



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
February 12, 2024
MSU Extension Office

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1. Call the meeting to order - President, Sara Trattles @ 6:31 pm
2. Pledges - Everyone present.
3. Members Present - Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Kayla Irelan, Ava Sowards-Haack, Julie Bruce, Sarah Jane Carpenter, Julie Carpenter, Billy Kruger, Keegan New, HallieAnn Holtz, Emily Redmond

Members not present - Ed Klein, Connie Myers, Miley Holden, Grace Sturgill, Nancy Mangus, Scott Miracle, Craig Ulsh
4. Public Comment - None
5. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda - Add United Way booth to New Ideas letter A.
6. Minutes from previous meeting - January 8, 2024, by Julie Bruce and December 4, 2023, by Kayla Irelan. Connie motions approval and Tarina seconds. Motion passes.
7. Correspondence received - Letter from United Way inviting Youth Council to set up a booth at their annual event February 21, 2024.
8. Financial Report - Tarina Jansen, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of 12/31/2024 - \$54,410.62
9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. Invoice from Sturgis Trophy House for \$120.00 (adding 12 names to plaque).
 - b. Emily R. motions approval, Julie C. seconds. Motion passes.
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Milk Barn - 2024, No update
 - ii. Flow Blue Auction update - No update. Craig will contact Mr Fritz and update next meeting.
 - iii. Chuck-A-Puck - 2024 Report. \$2,143.60 profit - \$255 from tickets, \$1,888.60 from puck sale. Check will come to the Extension office.
 - b. Parks/Fairgrounds
 - i. Improvements for 2024 (signs on barns, milk barn, flagpole) - need sizes of signs on barns to get quotes on replacements.
 - c. County Awards - 11 award applications total. Need to visit club meetings in summer to promote and increase numbers for future banquets.

- d. Jim Gushwa Memorial Bench - Kayla M will contact Barco Outdoor Benches and get a quote.
- e. Summer 4-H Camp - counselor interviews on 2/17 and training on 4/13 at Amigo Centre.
- f. Sign up for Committees.

11. 4-H Development Report - Kayla Mitchell

- a. Horse Council Update - Branch County Proud Equestrian Program visited and discussed possibility of starting a program in St Joseph County with council voting approval. More discussion is needed. Fair/Rulebooks reviewed but no changes made yet.
- b. Livestock Association Update - Meeting tomorrow (2/13/24) @6:30 pm. Will update next meeting.
- c. Sign Up Update
 - i. Cloverbuds - 95
 - ii. Youth - 464
 - iii. Volunteers -

12. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities to post/promote - New enrollments, Save the Date for Youth Awards/Ice Cream Social.
- b. Club Officer Training Report - Great turnout and thankful for FFA helping with training.

13. New Business

- a. Exploration Days Scholarship - Julie motions YC pay half for youth attending and pay all of chaperones. Connie seconds. Motion passes. Bus is TBD depending on how many sign-up.
- b. Post Secondary Scholarships - Meet at 5:30 before 3/4/2024 meeting.
- c. GLNR Camp Scholarships - Connie motions to pay half of attendance, Billy seconds. Motion passes.
- d. International Outbound Scholarships

14. New Ideas

- a. United Way - send email to reserve table at event. Craig can head but will need volunteers to help.

15. Adjournment - Tarina motions, HallieAnn seconds. Motion passes at 8:41 pm.

Next meeting Date:

- **March 4, 2024 @5:30 pm for review of Post Secondary Scholarship Application**
- **March 4, 2024 @ 6:30 pm - Regular Meeting**