



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
December 4 , 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, Nancy Heimstra, Caitlyn Hughes, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Joseph Rambadt, Heather Teadt, Craig Ulsh, Barb Weston.

Members Excused: Holly Gregory, Hannah Harless, Scott Miracle, Connie Pagels and Zach Sackrider

1. Call the meeting to order- President Craig Ulsh at 6:35 p.m.
2. Pledges were led by Michelle McNamara
3. Public Comment: None
4. Additions to the Agenda: none
5. Minutes from previous meeting (November 6, 2017, Michelle McNamara): Moved by Heather, seconded by Michelle to approve. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received: Thank you from Keystone for donation of leftovers from banquet
7. Financial Report by Jenny Bower.

Balance in Sturgis Bank and Trust Checking account as of December 4, 2017: \$54,209.51

Bills needing approval include

- a. \$63.83 reimbursement to Heather Teadt for Drinks and Supplies for Banquet
- b. \$1660.11 to Livestock Association
 - 2 Mason jars \$22.25
 - 2016 Fair Thank you Cards \$237.97 (Tonya said she forgot to bill last year)
 - 2017 Fair Thank you Cards \$335.94
 - T-shirt for United Way basket \$11.50
 - Award Certificates \$43.35
 - Wrist bands for Camp \$7.80
 - 2017 Fair Passes for Donors 313 @ \$3.00 each for a total of \$939.00. Heather asked why this was the first we heard about this when Eva was told in February that 4-H was going to be charged for these. Eva reported that she thought she had a donor for them, but the donor never came through.
 - 2017 Fair Payroll overages of \$62.30 to Deanna Mumby
- c. Insurance for Milk Barn trailer for one year \$398. Eva was asked to check that to see if it is accurate and if so, look for cost comparisons to switch.

Nancy moved to pay the bills as presented. Kelsey seconded. Motion carried.

8. Horse Council Report-Diane ZInsmaster reported that they are reviewing their constitution and the fair book. Show bills will be next. A few leaders resigned, so 2 clubs were disbanded, Stirrup Fun and Sauwaseebee. They now have 4 clubs total.
9. Officer/Committee Reports
 - a. Fundraiser – Cody Baker
Cody stated that she had nothing to report. YC members reminded her of plans for Silent Auction to be held at the Home and Garden show on April 20 & 21, 2018. Cody needs to check on reservations for the space and start working on securing items.

10. 4-H Development Report

- a. Enrollment Update/Leader: Eva stated that she doesn't know where we are as far as numbers yet for this year versus last year. Most clubs are in except Barnyard Buddies, leader is Sandy Summey. Eva doesn't think there has been a big change in enrollment due to the fee being raised from \$10 to \$20 per member.
- b. Livestock member meetings – Dates are as follows for December
December 7th 2017 - Poultry Livestock required meeting, 6:30 p.m. ISD
December 11, 2017 – PQA , 6:30 p.m. Glen Oaks Community College
December 14, 2017 – Goat Livestock required meeting, 6:30 p.m., ISD
December 27, 2017 – Beef Livestock required meeting, 6:30 p.m., Centreville Elementary Library
- c. Organizational Leaders Meeting – December 13, 2017 6:30 at MSUE office
- d. United Way Grant Presentation – Jenny and Eva are working on the application
- e. Jacie King has been selected to attend the State Youth Leadership Conference

11. Old Business

- a. Awards Banquet Wrap Up: Speaker was not well received, program seemed unorganized, way too many teens to serve although teen attendance was fabulous and participation was great, food was excellent with Hip Padders Catering
- b. Youth Council Ballots went out today. Some members and leaders were concerned that nominations did not go out in the mail and the email was sent the day they were due or the day before they were due back to the Extension Office. The ballot for the East side of the county for Adult members reads Cody Baker, Julie Carpenter, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, and Virginia Trattles. Teen members on the ballot are Lucas Carpenter, Caitlynn Hughes, Emily Mead, Andy Rambadt, and Zackary Sackrider. The ballot for the West side of the county for Adult members reads Samantha Hoekstra and Barb Weston. There were no teens on the ballot from the west side of the county. Nancy Heimstra's name was accidentally left off the ballot. She may be written in.

12. New Business

- a. TSC Paper Clove sale: Connie not here so no report
- b. Fair book updates: Superintendents received the information from post fair meetings to look over so that changes can be made to fair book. Still project post fair meeting has not occurred yet.
- c. Club financial review date: Monday, December 18th, 5:30 p.m., MSUE Office
- d. Buyer dinner follow up: Michelle asked to speak about the buyer dinner follow up and offer a few more suggestions. She was verbally attacked by two members of Youth Council and a guest. Heather tried to clarify why Michelle was asking and what the Youth Council's interest is as we represent the leaders and members of our county that have shared their desire to see changes. She too was told that she "didn't have any skin in the game and needed to mind her own business". The meeting became completely unprofessional with verbal attacks and members being told to shut up. At this point, Michelle and Heather decided to leave the meeting.

13. Adjournment

According to President, Craig Ulsh, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Teadt

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 8, 2018, 6:30 P.M., MSU Extension OFFICE