



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
March 3, 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 Craig Ulsh, President, @ 6:30 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by Katelyn Trattles
3. Members Present. Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Holly Smith, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, , 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 - Julie Carpenter, Scott Miracle
4. Public Comment – None
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – #13 New Business c. Scholarships Billy made motioned to accept addition to agenda, Addison seconded, Motion carried.
6. Minutes from February 2, 2026 Billy made a motion to edit the date at the top and approve the minutes, Sara seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received
 - a. St. Joseph County United Way Campaign Celebration invitation March 4, 2026 5:30-7:30 Sturges Young Center for the Arts
 - b. St. Joseph County United Way Campaign fundraising results, the Board of Directors approved \$4750.00 for our agency to be paid quarterly (March, June, September & December).
8. Financial Report – Sara Trattles Treasure
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust
 1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$32,956.38 01/31/2026
 2. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Savings account not at this time
 3. Balance in Oakleaf Financial - quarterly
 - b. UW Allocation - \$4,750.00 to be paid quarterly (March, June, September & December).
Holly made a motion to put financial Report on file, Addison seconded, Motion carried
9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. Ribbons from 2025 \$2,478.75
 - b. Live Stock Association 12 cases of water \$47.76

Holly made a motion to put financial Report on file (#8) and to pay the bills as presented (#9), Addison 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
- c. Holly gave Craig copies of all pieces that were collected
2. Plat Books-Keep on agenda (\pm 24 left from 2021 move to fundraising committee)
3. Milk Barn-Craig will look over bldg, more to come
4. Culvers
 - a. Monday June 15, 2026 5:00-8:00
 - b. 15% of sales come back to YC
 - c. Check in with mgmt.
 - d. Must be 16 & over to run food
 - e. Closed shoes please
3. 38th 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 is working on Fair book updates/changes
 2. Livestock Association-Nothing
- b. Fair Updates
 1. Fair Entry Remove from agenda
 2. Enrollment Updates
 - a. Cloverbuds 91
 - b. Youth 490
 - c. Volunteers 265
 - d. New Members by May 1, 2026
 3. Tagging Dates
 - a. Beef Tagging March 21, 2026 9:00-10:00
 - b. Dairy Feeder Tagging June 2 or June 4 5:00-7:00
 - c. Rabbit Tattooing August 19 10:00-1:00 or August 12 5:00-7:00
 - d. Rabbit Pen weight min10 lbs max 20 lbs
 - e. Swine Tagging June 4 or June 5 5:00-7:00
 4. General Updates
 - e. Nelson Schug will be retiring & someone is needed to take his place.
 - f. Kayla is doing a Bloom for Good Sock fundraiser April 1st to April 31. Profits will be used to purchase equipment for shows and sales.
- c. 4-H Camp
 1. 4-H Camp June 8-June 10 Amigo Center Sturgis
 2. Cloverbud Day Camp May 9, 2026
 3. CIT 13-15 Interviews March 14, 2026
 4. Counselors 16-19 Interviews March 14, 2026
- d. Brick – Maurice Kaercher
 1. Sara made a motion YC pay for a brick, Billy seconded, motion carried

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-There was no feedback from the email sent out regarding changes. Billy made a motion to accept the By-Laws changes as outlines, Holly seconded, Motion carried.
- c. County Awards
 1. 03/15/2026 Centerville Elementary School 2:00
- d. College Scholarship Interview date May 23 9:00
- e. Committee Assignments-Done

- f. Schedule of meetings-List was correct
- g. Officer Training-Resume January 2027
- h. Treasurer Outside Resources-Will be looked at

13. New Business

- a. Awards Celebration see #12 a. 1 above
- b. Trophy Presentation Date
 - 1. May 4, 2026 5:30-6:30
 - 2. Set up at 5:00
- c. Scholarships
 - 1. 4-H Camp will not be getting a Scholarship
 - 2. Hippology Contest Sara made a motion to pay the registration fee, Tarina seconded, Motion carried.

14. Adjournment – Motion by Sara seconded by Holly motion carried adjourned @ 7:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATES:

SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE APRIL 6, 2026 @5:30

REGULAR MEETING APRIL 6, 2026 @6:30