



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
April 1, 2024  
MSU Extension Office

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Media: Emily Redmond  
Junior Media: Grace Sturgill

1. Call the meeting to order - President, Sara Trattles at 6:30 pm
2. Pledges - Everyone present.
3. Members Present - Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Craig Ulsh, Scott Miracle, Julie Bruce, Nancy Mangus, Kayla Irelan, Grace Sturgill, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, HallieAnn Holtz, Miley Holden, Ava Sowards-Haack, Keegan New  
- Members not present - Sarah Jane Carpenter, Ed Klein, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter
4. Public Comment - Kris Kirsch introduced herself and present for meeting as fair liaison.
5. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda - Add 12e regarding Patty Bender Scholarship and 14b for new printed fair book proposal.
6. Minutes from previous meeting (March 4, 2024), Kayla Irelan, Secretary – Billy motions approval, Craig seconds. Motion passed.
7. Correspondence Received - Letter from trophy vendor.
8. Financial report - Tarina Jansen, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of February 29, 2024 - \$52,245.57
    - i. Fritz Scholarship money moved to own account with a balance of \$12,138.75. Will reflect the balance in checking on next month's report.
9. Bills needing approval/review
  - a. \$120 to the Kelley family and \$50 to Kayla Irelan for reimbursement for partial payments to Exploration Days. Craig motions approval, Nancy seconds. Motion passed.
  - b. \$81 to Kayla Irelan for reimbursement of Ice Cream Social supplies. Craig motions approval, Billy seconds. Motion passes.
10. Officer/Committee Report
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Milk Barn - 2024 contract with fair needs finalized. \$400 charge waved for future use. Paint door and inside before fair this year?
    - ii. Donor sheets - Need stuffed/sent out
  - b. Parks/Fairgrounds
    - i. Plans for improvements for 2024 - Barn 43 and 44 signs measured, and Sara sent an email for quote. Flagpole and wooden signs need to be taken down. The lighted sign that sits outside arena needs to go to

Bison Laser to get new lettering put on. Need to make contact with superintendent of Dog Club if they want to volunteer to tend to the park areas again this year.

- c. County Awards Feedback - Positive comments and many liked the Ice Cream Social. Need to decide if we want to keep doing county awards in spring or with fall leader/donor banquet. Grace will do a face book poll to help decide if we keep them separate.
    - i. Kayla M states a call was received by a parent of a 4-H youth to submit their essay for state awards and Kayla explained we already had our banquet and chose the winner for our county. Kayla I motions to give a Runner Up Certificate to the youth after viewing essay, Craig seconds. Motion passes.
  - d. 4-H camp - 1 counselor from Branch County enrolled. Registration opens mid-April.
  - e. Exploration Days Registration - 19 campers andw2 chaperones signed up. Still need a male chaperone.
11. 4-H Development Report - Kayla Mitchell
- a. Horse Council Update - Donor letters need sent out and show bills are finalized. Julie is working on hiring judges. Youth attended Hippology and received 4<sup>th</sup> place. Coggins clinic April 6, 2024, on fairgrounds.
  - b. Livestock Association Update - Beef weigh in was 3/30/24 with 36 beef tagged. Species letters completed and posted.
  - c. Sign-up Update
    - i. Cloverbuds - 103
    - ii. Youth - 495
    - iii. Volunteers - 198
    - iv. New enrollment deadline is May 1, 2024. 46 enrollments still incomplete.
  - d. Fair update - Still waiting on contracts.
12. Old Business
- a. Media Opportunities to post/promote - Banquet/County Awards poll, Exploration Days, Scholarship info/Dates
  - b. Jim Gushwa Memorial Bench - Sara spoke to Steve to send wording.
  - c. United Way Grant - Craig says the application is not out yet, will keep us posted to apply.
  - d. Shirt Order - BOFA did not return Tarina's call. She will try to email and call again.
  - e. Midge Bender Scholarship - Kayla M spoke to Patty Bender and was ok with removal of Midge Bender Scholarship.
    - i. Will follow up with sponsors of Achievement Scholarship to see if they wish to continue with their scholarship donation.
    - ii. Scholarship due April 29, 2024, with interviews May 11, 2024. Need 2 community members to help with interviews.
13. New Business
- a. Change May meeting date to April 29, 2024. Craig motions approval, Scott seconds. Motion passed.
14. New ideas
- a. Trophies presentation before meeting April 29. 2024 at 5:30 pm
  - b. Becky proposed printing fair book at cheaper cost (\$2.50/book) with no minimum requirement, Superintendents receive free books and a 1-week completion of order. Table until next meeting to get an amount needed before ordering.
15. Adjournment - Craig motions, Grace seconds. Motion passes at 6:45 pm.

**Next Meeting Date: April 29, 2024**

**- Trophy Presentation @ 5:30 pm**