



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
January 8, 2018
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

President: Jenny Baker
Vice President: Cody Baker
Secretary: Michelle McNamara
Treasurer: Julie Carpenter
Deputy Treasurer: Virginia Trattles
Media: Brittany Bogema

Members Present: Cody Baker, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Brittany Bogema, Jenny Bower, Julie Carpenter, Luke Carpenter, Samantha Hoekstra, Caitlynn Hughes, Holly Gregory, Kelsey Kulpinski, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Emily Mead, Andrew Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Virginia Trattles, Barb Weston.

Members Excused: Nancy Hiemstra

1. Call the meeting to order- Vice President Cody Baker 6:31pm.
2. Pledges were led by Andrew Rambadt and Caitlynn Hughes
3. Public Comment: No guests in attendance, no public comment.
4. Additions to the Agenda: Brittany added "Milk barn trailer repair" under new business.
5. Minutes from previous meeting (December 4, 2017): Moved by Jenny Bower, seconded by Virginia to approve minutes with correction to 12 a: from Clove to Clover. Motion carried.
6. No correspondence received.
7. Financial Report by Jenny Bower.
 - a. Balance at Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of December 4, 2017: \$54,209.51
 - b. Bills needing approval include;
 - i. \$42.50 Jacie King for her upcoming trip to SYLC program pending verification of attendance.
 - ii. \$279.05 St. Joseph County for August-December postage.
 - iii. \$86.18 to Farm Bureau Insurance for new (adjusted/lowered) insurance
 - c. Holly moved to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills (holding Jacie King's check until she has attended SYLC and reported back to the 4-H office as is typically done in scholarship situations) as presented. Brittany seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Horse Council Report - No report available.
9. 4-H Development Report
 - a. Fundraiser Update: Cody reported that she recently met with Kim Haller and that the Gateway Shopper/Sturgis Journal are still up in the air about their involvement and participation with the Home & Garden Expo at the fairgrounds. Cody then gave a brief history on this fundraiser and what new members could expect. The expo is scheduled for April 20th and 21st this year and after a discussion on the event and our options, Michelle made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$600 to secure a spot and participate in the 2018 event with the understanding that if the amount is over \$600 the topic will be brought back up for discussion at the next meeting. Jenny Bower seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. Eva reminded all member that many leaders in our county have not yet filled out their online application/form for 2018. Discussion ensued about where the confirmations come from and how club organizational leaders need to be involved. A confirmation will be sent out once you have been approved, so please check your online application to see if you are approved or pending.
 - c. Upcoming required leader meetings are January 16th and February 21st - both at 6:30pm at the Nora Hagen Theater of Glen Oaks Community College. Leaders must attend one of these meetings to receive their leader pass for the fair.
 - d. Eva reported that she and Jenny Bower are currently working on the United Way grant and are hoping to get it completed by the deadline - but is not confident they will make it. Updates will come in February.
10. Old Business
 - Club financial reviews were done and 5 clubs attended-all were approved.
11. New Business
 - a. TSC Clover Sale: Connie reported that the sale was BAD this year. Profits this year were \$809.20- far less than previous years. Eva indicated that 70% of the profit stays with St. Joseph County 4-H, in our account on campus and the other 30% is divided between MSU and National 4-H.

- b. Fair Book Update: Eva indicated there will be MANY updates to the fair book due to feedback received from the livestock post-fair meetings and these changes are still somewhat up in the air. Pending new rules or information that comes out of additional meetings (like the still exhibit meeting that is scheduled for February 8th) the books are still in the process of being updated.
 - c. Officer Training. Options for this training were discussed and it was decided that official officer training be held every other year, but that a specialized treasurer training needed to take place due to new rules and regulations through MSU. This training will take place on Monday, January 29th at 6:30pm at the MSUE office in Centreville.
 - d. Jenny Bower brought up the code of conduct that was signed by all youth council members and reminded us that the December meeting did not reflect well on this policy. The code was read aloud, and members were encouraged to be civil when speaking with one another and to remember that the President can and will keep the meetings orderly - even if that means asking visitors to leave. Members were asked to think about this policy before making unkind or unnecessary remarks.
 - e. Office Elections. The following individuals were nominated for each 4-H Youth Council office, with the winner underlined and in bold.
 - i. President: **Jenny Bower** & Virginia Trattles
 - ii. Vice President: **Cody Baker** & Virginia Trattles
 - iii. Secretary: **Michelle McNamara** & Kelsey Kulpinski
 - iv. Treasurer: Virginia Trattles, Jennifer Mead-Bennett & **Julie Carpenter**
 - v. Media: **Brittany Bogema**
 - vi. Jr. Secretary: **Zach Sackrider** & Emily Mead
 - vii. Jr. Treasurer: **Andrew Rambadt** & Lucas Carpenter
 - viii. Jr. Media: Emily Mead, Caitlyn Hughes, **Lucus Carpenter**
 - ix. Upon winning the Treasurer election, Julie appointed **Virginia Trattles** as her deputy treasurer.
 - f. Scholarship committee - tabled until February meeting.
 - g. Budget - Thursday, January 18th at the ISD beginning at 6:00 p.m. will be the budget committee meeting as well as the year-end financial review.
 - h. 4-H Camp meeting - tabled until February meeting.
 - i. Trophy selection discussion bloomed into quite the exciting portion of the meeting with everyone from leaders and teens sharing their desire to change from the traditional trophy ordering in 2018. Eva discussed the potential financial ramifications of reducing or eliminating many of our trophies and we might risk losing donors. Michelle made a motion that a committee be formed to discuss viable options for improving our current trophy situation and have the results of an updated letter ready to disperse at the February meeting. Brittany seconded the motion and the committee of Kelsey, Barb, Jennifer, Julie, Lucus, Emily and Holly will meet on January 30th at 6:30 pm at the SJC ISD. Brittany made a motion that she develop a Survey Monkey (originally at Eva's suggestion) so that members and leaders throughout the county could offer suggestions and feedback for the newly formed fair recognition reorganization committee. Kelsey seconded this motion. Motion carried.
12. Adjournment
- Jenny Bower moved to adjourn, Brittany seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle McNamara, Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.