



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 31, 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 Emma Sult & 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, Rick Gould, Gabbie McCollough, Katelyn Trattles, Emma Sult. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator.

Members Excused - Claire Propst
4. Public Comment-
 - a. Becky Hunt Still Project Superintendent
 1. Is there a specific line item in the budget for Still Projects? The answer is no.
 2. YC to supply Pizza for the September 11 Still Barn final set up for a rough cost of \$85.00. Tarina made a motion that YC pay for pizza, Sara seconded, motion carried.
 3. Reimbursement of \$46.38 for cleaning supplies and judges' books. Billy made a motion to reimburse Becky, Katelyn seconded, motion carried.
5. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – There are four additions
 - a. 12. Old Business: i Honor Court
 - b. 13. New Business: a. Benches, b Photo Wall, c. Parks
Holly made a motion to accept the agenda, Billy seconded, motion carried
6. Minutes from August 3, 2026 Sara made a motion to approve the minutes, Connie seconded, Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received
 - a. Scholarships
 1. Three scholarships applications were received for 4-H State Shooting Camp August 15, 2026 at Centerline of Calhoun, the cost is \$40.00 per member.
 2. Four Scholarships application was received for 4-H State Horse Show August 13 to 16, 2026 MSU Campus with a cost of \$75.00 per member.
Rick made a motion to pay 1/2 of all Scholarship received, Scott seconded, Motion carried.
 - b. Correspondences
 1. Fair Publishing Norwalk Ohio Promo card with % off
 2. United Way Meet & Greet 09/03/2026 2:30-4:00
8. Financial Report – Sara Trattles Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust

1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$41,754.32 07/31/2026
 2. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Savings account \$25,374.99 06/30/2026
 3. Oakleaf Money market \$29,882.15 07/31/2026
- Billy made a motion to put financial Report on file, Connie seconded, Motion carried.

9. Bills needing approval/review

- a. Heritage Brick \$86.45
- b. Country Images Clock \$125.00
- c. Action Quick Print Buyers #'s \$138.00

Sara made a motion to pay bills, Addison seconded, Motion carried.

10. Officer/Committee Report

a. Fundraising

1. Flow-Blue
 - a. Leave on Agenda
2. Milk Barn License will be \$75.00
Julie made a motion to pay the \$75.00, Scott seconded, motion carried.
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 we need a list
5. Chuck-A-Puck
 - a. Saturday March 6, 2027 game is at 7:00
 - b. Chuck a Puck will be cashless
 - c. Tickets are \$13.00
6. Jim Fritz Donation
 - a. Two \$1,000.00 scholarships per year.

Holly made a motion to add the Two \$1,000.00 scholarships per year, Addison seconded, motion carried.

11. 4-H Development Report

a. Horse Council Update/Livestock Association Update

1. Horse Council
 - a. New VP is Katlyn McCollough
2. Livestock Association
 - a. No update

b. Fair Updates

1. Updates
 - a. Superintend meetings were the only ones left as of 08/31/2026
 - b. Trophy Cards will be to be strung
 - c. Buyer packets will need to go out by 09/02/2026
 - d. Parade-September 26, 2026 @ noon
 - e. Final sign up brought ±524 participants
2. Fair Board News-Nothing at this time

12. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities
 1. Honors Court Crowning Saturday September 19th, 2026 @8:00 in the Henningsen Show Arena East end
 2. Scavenger Hunt Wednesday September 23, 2026 @7:00
 3. 4-H Dance which will be held Friday night September 25, 2026 after Sweepstakes.
 4. Parade-Saturday September 26, 2026 @ Noon
 5. Still Project Auction September 26, 2026 @4:00
 6. Horse Banquet September 26, 2026 @5:00
 7. LDB Thursday November 12, 2026 @ 6:00
 8. Chuck a Puck 03/06/2027
- b. Treasurer Outside Resources-Will stay as is for now
- c. 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. Will need a count $\pm$ 2 weeks prior to event.
- d. Livestock Judging Update order blankets have gift cards
- e. UW Allocation 2027 meeting 11/05/2026 8:30 am Julie will attend
- f. County Awards for 2026 will open 08/07/2026 and close 10/02/2026
- g. Still Exhibit Auction 09/26/2026 @4:00 Holly gave update
- h. Passes will be printed and in the Little Red Barn
- i. Honors Court Interview Process went well

13. New Business

- a. Benches Craig will contact Holly with a date & time.
- b. Photo Wall Clay will donate \$100.00 toward mulch. This will not cover mulch. Sara made a motion for \$300.00 go toward the photo wall, Katelyn seconded, motion passes
- c. Parks will be added to Still Barn set up

14. Adjournment – Motion by Holly seconded by Scott motion carried adjourned @ 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATES:

COUNTY AWARDS MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2026 @5:30

LDB MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2026@5:30

REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2026 @6:30