



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
August 6, 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 6:36pm.
2. Pledges were led by Jenny.
3. Members Present: Jenny Bower, Brittany Bogema, Luke Carpenter, Julie Carpenter, Nancy Hiemstra, Samantha Hoekstra, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Shawn McNamara, Jennifer Mead- Bennett, Emily Mead, Andy Rambadt, Virginia Trattles and Barb Weston.  
Members Absent: Holly Gregory, Caitlynn Hughes, Zach Sackrider
  - a. Public Comment- None
4. Additions to the agenda – none specified.
5. A motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting (June 25<sup>th</sup>) was made by Virginia, seconded by Julie. Motion approved.
6. Correspondence received from the following individuals:
  - a. Liz Vincent- thank you for support of her State Award.
7. Julie Carpenter reported the beginning balance: \$62,148.55
  - a. Total expenses were \$8,509.07
  - b. Total deposits were \$2,608.81

Bills that need approval

  - c. \$749.50 to Camp Fort Hill for 4-H Camp
  - d. Showmanship Banners LTW Apparel- \$525.00 ( ½ now, ½ upon delivery)

Eva let the council know our mutual fund was moved from Lord Abbot and into Raymond James. Current balance sits at \$15,396.05. All of the transfer information was finalized on 7/26/18. Monthly statements will be coming now instead of quarterly.  
Ending balance as of August 3, 2018 is \$56,240.30. Kelsey moved to approve all bills that need to be paid, seconded by Nancy. Motion passed.  
Jennifer made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the outstanding bills. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.
8. Eva reported that everything at the horse council is going along just fine, they meet again tomorrow.
9. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Silent Auction- The council decided that hand writing all the thank you notes to our donors is the best course of action. Cody will be stopping at Wendy's house to get the thumb drive so we have an updated list of donors to divide up.
  - b. Milk Barn Information:
    - i. Prices: Cody gave an update on the prices, they are nearly the same as in 2017. Cedar Crest Dairy is where we get our milk and the council supported ordering roughly the same quantities that we did in 2017. Eva gave an update on the milk cooler, the cooling experts think it is fine.
    - ii. Milk Barn Schedule: Cody gave us an update on when we have gaps. Barb is willing to visit tomorrow night's Horse Council meeting to ask them to cover on Tuesday.
    - iii. Cookies: Cody talked to Brookside for the cookies this year- they will make them at the same cost of 2017 and individually wrapped. Same quantities as 2017 with Cody making a list of those willing to buy extras – similar to the milk barn extras.
    - iv. Milk Barn Clean Up: Scheduled for just prior to the August 27<sup>th</sup> youth council meeting at 5pm. Please bring a scrub brush, broom, paint brush, rollers. Luke has volunteered to power wash before 8/25. Pizza will be provided at the Youth Council meeting.

- v. Give-Aways: Eva received a grant for \$500 and was able to order some basic milk barn freebies. So, essentially, freebies are handled. Brittany will fix any issues on the photo op board and have it "fair ready" in time!
- vi. Cash Register: We have 2 that are identical. One donated by Dixie, the other was donated by Cody and it has instructions and details. It needs to be programed prior to the fair so we can use it for strong bookkeeping and record keeping of the milk barn. Eva will have someone program it for our use.

#### 10. 4-H Development Report

- a. 4-H Camp: Reports from Bontragers and Ashley Hasbrouck. Everyone had positive things to say. 33 kids attended. It was suggested we take a look at the age of attendees in 2019.
- b. Buyer Dinner: Livestock Association will meet on Monday. Significant changes will be made. It will be changed from a dinner to a luncheon for 2018. Eva will give us more details at the next meeting. Many youth council members volunteered to bring items that Joan Lindsley needed for the buyer lunch.
- c. Barn Spraying: Scheduled for September 4-6<sup>th</sup>. No one can be in or near barns for 48 hours!
- d. Golf Cart Rental: Eva asked for approval of the golf cart for her use during fair week. Jenny contacted Bart's carts immediately and he will handle getting Eva the cart she needs. Barb made a motion that the youth council pay for this golf cart. Julie seconded. Motion carried.
- e. School Promotional Help: Eva asked if there was interest in helping with the upcoming area open houses. Dates will be coming through email from Eva.

#### 11. Old Business

- a. Great Lakes Natural Resources: 6 kids from St. Joseph County are currently there. Bill will be arriving once the members return from the camp.
- b. Awards Banquet: Still set for November 8<sup>th</sup> @ Centreville Elementary Gym. Three quotes came in and the council compared each. The winning bid went to Virginia Trattles at \$12 per person which includes toss salad, cheesy potatoes, 2 meats, chicken & noodles green beans, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee & punch as well as all paper products. Barb made the motion that we go with Virginia Trattles for catering, seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried.
  - i. Brittany is willing to pull together the slideshow; please send 4-H pictures from throughout the year to her. Eva reminded us that some members have NOT signed their media release forms so we should all be careful when postings pictures.
- c. Donor Letters: The 2<sup>nd</sup> letters have gone out with a few checks coming back in. Less than 100 donor letters are still out.
- d. United Way Basket: Shawn and Michelle presented the basket that they put together to donate to the United Way Silent Auction. They will drop it off at the United Way headquarters in the next 2 weeks. If ANYONE has something to add to the basket; get it to Shawn before next Monday at 9pm. Basket cost about \$35 to pull together (official bill will be presented at next meeting) Value of the basket was set at approximately \$50-75!
- e. Park Benches: The order was placed recently. The quote amount is \$21,179.18 for all 36. A few donations are coming from a variety of clubs, livestock association, horse council, etc. for \$200 each for benches. Michelle made a motion that the youth council donate \$200 for a bench. Seconded by Nancy. Motion carried. These should be delivered by September 10<sup>th</sup> to the fairgrounds. These weigh 130 pounds each and have a 50 year guarantee. Brittany made a motion to sell the old benches for \$25 each. Seconded by Nancy. Motion Carried. Cash-n-Carry only with them being advertised on the Facebook page!
- f. Hay Bale Contest: The event is happening at the 2018 fair, but the Youth Council is not handling this event. Handouts were given to Youth Council Members.

#### 12. New Business

- a. United Way upcoming events are going on over the next few weeks.
- b. Jim Fairchild Award deadline to apply is October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage applications!
- c. Fairground Park updates have been made by Barb Weston. She filled up all the planters and really made this area look spectacular. The Youth Council shared their appreciation to Barb for all her hard work!

d. Still Barn Clean Up is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> if you are available- please stop by the fairgrounds.

13. Brittany made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm, with second by Andy. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Meet at the fairgrounds to help clean the milk barn. Pizza and meeting held at the Extension Office immediately following.**