



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
July 7, 2025
MSU Extension Office

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1. Called meeting to order – Sara Trattles, Vice-President, @ 6:35 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by Sara Trattles
3. Members Present – Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Holly Jones Gushwa, Julie Carpenter, Amy Propst, Nancy Mangus, Kayla Ireland, Aubree Kruger, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Charlee Kyle, Ava Sowards-Haack. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator

Members Absent Craig Ulsh, Scott Mircle, HallieAnn Holtz, Layna Cardella, Connie Myers, Addison Smith
4. Public Comment – none
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda
13a Banners
13b Benches
6. Minutes from June 2, 2025 (submitted by Holly Jones Gushwa) Julie made a motion to approve, Charlee seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received – Aubree read three Thank You cards received from Carlie Doehring, Lydia Byler & Ben Obe regarding Scholarships. Also received were a postcard from Michigan 4-H Foundation regarding their Vantage newsletter, a Thank You also from Michigan 4-H Foundation for a donation to the 2024 Michigan 4-H State Awards Program, and flyer regarding a golf outing at Sauganash Country Club.
8. Financial Report – Tarina Jansen Treasure
 - a. May Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking Account ending balance \$49,076.24.
 - b. June Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking Account ending balance \$38,233.36.Julie made a motion to put financial Report on file, Nancy seconded, Motion carried
9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. 4-H Camp \$80.99 for supplies
 - b. Brick \$35.00Holly made a motion to pay for supplies & a brick, Nancy seconded, Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Honors Court

1. Purchase of sashes staying close to the same budget as 2024 (\$553.54)
Julie made a motion to allow the purchase, Emily seconded, Motion carried
 2. Hiring of a DJ with the price up to \$400 (2024 was \$350.00)
Julie made a motion to allow the purchase, Holly seconded, Motion carried
 - b. Milk Barn
 1. Everything is signed
 2. Texas Roadhouse peanuts will be \$4.00 for a 7 oz bag
 3. Dipping Dots-Sara will be checking on these
 4. Clean Up Date will be in August
 - c. Percious Moments
 1. Offer of \$250.00 for all Percious Moments
 2. Cabinet was added to sale by YC
Julie made a motion to accept the purchase, Emily seconded, Motion carried.
 - d. Flow-Blue China Collection
 1. No Update
 - e. Plat Books
 1. Will stay on the agenda
11. 4-H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell
- a. Horse Council/Livestock Association Updates Update
 1. Horse Council-State will be in August
 2. Livestock-Buyers will be able pay invoiced online and do add-on's online,
 - b. Fair Updates
 1. Sign up will start Monday July 14th and close Friday August 14th at 4:00 p.m.
 2. The office will be open for two nights to help with sign Sign-Up
 3. **2026** Fairy Entry will be able to be divided up into Livestock Sale, Still Project Auction and Milk Barn
 - c. Sign up updates
 1. Cloverbuds 99
 2. Youth 541
 3. Volunteers 215
 - d. Expo Days
 1. Ava gave an update and mentioned it was enjoyable
 - e. 4-H Camp (June 9 to June 11)
 1. Camp Numbers-54 youth and 12 Counselors
 2. Had to move things around a bit because of weather
12. Old Business
- a. Media Opportunities
 1. Dawn's Café July 19 8:00 a.m. to Close (2:00'ish)
 2. Scidmore Park Petting Zoo July 26 1:00-2:00
 - b. Expo Days
 1. The invoice for transportation has not yet arrived
 - c. Fair Reverse Raffle-Cancelled
 - d. YC Apparel-will be ordered
13. New Business
- a. Banners
 1. Steve Wallen can do banners for \$20.00 each
 2. Nancy made a motion to use Steve, Julie seconded, Motion carried

- b. Bench
 - 1. There was one bench ordered and it is paid for
 - 2. Keep on agenda and decide what to do about benches
- 14. Adjournment – Motion by Julie seconded by Tarina motion carried adjourned @ 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Jones Gushwa

NEXT MEETING DATES:

HONORS COURT JULY 22, 2025 @6:00

STILL PROJECT MEETING AUGUST 4, 2025 @5:30

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 6:30

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 25, 2025 @5:30

YOUTH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING AUGUST 25, 2025 @6:30