



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
January 9, 2023  
MSU Extension Office

President: Craig Ulsh  
Vice-President: Sara Trattles  
Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski  
Treasurer: Virginia Trattles  
Deputy Treasurer: Jennifer Mead-Bennett  
Media: Vacant

1. Call the meeting to order – **President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm**
2. Pledges- **Sydney Kirby**
3. Members Present: Sara Trattles, Clay Decker, Tarina Jansen, Kelsey Kulpinski, Sarah Jane Carpenter, Ed Klein, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Scott Miracle, Julie Bruce, Nancy Mangus, Sydney Kirby, Kayla Irelan, Megan Jackson, Ella Yunker  
  
Members Absent: Grace Sturgill
4. Public Comment- **None**
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda – Tarina made a motion to approve minutes. Sara seconded. Motion carried.
6. Minutes from previous meeting (November 7, 2022 & December 5, 2022 need to be approved) by Tarina in Kelsey’s absence. Sara made a motion to approve the minutes with the change that Kelsey was absent at the Dec 5 meeting. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received- None received
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of January 9, 2023 - \$52,757.57
9. Bills needing approval/review:
  - a. Kelsey - \$28.71 Gift Card/Card for Jim
  - b. Tarina made a motion to approve the gift card for Jim Fritz, Megan seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Sara made a motion to approve the treasurers report and pay the bills. Tarina seconded. Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Plat Books Update- All distributed. Available at extension office, Greenstone in Schoolcraft, Courthouse for \$40.
    - ii. Milk Barn –
      - Sign and Supporters- Sign needs redone; supporters are dwindling.
    - iii. Flow Blue Glassware – Craig – still reaching out to the auctioneer.
  - b. Liaison Report – No report
  - c. Parks
    - i. New Signage for 2023 – Need to get quotes and decide vendor. The parks signs need replaced as they look very rough. Sara was going to work on those quotes and Megan also mentioned her dad might be able to help.
    - ii. Photo Sign needs work or replaced – Need to get quotes and decide vendor
  - d. Ribbons for 2023 – ordered and are in the office.
  - e. Financial Review – Feb 6 at 5pm, Executive Council
11. 4-H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell
  - a. Horse Council Update – Danielle Sackrider, Kayla Mitchell. They are reviewing and updating showbills for fair. They have eliminated about 100 classes.

- b. Livestock Association Update – Dog superintendent has resigned. Looking for replacement as well as a goat superintendent.
  - i. Species Meetings Updates
- c. Sign Up Update – re-enrollment closed, but new enrollment is still open.
  - i. Cloverbuds - 116
  - ii. Youth - 469
  - iii. Leaders – 193
- d. 4-H Camp – not an option to get on the books for this year. Maybe consider doing a day camp.
- e. Leader Meetings – at the ISD 6:30pm. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 9<sup>th</sup>.

12. Old Business

- a. Recognition dinner – organizing committee needs to be done & then move forward with this in the fall. Need to make sure all kids that need recognized now are taken care of.
  - i. Date & Time
- b. Media opportunities – plat books

13. New Business

- a. Election of new officers
  - i. President: Sara Trattles
  - ii. Vice President: Craig Ulsh
  - iii. Secretary: Kayla Irelan
  - iv. Treasurer: Tarina Jansen
  - v. Deputy Treasurer: Kelsey Kulpinski
  - vi. Media Officer: Julie Carpenter
  - vii. Junior Secretary: Megan Jackson
  - viii. Junior Treasurer: Sydney Kirby
  - ix. Junior Media: Ella Yunker
- b. With the new election of officers, Sturgis Bank & Trust will need to be notified to remove Virginia Trattles from the account and add Sara Trattles (President) & Kelsey Kulpinski (Deputy Treasurer) to the St Joseph County Youth Council banking accounts.

14. New Ideas

- a. Julie C. mentioned to the “Chuck a Puck” fundraiser through the K-wings stadium for the YC.

15. Adjournment – Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm, Clay seconded. Motion carried

**Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm – At Extension Office,  
Meeting prior at 5pm!!**