



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 3, 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, @ 6:33 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by Craig Ulsh
3. Members Present. Sara Trattles, Holly Smith, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Scott Miracle, Amy Propst, Aubree Kruger, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Addison Smith, Rick Gould, Gabbie McCollough, Katelyn Trattles, Claire Propst, Emma Sult. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator.

Members Absent - Tarina Jansen

4. Public Comment-

Regina Schinker SJC Fair Manager talked about displaying 4-H projects from the past during Fair week. The deadline to get these turned in is August 28, 2026. She also talked about Open Class Youth Division for Chickens.

Grace Sturgill talked about Honors Court, Application link will close Monday August 17, 2026 and interviews will be Saturday August 29, 2026, with Crowing Saturday September 19th, 2026 @8:00 in the Henningsen Show Arena East end. Grace also talked about the 4-H Dance which will be held Friday night September 25, 2026 after Sweepstakes.

5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – There are two additions
 - I. Thank You Cards
 - J. County AwardsBilly made motioned to accept the agenda, Connie seconded, Motion carried.
6. Minutes from August 3, 2026 Billy made a motion to approve the minutes, Holly seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received
 - a. Correspondences-Thank You Card from Sabrina & Adrienne to YC regarding 4-H Camp
 - b. Scholarships
 1. Two scholarship applications were received for 4-H State Shooting Camp August 15, 2026 at Centerline of Calhoun, the cost is \$40.00 per member.
 2. One Scholarship application was received for 4-H Livestock Judging Camp June 16 & 17, 2026 MSU Camous with a cost of \$200 per member.Holly made a motion to pay 1/2 of all Scholarship received, Sara seconded, Motion carried.
8. Financial Report – Sara Trattles Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust

1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$46,804.27 06/30/2026
 2. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Savings account \$25,373.70 03/31/2026
 3. Oakleaf Money market \$27,565.32 06/30/2026
- Holly made a motion to put financial Report on file, Julie seconded, Motion carried.

9. Bills needing approval/review
 - a. Sweepstakes Medals \$86.32
 - b. BOFA \$71.00

Julie made a motion to pay bills, Katelyn seconded, Motion carried.

10. Officer/Committee Report

- a. Fundraising
 1. Flow-Blue
 - a. Leave on Agenda
 2. Milk Barn
 - a. Clean Up 5:00 08/31/2026
 - b. Window
 - c. Order less than 2025
 - d. Prices will stay the same
 - e. Check on handouts for kids United Dairy Association
 - f. Sign up for a day
 3. Culvers
 - a. Keep on Agenda
 - b. Sturgis & Three Rivers at same time
 - c. More help
 - d. Yard signs for promotion
 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
 - b. Chuck a Puck will be cashless
 - c. Tickets are \$13.00

11. 4-H Development Report

- a. Horse Council Update/Livestock Association Update
 1. Horse Council
 - a. New VP will be decided 08/04/2026
 2. Livestock Association
 - a. No update
- b. Fair Updates
 1. Updates
 - a. Fair Entry Closes August 15, 2026
 - b. Will need help on Sale Day Thursday September 24, 2026
 - c. There will be no post-fair meetings for 2026 unless a species asks for one
 - d. Parade-September 26, 2026 @ noon
 2. Fair Board News-Nothing at this time

12. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities

1. Final Sign-up August 15, 2025
 2. Honors Court, Application link will close Monday August 17, 2026 and interviews will be Saturday August 29, 2026, with Crowing Saturday September 19th, 2026 @8:00 in the Henningsen Show Arena East end
 3. Scavenger Hunt Wednesday September 23, 2026 @7:00
 4. 4-H Dance which will be held Friday night September 25, 2026 after Sweepstakes.
 5. Parade-Saturday September 26, 2026 @ Noon
 6. Chuck a Puck
 - b. Treasurer Outside Resources-Will stay as is for now
 - c. YC apparel Remove
 - 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 ±2 weeks prior to event.
 - 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
 - a. No line item budget, Sara made a motion to allow Grace to spend up to \$600, Julie seconded, motion carried.
 - b. Sara made a motion that all participants get recognized and a milk card on Saturday September 19, 2026, seconded by Holly, motion carried.
 - f. Livestock Judging \$200.00
 - g. UW Allocation 2027 meeting-Craig will have info for 08/31/2026
 - h. Banners motion made by Holly to use Allison Fugate (AD Designs LLC) for banners, seconded by Addison, motion carried.
 - i. Thank You card will be sold for \$2.00
 - j. County Awards for 2026 will open 08/07/2026 and close 10/02/2026
13. New Business
- a. Mark of Excellence Awards Kylie Huff & Rilee Ultz
 - b. State Awards Clair Propst (Beef Science), Katelyn Trattles (Ribbits Finalist)
 - c. Still Exhibits
 1. Judges Lunch Motion made by Gabbie for Virginia Trattles to cater lunch, seconded by Julie, motion carried.
 2. Auction Greg Blucker will be the Auctioneer

14. Adjournment – Motion by Sara seconded by Gabbie motion carried adjourned @ 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATES:

MILK BARN CLEANING AUGUST 31, 2026 @5:00

STILL PROJECT AUCTION MEETING AUGUST 31, 2026 @5:30

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 3, 2026 @6:30