



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 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 Addison Smith
3. Members Present. Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Holly Smith, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Amy Propst, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Addison Smith, Rick Gould, Gabbie McCollough, Katelyn Trattles. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator.

Members Absent - Aubree Kruger
4. Public Comment – None
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – #7a Scholarship Review to be added as a new standard line item starting in May Tarina made motioned to accept this addition to agenda Julie seconded, Motion carried.
6. Minutes from March 2, 2026 Addison made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received
 - a. Hodges Badge Company
 - b. Scholarships
 1. Two scholarship applications for Hippology April 12, 2026 MSU the cost is \$25 Sara made a motion to pay the registration fee, Tarina seconded, Motion carried.
 2. Two scholarship applications for 4-H Capital Experience March 15-17, 2026 MSU, the cost is \$365, Tarina made a motion to pay 1/2 the registration fee of \$182.50, Holly seconded, Motion carried.
 3. One scholarship application for MSU Equine Connection April 10-12, 2026 MSU the total cost was \$220.00, after breaking this down there was a motion made by Sara to pay \$80.00, Addison seconded, Motion carried.
8. Financial Report – Sara Trattles Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust
 1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$32,671.94 02/27/2026
Scott made a motion to put financial Report on file, Tarina seconded, Motion carried.
9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. Sara County Awards \$53.06
 - b. Holly County Awards \$52.36
Scott made a motion to reimburse Sara & Holly for a total of \$105.42, Tarina seconded, Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Fundraising
 1. Flow-Blue
 - a. Craig will contact Greg Blucker
 2. Plat Books-There area few boxes left, remove from agenda

3. Milk Barn-Check on handouts for kids
4. Culvers
 - a. Billy will make sign-up sheet
 - b. 1 hour shifts ±4 people per
 - c. Monday June 15, 2026 5:00-8:00
 - d. 15% of sales come back to YC
 - e. Check in with mgmt.
 - f. Must be 16 & over to run food
 - g. Closed toe 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 no updates
 2. Livestock Association-Nothing
- b. Fair Updates
 1. Fair Entry Remove from agenda
 2. Enrollment Updates
 - a. Cloverbuds 95
 - b. Youth 495
 - c. Volunteers 262
 - d. New Members by May 1, 2026
 3. Tagging Dates
 - a. Dairy Feeder Tagging June 2 or June 4 5:00-7:00
 - b. Rabbit Tattooing August 19 10:00-1:00 or August 12 5:00-7:00
 - c. Rabbit Pen weight min10 lbs max 20 lbs
 - d. Swine Tagging June 4 or June 5 5:00-7:00
 4. Fair Board News
 - e. Tom Miller was added to the Fair Board.
 - f. Regina Schinker SJC Fair Manager.
- c. 4-H Camp
 1. There were a lot of interviews, we need male Counselors
 2. 4-H Camp June 8-June 10 Amigo Center Sturgis
 3. Cloverbud Day Camp May 9, 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. College Scholarships
 2. Registration closes May 1, 2026 for new member
 3. Cloverbud Day Camp May 9, 2026
 4. 4-H Camp June 8-June 10 Amigo Center Sturgis
 5. Culver's Fundraiser June 15, 2026 5:00-8:00
 6. College Scholarships
- b. College Scholarship Interview date May 23,2026 9:00
- c. Officer Training-Resume January 2027
- d. Treasurer Outside Resources-Sara will look at this after-tax season

13. New Business

- a. Awards Celebration
 1. This was not well attended, Julie made a motion to move County Awards back to the Leader Donor Banquet, Holly seconded, motion carried.
 2. There will be a poll on social media to have this on a weeknight or weekend.

- b. Trophy Presentation Date
 - 1. May 4, 2026 5:30-6:30
 - 2. Set up at 5:00
- c. YC Apparel-please use link provided

14. Adjournment – Motion by Tarina seconded by Julie motion carried adjourned @ 7:41 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATES:

TROPHY PRESENTATION MAY 4 @5:30

REGULAR MEETING MAY 4, 2026 @6:30