



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
June 6, 2022
MSU Extension Office

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

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm
2. Pledges- led by Kelsey
3. Members Present: Sara Trattles, Brittany Bogema, Tarina Jansen, Kelsey Kulpinski, Lea Cardella, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Scott Miracle, Nancy Mangus, Sydney Kirby, Kayla Irelan, Zachary Sowards-Haack, Ella Yunker, Carlie Doehring
Members Absent: Cody Baker
4. Public Comment- Tereasa Hufstedler – fabric has been ordered and curtains are in the process of being made. Also wondering on behalf of horse council if YC would sponsor the horse showmanship trophies again this year.
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes from previous meeting (April 4, 2022 and May 2, 2022 need to be approved) Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary
 - a. Sara made a motion to approve the minutes, Brittany seconded. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received- Thank you notes from Emily Mead, Lea Cardella, Brittany Bogema
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of June 6, 2022 - \$47,257.60
 - b. Did receive the check for \$5,518.00 from the endowment.
9. Bills needing approval/review:
 - a. \$23.85 - Autumn
 - b. Jennifer made a motion to approve the treasurers report and pay the bills. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Plat Book Discussion – Printing, Ad Sales
 - 1) still some people to reach out to and finish up the sales.
 - 2) Need to get proofs from Impact Solutions & Portage Printing.
 - 3) Order between 300-500
 - ii. Donation Update – majority of the donors have set back their donations. Only 64 of the 269 have not.
 - iii. Milk Barn:
 - 1) Costume - just replacing with blow up cow
 - 2) Photo Sign - Brittany and Lea to redo
 - 3) Refer Trailer is confirmed for 2022 - Need new locks
 - iv. Toy Auction – Craig – Will need help in late July to clean and transport toys to Shipshewana – Chupp’s – using Scott’s trailer to transport the items.
 - b. Liaison Report – Virginia, they have not met yet. Autumn has reached out to the Fairboard with contact info.
 - c. Still Project Auction Committee Update - meet July 11th @ 5:30

- d. Scholarship Committee Update - Scholarships have been awarded to Joe Rambadt (\$1500), Jacie King (\$1000), Emily Mead (\$1000), Lea Cardella (\$1500), Alivia Stuart (\$750), Gunner Bunning (\$750), Alex Stoll (\$750), Allison Littlefield (\$750), Andrew Littlefield (\$500)
 - e. Parks
 - i. Bricks- available
 - ii. Cleanup- initial cleanup before the August meeting @ 5pm
11. 4-H Development Report – Autumn Converse
- a. Horse Council Update
 - b. Livestock Association Update – Tag-ins happening.
 - c. Fairbook is completed and on website. Virginia made a motion to purchase 200 fairbooks from Impact Solutions. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Leader Meetings now finished. Any council member that wasn't able to attend will still receive their pass.
 - e. 4-H Exploration Days
 - i. 11 St Joe kids, 1 Calhoun youth going with our group.
 - ii. Chaperone expenses - each chaperone had to make a \$50 deposit; Brittany made a motion to reimburse those 3 chaperones (Michelle McNamara, Kayla Irelan, Kenton Kelley). Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.
 - iii. Jennifer made a motion to use the Kalamazoo County bus for \$180 to transport our 11 youth and 1 adult, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
 - f. State's 4-H International Exchange - Cancelled for Japan
 - g. Endowment Distribution & Request - the report was completed, request completed and received for this year, will need to finish a report after the money has been used.
 - h. 4-H Honor Court - Sydney and Lea would still like to try and get a committee together and try and do this for this fair year, if not, for next year.
12. Old Business
- a. Benches - Not selling anymore. Boards being replaced.
 - b. Media opportunities
 - c. Trophy Design - need to get this figured out with Dr Hooks. Youth would like to see purple examples.
13. New Business
- a. Youth Council youth vacancy – no response from the other youth that was wrote in on the ballot.
14. New Ideas
- a. Newsletter- Honor Court, Still Project Auction, Scholarship winners
15. Adjournment- Brittany made a motion to adjourn at 7:30, Lea seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: July 11, 2022 @ 6:30pm – In Person