



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
July 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, @ 6:32 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by Craig Ulsh & Katelyn Trattles
3. Members Present. Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Holly Smith, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Scott Miracle, Amy Propst, Aubree Kruger, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Addison Smith, Gabbie McCollough, Katelyn Trattles. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator.

Members Absent - Rick Gould, Claire Propst, Emma Sult
4. Public Comment- There were no public comments. This was a virtual meeting.
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – There are no additions Billy made motioned to accept the agenda, Gabbie seconded, Motion carried.
6. Minutes from June 1, 2026 Billy made a motion to approve the minutes, Addison seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received
 - a. Correspondences-Nothing for June
 - b. Scholarships
 1. Three scholarship applications were received for Livestock Judging Camp June 16 & 17, 2026 MSU Campus with a cost of \$200.00 each member attending.
 2. One Scholarship application was received for 4-H State Horse Show August 13 to 16, 2026 MSU Campus with a cost of \$75.00.
Holly made a motion to pay 1/2 of all Scholarship received, Billy seconded, Motion carried.
8. Financial Report – Sara Trattles Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust
 1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$46,959.25 05/31/2026
 2. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Savings account \$25,373.72 03/31/2026
 3. Oakleaf Money market \$27,255.34 03/31/2026
Billy made a motion to put financial Report on file, Gabbie seconded, Motion carried.
9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. 4-H Camp expenses totaling \$8,533.01
 - b. Bricks to be engraved \$123.00
 - c. BOFA \$134.25
Addison made a motion to pay bills, Sara seconded, Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Fundraising

1. Flow-Blue
 - a. Leave on Agenda
2. Milk Barn
 - a. Window
 - b. Clean Up
 - c. Check on handouts for kids United Dairy Association
3. Culvers
 - a. Raised \$613.42
 - b. Sturgis & Three Rivers at same time
 - c. More help
 - d. Yard signs for promotion
 - e. Keep on agenda
4. 38th Annual Red Power Round Up June 17-19, 2027 Centreville Michigan
 - a. Pre-packed items
5. Chuck-A-Puck
 - a. Majority voted for Saturday March 6, 2027 game is at 7:00

11. 4-H Development Report

- a. Horse Council Update/Livestock Association Update
 1. Horse Council
 - a. State Horse Show is in August
 2. Livestock Association
 - a. No update
- b. Fair Updates
 1. Enrollment Updates 06/01/2026
 - a. Cloverbud 108
 - b. Youth 539
 2. Tagging Dates
 - a. Rabbit Tattooing August 9 10:00-1:00 or August 12 5:00-7:00
 - b. Rabbit Pen weight min 10 lbs max 20 lbs
 3. Fair Board News-Nothing at this time
- c. 4-H Camp-More to come

12. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities
 1. Final Sign-up August 15, 2025
 2. Chuck a Puck
- b. Treasurer Outside Resources-Will stay as is for now
- c. YC Apparel Store to place orders will be closing July 8, 2026
- d. Recognition Banquet
 1. Thursday November 12, 2026 @ 6:00
 2. Centreville Elementary School
 3. Theme will be Celebrating 175 years,
 4. Pig Headed BBQ
 - a. \$17.50 per person
 - b. Pork, Chicken, 3 sides, desert, plates and silverware.
 - c. Will need a count $\pm$ 2 weeks prior to event.
 - d. Sara made a motion to accept their cost, Gabbie seconded, Motion carried
- e. 4-H Fair Dance/Honor Court
 1. 4-H Dance will be Friday September 25, 2026 after Sweepstakes
 2. Honor Court applications will be ready Aug 3 and closing Aug 17
 3. Grace will be invited to August 3rd, 2026 meeting
- f. Livestock Judging Update-Leave on

13. New Business

- a. UW Allocation 2027 meeting will be in the fall
- b. Need to get the application done when it comes out

14. Adjournment – Motion by Scott seconded by Gabbie motion carried adjourned @ 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATES:

COUNTY AWARDS COMMITTEE AUGUST 3, 2026 @6:00

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 3, 2026 @6:30