



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
May 1, 2017
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

President: Craig Ulsh
Vice President: Cody Baker
Secretary: Heather Teadt
Treasurer: Jenny Bower
Deputy Treasurer: Kelsey Maystead
Media: Brittany Bogema

Members Present: Cody Baker, Brittany Bogema, Jenny Bower, Nancy Hiemstra, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Scott Miracle, Connie Pagels, Joseph Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Heather Teadt, Craig Ulsh, Barb Weston

Members Excused: Holly Gregory, Hannah Harless, Caitlyn Hughes, Keagan Kelley

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. Pledges were led by Heather Teadt
3. Additions to the agenda-none
4. Public Comment- None
5. Minutes from previous meetings (March 27th, 2017): Moved by Michelle McNamara to accept the minutes with corrections under the Auction fishing expedition cost being \$400. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received- Thank you letters from scholarship recipients: Summer Carls, Taylor Bell, Doug Brazo, and Samantha Sigman.
7. Financial Report, Treasurer – Jenny Bower
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of March 6, 2017: \$43,611.74
 - b. Bills needing approval/renewal
 - i. Connie Pagels \$100 reimbursement for Auction materials
 - ii. Cody Baker \$219.91 reimbursement for Auction items
 - iii. Wendy reimbursement for Auction items. Jenny to total and let me know
 - c. Heather moved to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills as presented. Barb seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Craig brought up that he has been asked about the 4-H Endowment Fund. Eva said that we would not be receiving anything from that for at least another year. We asked her to look up her information on it. She came back with information that states it can be accessed as of 7/1/17. There is around \$102,00.00 currently in the Endowment Fund. MSU 4H Foundation takes a percentage out for handling fee. Eva said that this endowment fund IS NOT run through the Youth Council. It is for continuing 4-H in St. Joseph County. It is for “programming” deemed needed in St. Joseph County and Eva decides what is needed and what is not. We can use 4 % per year, there should be 4 million in it next year.
8. Horse Council Report – Scott Miracle
 - The State Qualifier Horse show will be held on June 24th and 25th. Horse sign-ups are coming in. In hand driving did Little Caesar’s fundraiser. The State Horse Show is August 11-13, 2017.

9. Officer/Committee Report

- i. Silent Auction: Wendy Walters gave the final report for the April event. There were 8 things that were not picked up and Wendy called on those again today. There were a total of 368 bidders, up from 193 in the past. There were a total of 332 items for auction and 12 clubs also participated by donated theme baskets and other items. The rough estimate on final profit is about \$9900.00. Plans for next year include having it at the same time in the same place. The plan is to post a complete list of items before the auction starts. Cody will write a thank you letter to donors through the Sturgis Journal "Letter to the Editor". Brittany will do letters to each donor. Barb moved to reimburse her for postage. Michelle seconded. Motion carried.
- ii. Milk Barn plans: Power wash and paint.
- iii. TSC Paper Clover Sale: Connie Pagels said it was going well. Tell members that if they call Connie to volunteer, she needs them to specify which store they will be working out of, be it Sturgis, or Three Rivers.

10. 4-H Development Report

- a. 4-H Camp Counselor Update: All have been secured.
- b. Exploration Days Update: Orientation is scheduled for May 22 and 23, 2017. Expo Days will be held July 11-13, 2017.
- c. Conservation Tour: It was a rough one. Good turnout, but new place. Only two schools did not participate, Trinity Lutheran and Three Rivers Park Elementary.
- d. New Procedures: She has a zoom webinar in the morning. Amanda Masters (make the match) is still there, but Cheryl from the 4-H Foundation was moved to MSU. Eva said "Lots more changes to come" and she will keep us posted.

11. Old Business

- Awards Banquet (Centreville Elementary, November 9, 2017)
 - i. Food and Decorations: We decided to gather some quotes for the meal for the next meeting. Meal usually consists of 2 meats, 2 sides, salad, bread, dessert, drink and table service for \$10. We usually serve around 250 people.
 - ii. Still Project judges meal: We are also looking for quotes on this. It will be needed on 2 different Saturdays. Meal usually consists of 2 soups, sandwich, and dessert. Plan for 35-50 people total for both days combined.

12. New Business

- a. Fairgrounds Parks - Leroy Chupp is going to put the bricks in. Cody ordered flowers for the parks.
- b. Connie was approached by Natalie Bellaire with concerns that the Mintdale Women's Club has still not received a thank you for the Rabbit Superintendent/Department for their generation donation from last year. Eva said she took care of it today.

13. Adjournment

- Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Teadt

Next Meeting: June 5th, 6:30 p.m., MSUE office