



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2026  
MSU Extension Office

President: Craig Ulsh  
Vice-President: Billy Kruger  
Secretary: Holly Smith  
Junior Secretary: Katelyn Trattles  
Treasurer: Sara Trattles  
Junior Treasurer: Addison Smith  
Deputy Treasurer: Amy Propst  
Media: Emily Redmond  
Junior Media: Aubree Kruger

1. Called meeting to order Billy Kruger, Vice-President, @ 6:30 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by All
3. Members Present. Sara Trattles, Holly Smith, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Scott Miracle, Amy Propst, Aubree Kruger, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Addison Smith, Rick Gould, Gabbie McCollough, Katelyn Trattles. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator.  
  
Members Absent - Tarina Jansen
4. Public Comment – None
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – #10 Officer/Committee Report a. Fundraising iiii Culvers Julie made motioned to accept addition to agenda, Connie seconded, Motion carried.
6. Minutes from January 5, 2026 Sara made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received – AD Designs, LLC & Twisted M , LLC
8. Financial Report – Sara Trattles Treasure
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust
    1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$19,749.33 end of year 2025
    2. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Savings account \$25,372.47 end of year 2025
    3. Balance in Oakleaf Financial account \$27,565.32 end of year 2025Holly made a motion to put financial Report on file, Addison seconded, Motion carried
  - b. St Joseph County United Way Allocation
    1. Will be turned in on Tuesday February 3, 2026
    2. Kayla & Billy will be attending the United Way Allocation meeting on February 11, 2026
    3. Note: If will be continuing to request UW Allocation the budget for the new year needs to be done in November, voted on in December so it is ready beginning of January
9. Bills needing approval/review
  - a. Horse Showmanship Trophies \$118.25
  - b. Horse State Show \$390.00
  - c. Horse Judging \$90.00Sara made a motion to reimburse Horse Council \$598.25, Holly seconded, Motion carried
10. Officer/Committee Report
  - a. Fundraising
    1. Flow-Blue
      - a. ±191 items photographed, wrapped and boxed
      - b. Auction House in Stanton, Craig will check into this

2. Plat Books-Keep on agenda.
3. Milk Barn-Craig will look over bldg, more to come
4. Culvers-Gabbie talked about their fundraisers  
Emily made a motion to fill out the event request form, Katelyn seconded, Motion carried
3. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Power Round Up June 17-19, 2027 Centreville Michigan

11. 4-H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell

- a. Horse Council Update/Livestock Association Update
  1. Horse Council New President is Rebecca Houk
  2. Horse Council is working on Fair book updates/changes
  3. Livestock Association-Nothing
- b. Fair Updates
  1. Fair Entry No updates at this time
  2. Curtains/Ropes/Posts Leave on agenda
    - a. Cloverbuds 86
    - b. Youth 482
    - c. Volunteers 216
    - d. New Members by May 1, 2026
    - e. Beef Tagging March 21, 2026 9:00-10:00
    - f. Dairy feeder Tagging June 2 or June 4 5:00-7:00
    - g. Rabbit Tattooing August 19 10:00-1:00 or August 12 5:00-7:00
    - h. Rabbit Pen weight min 10 lbs max 20 lbs
    - i. Swine Tagging June 4 or June 5 5:00-7:00
    - j. Fair Book Sara made motion to use Action Quick Print or whoever is reasonable, Addison seconded, Motion carried
    - k. Fair Board we will no have to be out by 11:00 am the Sunday after
- c. MAFE Updated-They are reviewing the current Manager of the St Joseph County Grange Fair
- d. Superintendent Updates
  1. Rabbits Superintendent Nancy Mangus Ass't Kaley Thornburgh, Jennifer Brooks, Makenna Henderson & Sydney Kirby
  2. Swine Superintendent Kevin Yeager Ass't Brady Littlefield, Rick Gould, Collin Keeslar & Charlee Kyle

12. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities
  1. County Awards/Ice Cream Social 03/15/2026 @ 3:00
  2. State Awards
  3. 4-H Camp June 8-June 10 Amigo Center Sturgis
  4. Culver's Fundraiser June 15, 2026 5:00-8:00
  5. College Scholarships
- b. By Laws Changes
  1. Holly made a motion to table the current voting and have Kayla draft something up holding the Cats, Dog and Still Project Superintendent and Ass't accountable and fall under the direction of the St Joseph County 4-H Youth Council. There will be an email sent out for voting. Julie seconded, Motion Carried.
- c. County Awards
  1. Awards Committee will be in on 02/03/2026
  2. 03/15/2026 Centerville Elementary School 3:00
  3. Had four more people pay after event
- d. State Awards No updates
- e. UW Application please see #8 b

13. New Business

- a. College Scholarships Interview date-March
- b. Committee Assignments-March
- c. YC Contact list Updated

- d. 4-H Camp
  - 1. June 8-June 10 Amigo Centre (ages 8-12)
  - 2. Cloverbud Dat Camp May 9, 2026
  - 3. Branch, Cass & St Joseph Counties
  - 4. CIT 13-15
  - 5. Counselors 16-19
  - 6. Due February 27, 2026
- e. Club Officer Training-March Meeting
- f. Schedule of Meetings December 7, 2026 will be moved to November 30, 2026
- g. Treasure-Hire outside resource-This was talked about and some names were throw out
- h. 2026 Budget
  - Holly moved to accept the 2026 budget as presented, Katelyn seconded motion, Motion carried.

14. Adjournment – Motion by Julie seconded by Addison motion carried adjourned @ 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE: *REGULAR MEETING MARCH 2, 2026 @6:30***