



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
May 7, 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 6:32pm.
2. Pledges were led by Luke.
3. Members Present: Jenny Bower, Brittany Bogema, Luke Carpenter, Julie Carpenter, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra, Caitlynn Hughes, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Emily Mead, Andy Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Virginia Trattles and Barb Weston.
Members Absent: Cody Baker, Holly Gregory
4. Public Comment- Brian Oswalt- Oakleaf Financial made a brief presentation regarding our investments.
 - a. Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Kelsey to keep the investments in American funds for 3-5 years unless otherwise needed. Motion carried.
5. Additions to the agenda – none specified.
6. A motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting (March 26, 2018) was made by Jennifer, seconded by Brittany. Motion approved.
7. Correspondence received from the following individuals:
 - a. Michigan 4-H Foundation for our \$100 donation toward the 2018 State Awards
 - b. Shawn McNamara for his 4-H Scholarship
 - c. Loren King for his 4-H Scholarship
 - d. Jenna Beeker for her 4-H Scholarship
 - e. Hannah Harless for her 4-H Scholarship
 - f. Brady Littlefield for his 4-H Scholarship
 - g. Katie Walters for her 4-H Scholarship
 - h. Jacie King for us choosing her for the upcoming CWF trip.
 - i. St. Joseph County United Way...asking for a donation for the upcoming silent auction.
 - j. Correspondence from Flagstar Bank asking about business savings account.
8. Julie Carpenter reported the beginning balance: \$49,711.12.
Bills that have been recently paid:
 - a. Angie King \$42.50
 - b. Home & Garden Show \$400
 - c. Camp Fort Hill \$100
 - d. Eva Beeker (Expo Days = \$27.84)
 - e. Michigan Foundation \$100
 - f. A & K Printing \$20
 - g. MSU \$1,350- (CWF)
 - h. Zoe Bungart - \$500
 - i. Rod Masters \$300 (auction fishing trip)
 - j. Petty Cash (auction) \$300
(Total Expenses \$3,240.34)
Bills that need approval
 - k. A & K (postage) \$75.00
 - l. Cardinal Buses \$1,648.50- Expo Days bus
 - m. Lori Bowdish \$362.50
 - n. Fairgrounds \$100 (milk barn contract)
 - o. 4-H National Council for \$192.07.
 - p. Tyler Miller \$42.50.

- q. Cody Baker \$470 (silent auction reimbursement)
- r. St. Joseph County (postage) \$215.39
- s. Eva Beeker \$369.63 (meals for recent events)

Ending balance as of May 7, 2018 is **\$74,238.18**. Kelsey moved to approve all bills that need to be paid, seconded by Nancy. Motion passed.

The council was given information on an opportunity to participate in the 100 women who care event, and after much discussion the council decided not to participate this year.

Eva brought it to our attention that an envelope with checks dated from last year which should have been deposited was recently located. The Youth Council will attempt to deposit the checks, but many of these checks are more than 180 days old. If they cannot be deposited, the individuals will be contacted personally to explain the situation.

- 9. Eva reported that everything at the horse council is going along just fine. Recent discussion has taken place at the livestock association about the rule regarding wearing of awards (clothing, halters, etc.) and the equine program wants to be exempt from the current rule that does not allow wearing of these items- livestock association continues the conversation. Further information will follow.

10. Officer/Committee report

- a. Silent Auction- Wrap up. Cody was not here for the update, but Barb reported things went well. More organized than in the past- the numbers were solid and everyone worked very hard. Nearly 400 items were brought in. Brittany mentioned issues surfaced with the telephone-call in bids. We will look into that for next year's silent auction. Kelsey also mentioned there were questions on whether or not Youth Council members were personally bidding after public votes were submitted at 3pm. This will also be looked at in preparation for next year. The general consensus was if any bids were written down after 4pm, it was a correction bid or a bid from a phone call or text to go onto the board.

11. 4-H Development Report

- a. 4th Grade Conservation Tour went well – terrible weather. Eva reported that several schools actually canceled due to the cold- but it was a great tour and the participation was outstanding!
- b. CWF Update: One of the original selectees had to drop out, so Regan Barrington, who was an original alternate, will be going along with Abby McNamara and Jacie King. The state has asked St. Joseph County to send a female chaperone at a cost \$1,450. Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Luke to pay \$1,087.50 toward a chaperone. Michelle McNamara will serve as the chaperone and pay the remaining \$362.50 of the trip out of pocket.
- c. Expo Days Update: A charter bus has been secured since our numbers have increased beyond the capacity of a school bus. We currently have 53 members enrolled-not including chaperones. The bus cost was approximately \$1648 for the trip. Barb has secured \$800 in donations for sponsorships of the charter bus. Michelle made a motion that the Youth Council cover the remainder of the expenses for the chartered bus. Jennifer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- d. County Endowment Fund: The free remind text-alert system has been working, so the money the Youth Council allocated for the texting system can now be used for other items. Brittany made a motion to use the endowment fund money for the bus, the Friday night dance at the fair and the fair frenzy event. Barb seconded. Motion carried.
- e. 4-H Age Policy: An email was sent out from Michigan State University indicating at the beginning of the program year 2018-2019 the 4-H age will be 8-19. For St. Joseph County, these changes will be reflected in the enrollment for our September 2019 fair. Clover Buds will remain 6 and 7 year olds.
- f. Fair books have been ordered. Last year we spent over \$400 on Fair books, and because costs increased to \$419.70, books are for sale for \$3.00 each. They will be at the extensive office by May 18, 2018.
- g. Youth Council June date change: Kelsey made a motion to change the June meeting from Monday, June 4th- to Monday, June 11th at 6:00pm . The earlier time will allow for time at the beginning to look at trophy choices and it will also include the expansion and review committee after adjournment of the regular June Youth Council Meeting. Julie seconded. Motion carried.
- h. United Way is doing their radio-a-thon on Thursday, May 24th -Cody and Emily will participate. The United Way golf outing is Friday, May 11th.

12. Old Business

- a. Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp applicants- no update or information from Eva.
- b. Youth Council Shirts- Michelle ordered them immediately after the last meeting, picked them up and delivered them to the 4-H office. Eva handed them out and gave the invoice to Julie.
 - i. Awards Banquet November 8, 2018 at the Centreville Elementary gym.
 - ii. Jennifer brought in a quote for the awards banquet catering- other quotes should go to Eva and will be looked at during a future meeting closer to the November banquet.
- c. 4-H Camp Update- Ashley Hasbrouck, a former 4-H member and new leader will be stepping into the role as camp director. We are still looking for one male camp counselor.
- d. Donor letters -nearly 2/3 of these have come back! Brittany made a motion that Barb would draft a follow up letter to donors who have yet to respond to the first letter. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried.
- e. Trophy decision: Eva went back to the Sturgis Trophy House and brought the items to the meeting. The council discussed the trophy selection and decided we ARE going to go with the trophy house, but we want a different selection of trophies to choose from. Eva will arrange for him to be here at the June 11th youth council meeting.
- f. Barb made a motion that we give Jennifer the directive to order the cups for just the showmanship awards. Shawn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13. New Business

- a. TSC Spring Paper Clover Sale – Connie Pagels organized the event and several youth and clubs participated. JoAnn fabrics and Family Farm and Home stores also support 4-H with similar fundraising activities.
- b. United Way has a flyer for the silent auction (see correspondence above) Jennifer made a motion to put together a gift basket with an approximate value of \$100 with a second by Luke. Shawn McNamara graciously volunteered to head up the shopping and organizing of this purchase.

14. Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm, with second by Zack. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: June 11, 2018, 6:00p.m., MSUE office * NOTE time and date change*