agreed to ask for \$7,000 again this year. We asked Eva again for the schedule of United Way events so that Youth Council members could help work at those events.
- c. Tony – Milk Cooler: The 17cu.ft. is \$750.00, 19 cu.ft. is \$1050.00. Solid fridge, no freezer, one door. Connie moved to purchase two 17 cubic ft. refrigerators. Debbie seconded. Motion carried.

13. New Business

- a. Club Audit date (5 clubs need to be audited): Date is December 15th at the ISD at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Connie – Would like to make all species do a skill-a-thon at fair. Eva said that it is up to the livestock association to decide about skill –a-thon.
- c. Craig – Asked if Livestock committee is ever audited because each club is and they can only carry \$2500-\$4000.00 balances. Eva said that their office audited the account. The fund runs 2% of the livestock auction proceeds through each year plus carries money from year to year. When asked how this money is spent, Eva replied that each of the species superintendents make up the livestock committee and they decide how the money is spent. Several members of the Youth Council asked to see the account books to see where the money is going because so many members are asking about what this money is spent on. Eva said the books are open to anyone at anytime to view. We asked if the Livestock Association could publish an Annual Report to be viewed by the members since it is money from the sale of their animals that feeds this account. Eva said that an Annual Report was no problem. Another question about the \$9500 that the fair board provides for judges was raised by visitor Tricia Ulsh. Eva said that this year she was given the money to divide how she saw fit. In years past, the fair board has set a desired amount for each species. It was asked if the Livestock Association paid for horse judges since the horse department does not participate in the auction. Eva said that the Horse Council pays for their judges. We asked to see the Livestock Association financial books at the next meeting and Eva said that had we given her notice, she could have had them available this evening.

14. Adjournment

Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Heather seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Teadt

Next Meeting: January 9, 2017, 6:30 pm, MSUE office