



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
August 28, 2017
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

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

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

Members Excused: Holly Gregory

1. Call the meeting to order- President Ulsh at 6:37pm
2. Pledges were led by Michelle McNamara
3. Public Comment: None
4. Additions to the Agenda: Michelle added under old business f;, Cody would like to be added New Business d:
5. Minutes from previous meeting (August 7, 2017): Moved by Michelle, seconded by Nancy to approve. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received from Levi Couch for sponsoring a state award that he received.
7. Financial Report by Jenny Bower.
 - a. Balance at Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of August 7, 2017: \$55, 281.90
 - b. Bills needing approval include
 - i. \$85.00 to Eva for Trustees lunch and fair supplies
 - ii. \$1500.00 to TC Appliance for Milk Barn refrigerators
 - iii. \$45.00 to A&K printing for 4-H Dance at the Fair tickets
 - iv. \$420.00 to Bison Graffix for printing on the other side of the still exhibit signs
 - c. Jenny also reported that our Lord Abbott Fund Balance is \$15,319.90 which is our money market account.
 - d. Heather moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills as presented. Caitlyn seconded. Motion carried.
8. Horse Council Report-They meet tomorrow night. Scott stated that there is a big issue about 2 teens showing at fair this year that will be addressed at the Horse Council meeting.
9. Stuff and Stamp Thank you cards to sell at fair. We did 1500 plus.
10. Officer/Committee Reports
 - a. Milk Barn:
 - i. Cookie Update: Nothing new. Regina will deliver fresh every morning. She is making Oatmeal Scotchies, Snickerdoodle and Chocolate Chip for the first order.
 - ii. Clean up Day was August 21st. Only Jenny was there. Connie reported that it was pretty much ready to go, she had a little more she wanted to do.

- iii. Work Schedule: Cody has the work schedule. It will be posted in the milk barn with a phone number of whomever is scheduling the day.
- iv. Health Permit: Jenny has had it for months.
- v. Kubota Rental: Craig got the model and serial number and gave it to Eva for insurance purposes.
- vi. Michael West from Farm Bureau Insurance would like a new sign. He would also like to pay for a special one to honor Loren Carlisle.

11. 4-H Development Report

- a. Barn Spraying – Already talked about at the last 2 or 3 meetings
- b. Participation fee update: Already talked about at the last 3 meetings
- c. 4-H Camp Update: Eva read a report from the kitchen staff, Dennis and Rin Bontrager and Jenny Troyer, camp director.
- d. School promotional Help – Eva asked last month if anyone would be interested in attending local school open houses to pass out 4-H information. She received an invitation from Sturgis schools and Immaculate Conception in Three Rivers.
- e. Golf Cart Rental – Eva secured a golf cart with lights for the same \$100 fee. Heather moved to rent the golf cart for Eva. Michelle seconded. Motion carried.

12. Old Business

- a. Awards Banquet: (Centreville Elementary, Thursday, November 9, 2017)
 - i. Catering: Heather Swinsick of Hip Padders Catering has been contacted with the information on what menu we chose. She and Heather Teadt will get together in October to finalize plans.
 - ii. Power Point presentation: Hannah is working on it and accepting pictures. She and Brittany will work on flyers to pass out at fair reminding members to send her their pictures of fair activities before the banquet so she can include them. She will also post on Youth Council Facebook page. (Reminded her from last month meeting)
 - iii. Speaker- the Youth Council would like Eva to look for a speaker for the banquet
- b. Fair Grounds Parks update: Wendy Walters put up some décor and Barb Weston is replanting flowers that got toasted in the sun.
- c. Still Barn cleaning date: Eva may not need the help. She is using trustees and the JDT program kids to help clean barns and get ready.
- d. Buyer Dinner: Michelle would like us to look at trying to wait to start the buyer dinner until the auction is over so that all the kids have the same opportunities. She also suggested handing out the dinner tickets when the buyers cash out so that way they only go to those that buy, but several members pointed out that we want to honor those that are bidding as well as purchasing. Eva said that the Livestock Committee is looking at Buyer Dinner and hopes to come up with some ideas to make it better.

13. New Business

- a. Idea from Brittany Bogema: Hudsonville fair had a sign with holes for peoples' faces that said "Caught having fun at the Hudsonville fair". She thought it would be a good promotional idea and a fun attraction. Youth Council decided to let her handle the creative side of it and make it happen.
- b. Still Exhibit Barn Help: more help is needed during fair week with the ASK ME crew.
- c. Horse Project Update: Eva stated that there two incidents this last week. One member showed her draft horse in Cass County and registered to show her Non-Draft in Centreville. Eva said the rule is that members may not show the same exhibit at our fair if you showed somewhere else. She called this members' leader and had her call the member. The member's parent called the state 4-h office to get clarification of the rules. Eva was then told by state staff that this member will be allowed to show her non-draft horse at the fair. Another young lady was told that she could not show Gymkhana because she did not notify Shirel Stamper by the date specified that she was riding and did not attend 2 workouts. The young lady thought she had been approved since she had a conversation with Shirel at a show this summer. The member sent a less than professional letter and has since

apologized and explained her frustration. Due to weather conditions, the approval date was postponed to August 29th and the young lady did notify Shirel before that date. Horse Council will hear the complete story from both sides and make a ruling at their meeting on August 29th, 2017.

- d. Cody is organizing the GEO Caching activity at fair with Pam Keeslar. Heather and Michelle pointed out that this event was advertised in the newsletter and stated that it was sponsored by Youth Council when youth council had already decided that we did not want to take it on this year. Eva apologized for the miscommunication and Cody asked for \$150 for notepads, pencils, baggies, lunch tickets and prizes for the participants. They also need approximately 20 volunteers to help run it. Connie moved to approve the \$150 expenditure, Kelsey seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Heather asked about the campus policy on sales tax. Eva pointed out that it is explained in the “Managing Money Wisely” book that was distributed to Organizational Leaders. We were trying to figure out how this policy affected our cookie sales at the milk barn.

14. Adjournment

- Michelle moved to adjourn, Scott seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Teadt

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 2, 2017 6:30 P.M.