



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
June 5, 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, Jenny Bower, Holly Gregory, Hannah Harless, Nancy Hiemstra, Caitlyn Hughes, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Scott Miracle, Connie Pagels, Joseph Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Craig Ulsh, Barb Weston

Members Excused: Brittany Bogema, Heather Teadt

Members Absent: Keagan Kelley

1. Call the meeting to order- President Ulsh at 6:36pm
2. Pledges were led by Michelle McNamara.
3. President Ulsh asked Michelle McNamara to take notes in Heather's absence.
4. Minutes approved by Bower, seconded by Pagels with corrections: \$4,000 not \$4,000,000 in #8 and generous replacing generation under #13.
5. No correspondence received.
6. Additions to the agenda: Beeker, Weston and Ulsh have additions under Old & New business.
7. Financial Report by Bower.
 - A. Balance at SB&T checking account as of June 6, 2017 is \$51,233.25.
 - B. Bills needing approval include
 - 1.) \$143.34 to Eva for Conservation District supplies
 - 2.) \$450.00 for use of the Burr Oak school bus to MSU for Expo Days
 - 3.) \$96.85 to National 4-H council for notecards
 - 4.) \$39.92 to National 4-H council for supplies to the United Way basket
 - 5.) \$25.00 for tableclothes to Dixie Strawser
 - C. McNamara moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Miracle seconded. Motion carried.
8. Horse Council Report- Miracle reported on the last horse council meeting. Nothing urgent pending.
9. Old Business
 - A. Paper Clover Update- Pagels reported that no final \$ on paper clover drive has been calculated. Will have numbers by next meeting.
 - B. Milk Barn update. Ulsh reported that there will be more of an update at the August meeting. Date for milk barn clean-up will be Monday, August 21st. Pagels will be the point person for the clean-up. Pagels will be checking inventory for "give-aways" and reporting back to Beeker.
 - C. 4-H Development – Beeker
 - 1.) Expo Days Update. 47 individuals going (CCA', members, adults)
 - i. Orientations were successful and all members are ready to go
 - ii. Scott Miracle and Michelle McNamara are the 2017 CCA's for SJC
 - 2.) 4-H Camp Update.
 - i. Dates are July 11, 12, 13
 - ii. Outstanding group of counselors
 - iii. Next camp meeting: June 27th
 - iv. Any visitors to 4-H camp need to "RSVP" with Eva prior to going
 - 3.) Scholarship thank you notes will be written by Exploration Days members/attendees. Eva will coordinate with Expo Days attendees/chaperones.
 - 4.) 2017 Fair books. Pagels moved and Weston seconded the motion to order 200 fair books. Motion passed.

- 5.) Participation Fee raised from \$10 to \$20 per member, with a \$60 family cap.
 - i. Part of the money will go toward liability insurance resulting in a refund from American Life to the Youth Council.
 - ii. Eva indicated MSU requires each county to offer financial support to any family or individual who has a need. MSU also requires 4-H be available to everyone regardless of whether they have paid their participation fee or not. Confidentiality issues will arise as hardship cases will be handled on an individual basis. Beeker will be collecting information on how other counties will be or have been handling this situation. More discussion to follow.
 - iii. VSP leader vetting (background checks, etc.) will now be handled exclusively by MSU on campus. They are increasing the amount and detail of leader checks.
 - iv. Condensed Version: Fees are up (which is bad). MSU will now cover liability insurance and VSP background checks (which is good).
 - D. Silent Auction Basket for United Way is still looking a little sparse. If you have anything MSU or 4-H you would like to add to the bag- you have until the silent auction at the fair to donate.
 - E. Discussion on Network for Good since a donation came in through Kenton Kelly (Abbott Nutrition.) Beeker filled out application and paperwork so additional donations can be accepted as matching funds. Weston led a discussion on Harding's Giving project as a fundraiser. Similar in theory to MPerks at Meijer- 4-H could benefit. Beeker will follow up. Weston/Beeker also shared information on the St. Joseph County Fair "Legacy" fund drive. More information to follow.
 - F. Youth Council Shirts are in- see Ulsh after the meeting.
 - G. Bids are still being accepted for catering for the 1) still exhibit judging at the fair and 2) banquet in November.
 - H. Harless agreed to produce the PowerPoint/slide show at the 2017 banquet.
 - I. LeRoy Chupp will begin work on 7/10/17 for the fairground parks.
 - J. Weston read the draft of the thank you letter she wrote for publication in the Three Rivers and Sturgis papers in appreciation for the community support of the Silent Auction. Council approved the letter and publication.
 - K. Endowment fund update by Beeker. Cannot tap into those funds until May, 2018, not 2017 as previously indicated. When money is available, Beeker will write up a proposal and share it with the youth council. She will take ideas and suggestions, but already has a list of ideas.
 - L. Ulsh followed up on the Cookie-Selling at the milk barn during fair week. He has gotten verbal approval from Bill Johnson, needed council approval before drafting the proposal in writing to fair. Motion was made by Weston, seconded by Bower and passed by the council to sell cookies at the 2017 milk barn.
10. New Business
- A. Bower will be sending a check for \$1,000 to the Sturgis Trophy House as a deposit on the 2017 trophies.
 - B. Still barn updates. Dixie and Ron Benthin will coordinate the set up and organization of the still exhibit barns. Ulsh reported that Tony Hochstetler, a fair employee, is willing to help Ron and Dixie in the building set up. There is no still exhibit superintendent at this point. Beeker wants to include 4-H clubs in the clean-up and set up of the still exhibit barns scheduled for Thursday, August 31st at 5pm. More information to follow.
 - C. 4-H Foundation Accounts. Renewal paperwork was provided by Beeker and the council needed to determine whether we kept our accounts as Capital Growth, or switch to Preservation accounts. Motion by McNamara, seconded by Sackrider to keep the investments in the capital growth account. Motion passed. Eva will bring information on both the youth development fund and the livestock insurance accounts to the next council meeting.
11. Jenny made a motion, seconded by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle McNamara