



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 5, 2018
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville MI 49032

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

1. President Bower called the meeting to order at @6:43pm after each member had an opportunity to look through Trophy displays provided by The Trophy House and Crown Trophy.
2. Pledges were led by Luke.
3. Members Present: Cody Baker, Jenny Bower, Nancy Hiemstra, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Andy Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Caitlynn Hughes, Barb Weston, Luke Carpenter, Virginia Trattles, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Emily Mead, Julie Carpenter

Members Absent/Excused: Brittany Bogema, Holly Gregory, Samantha Hoekstra

4. Public Comment- Connie Pagels and Caitlynn Hughes mentioned a desire to participate in the hay bale activity mentioned by fair board member Tom Miller last month. Barb will personally chat with a member of the Grange Fair association and report back to the council, as this was a suggestion from the fair board and not something brought forward by the youth council.
5. Additions to the agenda- None.
6. February minutes were approved by Jennifer seconded by Cody with the addition of Wendy Walters last name being added.
7. Correspondence was received from Jacie King thanking the Youth Council for her scholarship to the Global Citizenship Seminar.
8. Financial Report by Julie Carpenter, Treasurer. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of March 5, 2018 is \$51,628.68
9. Bills needing approval
 - a. A & K Printing and Pools for \$20.00
 - b. Eva Beeker \$27.84 for Snacks for Exploration Days
 - c. Michigan 4-H Foundation \$100 for State AwardsVirginia made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the outstanding bills, with Luke seconding the motion. Motion approved.
10. Horse Council Report- They meet tomorrow night.
11. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Silent Auction- Wendy went over the donation instructions for the Silent Auction. Donations should begin coming in ASAP (some have already started!)
 - b. Milk Barn Cash Register Update- Dixie Strawser has donated a cash register for use during the Milk Barn. It is in need of a few parts, which will be ordered by Eva. The council discussed using the register at the silent auction, no action is planned.
12. 4-H Development Report
 - a. 4th Grade Conservation Tour is scheduled for April 17th and 18th. If anyone is available to help wrap trees on the Monday night prior to the tour, please join us at the fairgrounds at 6pm. It was suggested by Wendy Walters that we use that night to help set up tables for the silent auction if the barn is clean in time. The council supported the idea and Cody agreed to contact Kim Haller about using fairground tables for the event. If you can help Eva with the Conservation Tour, please contact her.
 - b. The United Way has decided to fund \$6,000 from the \$7,500 grant we submitted. They would prefer a large portion go to the babysitting seminar being offered in county.

- c. Approximately 1200 thank you notes need to be purchased for this year's fair. Barb made a motion, Michelle seconded to approve this purchase. Motion carried.
 - i. County Endowment Fund update from Eva. Eva suggested that we use a portion of the County Endowment fund to help start up a Texting system that would be countywide and used as another avenue to update leaders, members and volunteers on 4-H related items. Eva agreed to come back next month with solid figures and the council members would then be willing to bring the item back up for a vote.
- d. Contracts for the Milk Barn, 4-H camp and Home and Garden Expo/Silent Auction have been signed by campus.
- e. St. Joseph County had 6 members apply for state awards in 2018. We will have confirmation of those names and their status at the next meeting.

13. Old Business

- a. 7 members from St. Joseph County have applied to attend the Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp.
- b. Michelle McNamara has collected sizes and color preferences from our teens for 2018 Youth Council shirts. Tonight is the last night for adults to order their shirts as well. Orders will be placed tomorrow.
- c. Awards Banquet Update. Eva will follow up with Ginny in the MSUE office to check prices on the Covered Bridge Farm and Michelle will double check the information for using Centreville Elementary School. Will come back next month to make decisions.
- d. 4-H Camp Director Jenny Troyer recently resigned, and we are still in need of additional counselors. A letter will be mailed looking for a new director. Please encourage responsible 15 year olds (and older) to consider applying to become a 4-H camp counselor in 2018.
- e. New Leader Interview Dates: Tuesday, March 27 @ 5:15pm and Monday, April 16th @ 5:15pm. The following Youth Council members volunteered to sit in on those interviews. Those YC members are; Cody, Holly, Virginia, Jenny, Nancy, Barb and Dixie.
- f. The budget was handed out last month, some adjustments were made to accommodate for increased expenditures and revenues as well as decreased revenues and expenditures in other areas. Michelle made a motion, Andy seconded to approve the balanced budget as presented. Motion passed.
- g. Trophy and Award donor letters will be going out tomorrow! These are replacing the 3-ring binders and call lists from previous years.

14. New Business

- a. Fair passes for our 4-H donors were discussed. A motion was made by Jennifer, seconded by Cody to amend the youth council scholarship amounts from \$7,000 \$5,750 and use that difference to fund the donor fair passes for 2018. Motion passed.
 - b. Home & Garden Show 4-H Display (Commodity Carnival) was discussed and Cody made a motion, seconded by Kelsey to NOT set this up during the Home & Garden Show. Motion Carried.
 - c. Award Presentation Decision- after ample voting and elimination of items- a selection was made to go with the Gold Cup Black Marble Base trophy items from The Trophy House. The vote was for wooden plaques from The Trophy House- black frame with gold lettering which will nicely match the trophies.
15. A motion was made by Jennifer, seconded by Zachary to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Motion approved.

Next Meeting Date: March 26th, 2018, 6:30pm., MSUE office (April Meeting)