



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
June 2, 2025
MSU Extension Office

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1. Called meeting to order – Sara Trattles, Vice-President, @ 6:30 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by Sara Trattles
3. Members Present – Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Layna Cardella, Holly Jones Gushwa, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Amy Propst, Nancy Mangus, Kayla Ireland, Aubree Kruger, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Ava Sowards-Haack, Addison Smith

Members Absent – Craig Ulsh, Scott Mircle, HallieAnn Holtz, Charlee Kyle
4. Public Comment – none
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – none
6. Minutes from May 5, 2025 (submitted by Sara Trattles) Billy made a motion to approve, Nancy seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received – Aubree read three Thank You cards received from Garrison Bunning, Emily Byler & Olivia Happel regarding Scholarships.
8. Financial Report – Tarina Jansen Treasure
 - a. April Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking Account ending balance \$36,324.93.
 - b. May Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking Account ending balance (no interest) \$49,141.61.
Julie made a motion to put financial Report on file, Billy seconded, Motion carried
9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. Five Scholarships
 - b. Receipt Book \$237.00
 - c. Exploration Days \$3050.00
Nancy made a motion for the approval to pay the above bills, Julie seconded, Motion carried.
 - d. 4-H Camp T-Shirts \$766.00
Holly made a motion to pay for Camp shirts, Nancy seconded, Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Milk Barn
 1. Clean Up Date to be in August
 - b. Precious Moments
 1. Buyer One

2. Buyer Two
3. Put the remaining ones on Market Place

Addison made a motion to accept the purchase from two buyers, Billy seconded, Motion carried.

- c. Flow-Blue China Collection
 1. This will be discussed in the Fall
- d. Plat Books
 1. Sara will do some research on past years

11. 4-H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell

- a. Horse Council Update
 1. Horse Council-Gymkhana moved from Saturday to Wednesday
 2. Horse Council-Silent Auction-\$3276.00
 3. Trophies color will be based on Specialty
- b. Fair Updates
 1. June 3 & 5 5-7 tagging for Dairy Feeder, Sheep & Goat
 2. June 10 & 11 5-7:30 tagging for Swine
 3. August 1st Breeding Stock (Beef, Sheep & Goats)
- C. Sign up updates
 1. Cloverbuds 98
 2. Youth 532
 3. Volunteers 213
- D. Expo Days
 1. 25 kids (7 more than 2024)
 2. Burr Oak Schools have allowed us to use one of their bus's and Kody Baker have volunteered to drive.
 3. A motion was made by Julie to donate \$100 to Michelle McNamara to help off set her cost for the Goodie Bags. Seconded by Emily, Motion passed.
- E. 4-H Camp (June 9 to June 11)
 1. Regular Campers-59 from St. Joseph County and 14 more from Branch & Cass Counties
 2. Cloverbud Camp (May 10 1-4) 20 from St Joseph County and 16 more from Branch and Cass Counties.
 3. Two male chaperones are still needed from 10 pm to 6 am on June 9th & 10th
- F. Hunter Safety Class
 1. April 24-26 @St Joseph County Conservation Club 27 children signed up
- G. Dawn's Café Dine to Donate
 1. July 19 8 am to Close
- H. Scidmore Park Petting Zoo
 1. July 26 from 1-2

12. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities
 1. Dawn's Café July 19
 2. Scidmore Park Petting Zoo July 26
- b. Expo Days
 1. 25 kids attending
 2. Transportation bus provided by Burr Oak Schools with Kody Baker driving
- c. Fair Reverse Raffle
 1. Email date June 24 2025 per Kayla we are holding off on these for now
- d. YC Apparel order form was passed around

- e. One new Bench was ordered

13. New Business

- a. Donor minimum
 - 1. **2026** \$25 minimum and 1 day pass
- b. Budget
 - 1. **2026** Add line item for Charitable Contribution Fund
- c. Staples Family Meal Train
 - 1. Julie made a motion to donate \$50.00 to their Meal Train, Nancy seconded, Motion carried.
- d. Sheep Market Classes
 - 1. Ewe's will have three weight classes, from each weight class will be one Champion. From the three Champions, there will be a Grand Champion Ewe.
 - 2. Wethers will have three weight classes, from each weight class will be one Champion. From the three Champions there will be a Grand Champion Wether.
This motion was made by Holly, Julie seconded, Motion carried.

14. Adjournment – Motion by Holly seconded by Nancy motion carried adjourned @ 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Jones Gushwa

NEXT MEETING DATE:

HONORS COURT JULY 7, 2025 @ 6:00

REGULAR MEETING JULY 7, 2025 @ 6:30