



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 26, 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. Call the meeting to order at 6:38pm.
2. Pledges were led by Shawn McNamara.
3. Members Present: Cody Baker, Jenny Bower, Nancy Hiemstra, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Brittany Bogema, Holly Gregory, Barb Weston, Samantha Hoekstra, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Emily Mead  
Members Absent: Andy Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Caitlynn Hughes  
Members Excused: Lucas Carpenter, Julie Carpenter, Virginia Trattles.
4. Public Comment- none.
5. Additions to the agenda Cody wants to add more information on the Hay Bale idea to 13g.
6. A motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting (March 5, 2018 ) was made by Emily, seconded by Kelsey. Motion approved.
7. Correspondence received- none.
8. No official financial report due to Julie's absence. Eva reported bills that need approval;
  - a. \$119.88 National 4-H Council for decorative buntings.
  - b. Tyler Miller requested a scholarship for Kettunen Center in the amount of \$42.50.
  - c. Milk Barn deposit of \$100 (liability insurance) needs to be submitted to the Fair as well.
  - d. Eva needs a \$300 check for a fishing trip for the silent auction Rod Master out of Ludington.
9. Cody made a motion to approve the outstanding bills. Seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

Eva reported that we have \$65,536.95 in our St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Development Fund through the Michigan 4-H Foundation investment fund. We have never pulled money out of this account, but Eva wanted to report on the updated financials.

Eva also reported that we have just over \$12,000 in our Carrol J. & Elaine Haas Endowment fund through the Michigan 4-H Foundation investment fund. Brittany made a motion, second by Michelle to leave this account alone since we can only draw \$150 out of the account.

Lastly, Eva reported that we have a balance of \$57,076.14 in our St. Joseph County 4-H County Youth Development Endowment Fund through the Michigan 4-H Foundation investment fund. Eva will be coming to the May meeting to request a \$1,014.00 distribution from this account. Discussion was tabled until the May 4-H Youth Council Meeting.

10. The horse council will not be meeting during the month of April.
11. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Silent Auction- Cody reported that we need to provide our own tables for the silent auction. Eva indicated that Ron Benthin will be willing to meet members of our committee at the 4-H office (at the fairgrounds) to unlock/unchain them. The council called Ron during the meeting to see if he was available on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm to help with moving the tables. Holly and Wendy will coordinate this event.
    - i. Help- Cody and Wendy passed around sign-up sheets for individuals to volunteer during the silent auction. She reminded the members to continue collecting donations. Tonya helped to develop

new signs for donations. Flyers are available for all members as well. Cody has been talking with Legends out of Grand Rapids for sports memorabilia and asked the youth council for their input.

12. 4-H Development Report

- a. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour is scheduled on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-2:15pm.
- b. CWF update. One of our male delegates is unable to attend, so the youth council supported sending our 1<sup>st</sup> male alternate. Motion by Brittany seconded by Kelsey. Motion approved. Michigan has 2 openings on the CWF trip and St. Joseph County had 2 additional alternates. Brittany approved, Kelsey seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- c. Expo Days Update- we have almost 50 kids going this year!
- d. Eva updated us on the County Endowment Fund monies for the text system. St. Joseph County is piloting this system right now and will continue to update eventually. Eva does have a list of expenditures that we could use the endowment fund on if we do not need it for the text system.
- e. Eva reported that she is required to do an expansion review committee. She suggested that we have our regular May meeting, and then hold our expansion review meeting after our regular May Youth Council meeting. Please come to the May meeting with ideas on how we can expand new programming.
- f. Eva reported on Harvest for all. 5 clubs participated with Farmtastic winning 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Town & Country came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Rolling Clovers came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the Lucky and CloverBot clubs for also participating.

13. Old Business

- a. Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp applicants- no update.
- b. Youth Council Shirts- Michelle updated that the orders has been placed and the items will be in by our Silent Auction.
  - i. Awards Banquet November 8, 2018. Both the Covered Bridge Farm Park and Centreville Elem Gym are available. Cody made a motion to have the 2018 event at Centreville. Barb seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council discussed catering options and encouraged members to bring back quotes by the June meeting.
- c. 4-H Camp Update- we are still looking for a male camp counselor and a camp director. Cody Baker has been approached to serve as the director- discussions continue.
- d. New Leader Interview Dates: Tuesday, March 27, 5:15 p.m. and Monday, April 16, 5:15 p.m. Jenny will be in charge of the first day of interviews in Eva's absence.
- e. Donor Letters went out and are coming back in. We are ready to deposit funds!
- f. Cody called Bill Johnson and got additional details about the "Hay Bale" decoration idea that Connie and Caitlynn revisited during the last meeting. The council indicated that we would be happy to encourage 4-H participation once information is clarified through the fair board.

14. New Business

- a. TSC Spring Paper Clover Sale – April 11-22, 2018. CloverBots have committed a full Saturday in Sturgis. Connie will once again head this up and Eva will talk with her about details.
- b. United Way upcoming events include a Golf Outing on May 11<sup>th</sup> and a radio-a-thon on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6am to midnight. Eva will be out of town during the radio event, Emily will participate on behalf of the 4-H Youth Council at this event.

15. Brittany made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26, with second by Shawn. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2018, 6:30p.m., MSUE office**