



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
May 1, 2023
MSU Extension Office

President: Sara Trattles
Vice-President: Craig Ulsh
Secretary: Kayla Irelan
Treasurer: Trina Jansen
Deputy Treasurer: Kelsey Kulpinski
Media: Julie Carpenter

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Sara Trattles at 6:30 pm
2. Pledges – Everyone
3. Members Present: Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Kelsey Kulpinski, Sarah Jane Carpenter, Ed Klein, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Nancy Mangus, Kayla Irelan, Ella Yunker, Grace Sturgill
Members Not Present: Clay Decker, Scott Miracle, Julie Bruce, Sydney Kirby, Megan Jackson
4. Public Comment – Katie Myers, Superintendent of the 4-H Dog Program, present with other leaders and youth in program to request scholarship money to help with fees for a dog training camp at MSU 6/2/23-6/4/23. Kelsey Kulpinski motions to cover half of each youths cost that attends, Craig Ulsh seconds. Motion carried.
5. Addition to Agenda/Approval of Agenda – None
6. Minutes from Previous meeting (April 10, 2023) Kayla Irelan, Secretary – Craig Ulsh motions to approve, Connie Myers seconds. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence Received – Email was received from the mother of a youth requesting help paying for their child to attend Natural Resource Camp, will reimburse half of cost
8. Financial Report – Tarina Jansen, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank and Trust checking account as of 5/1/23 - \$53,111.48 (after bills). Kelsey Kulpinski motions, Craig Ulsh seconds. Motion carried.
 - b. Revenue –
 - i. Plat Book - \$440.00
 - ii. Donate A brick - \$150.00
 - iii. Donations – (MISC.) \$221.59
 - iv. March Interest – \$23.28
 - c. Quick Books program (purchase for computer) – Tarina says program is too expensive and will look for cheaper alternatives.
9. Bills Needing Approval –
 - a. Craig Ulsh reimbursement for a new safe and freezer for the milk barn totaling \$271.51
 - b. Peter Rambadt scholarship for \$1500
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Fundraising –
 - i. Plat Book Update - \$440.00 received
 - ii. Milk Barn – New freezer and safe already in barn. Craig says need a good clean before fair.
 - iii. Flow Blue Glassware – No update. Craig says Mr. Fritz informed of scholarship set up with money already donated and very pleased with use of money.
 - iv. Chuck a Puck Update – Will try to get on roster for next year.

- b. Parks –
 - i. New Signage for 2023 – Estimates presented from LaGwana, Signs & More, and Miller Signs. Craig Ulsh motions to move forward with Miller Signs, Ed Klein seconds. Motion carried.
 - ii. Photo Sign Update – No update. Kayla Mitchell talked to fair board about moving sign to north side of arena. Committee made and will meet 5/11/23.
 - c. Still Project Auction Committee – Nancy Mangus reports auction will be moved from Saturday to Thursday and will take place before the small animal sale with their own auctioneer. Also changing location to try and attract more people, bigger area. Also will increase mail, notifications to try to increase participation in auction.
 - d. 4- H Honor Court Committee – No update. Meeting before June meeting.
11. 4- H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell
- a. Horse council Update – Working on hiring all judges and getting donations.
 - b. Livestock Association Committee –
 - i. Old hog show gates are sold
 - ii. Sale commission increased from 3.5% to 4%
 - iii. There will be a switch to Blue ribbon from the fair entry
 - iv. Cap on travel for livestock judges
 - c. Enrollment Update –
 - i. Cloverbuds – 506 including youth
 - ii. Youth –
 - iii. Leaders – 204
 - d. 4-H camp update -
 - i. Total of 8 counselor, all female, but need 1 chaperone per 21 youth. Chaperones need to be over 21.
 - e. 4th Grade Conservation Tour – Will take place May 9, 9:30a-2p. Not enough participation for 2-day event.
 - f. Canine Camp Scholarships - see public comment
12. Old Business –
- a. Recognition Dinner – Kayla I. will contact school for date
 - b. Media to Post/Promote – Honor Court, Dog Program, 4-H Camp, Still Project Auction
 - c. Update on Still Project Drapes – No update.
 - d. Trophy and Award Discussion – Kayla M conducted an online survey of desired prizes from youth in the county. Kayla also read individual feedback comments on alternative awards not listed. Kelsey will contact someone that makes awards for other shows for alternate options. Will discuss at next meeting.
 - i. Committee made including Becky Hunt, Ella Yunker, Grace Sturgill, Sara Trattles, Megan Jackson, Kayla I., Sarah Jane Carpenter, Sydney Kirby, and Julie Carpenter. Meeting 5/17/23 at 6 pm.
 - e. Rouch World United Way 5/6/23 – No one available to man booth.
13. New Business –
- a. Spring TSC Clover Sales 4/26 – 5/7 – 90% given back to county that is sold
14. New Ideas –
- a. Kelsey motions to move July YC meeting to July 10, Ella Yunker seconds. Motion carried.
15. Adjournment – Nancy Mangus Motions, Craig Ulsh second. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: June 5, 2023 @6:30 pm @ Extension Office