



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
November 1, 2021
MSU Extension Office

President: Craig Ulsh
Vice-President: Jennifer Mead-Bennett
Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski
Treasurer: Virginia Trattles
Deputy Treasurer: Julie Carpenter
Media: Tarina Jansen

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm
2. Pledges- led by Craig
3. Members Present: Brittany Bogema, Tarina Jansen, Kelsey Kulpinski, Peter Rambadt, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett

Members Absent: Julie Carpenter, Julianna Collins, Brenda Eggleston, Rachel Eggleston, Samantha Hoekstra, Brian Quirin, Bree Seekman, Sydney Johnson, Tricia Ulsh, Regan Barrington
4. Public Comment- Jerry (GIS)- Wants to know if we are interested in selling advertisements for plat book & sell the books for any amount of money. We would keep any profit from selling the books. Just pay Jerry to place ad (~\$1000). Jennifer made a motion to sell the ads and the plat books for the county. Tarina seconded. Motion carried.
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes from previous meeting (August 30 & October 4, 2021, need to be approved) Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Peter made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings, Connie seconded. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received- Burr Oak 4-H Club (Thank You), United Way- Mandatory meeting on Nov 10th.
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of November 1, 2021 - \$21,323.50
 - b. Raymond James as of September 30, 2021- \$19,270.87
9. Bills needing approval/review:
 - a. \$98 - Bison Graphix
 - b. \$37.08 – Jennifer Bennett
 - c. \$1149.75 – Dippin’ Dots
 - d. \$135.14 – National 4-H
 - e. \$92.22 – Martech
 - f. \$139.75 – Dr Hooks
 - g. Tarina made a motion to pay the bills and approve the treasurers report. Connie seconded. Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee report
 - a. Fundraising
 - i. Milk Barn wrap up- Milk Sales profit was \$11,036.82, Dippin’ Dots profit was \$1,253.50, Ice profit was \$30
 - ii. Cooler Trailer – need to find a home for this tonight- Jennifer made a motion to store cooler at the fairgrounds until spring. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.

- iii. Final numbers – cost of products, ice, and total sales
- iv. Silent Auction Discussion- to think about. Autumn doesn't think that we are technically able to have a silent auction.
- b. Ribbons Discussion- Virginia got the invoice and going to work on figuring out how many were ordered.
- c. Benches – there are a lot of these now, need to do a better job of layout and where they all should be placed. Need to make a map of the fair and place these in specific areas. Also need to still replace the boards still.
- d. Thank You Notes – Update on sales. Sold almost \$1000 in Thank You's
- e. CWF- IN PERSON! June 25 - July 1, \$2000, ages 14-19. Spots reserved by Friday. YC typically pays for a portion.
- f. County Awards- Applications need to be returned by Friday, January 7, 2022, deadline. Announce online & recognize at banquet.

11. 4-H Development Report – Autumn Converse

- a. Horse Council Update- given all ribbons. They also elected new officers.
- b. Livestock Association Update- Nov 9th. Post Fair meetings are scheduled.
- c. Family and Volunteer Surveys Feedback- Organization & communication a key
- d. Cloverbud Age- State allows for 5-year-olds, with one-on-one help from a parent or gold adult leader. 6-year-olds need adult or teen leader. 7-year-olds need adult in close proximity, will keep mentor system.
- e. Adult Volunteer Age- Can start to be a leader right after aging out as a member.
- f. New Teen Group Ideas- Teen Leader group to meet every other month or so. Ideas still happening. Fair expectation help.
- g. Organizational Leader Update Scheduled for 11-11-21

12. Old Business

- a. Facebook Update
- b. Membership and Restructuring of Youth Council – Presentation. Autumn researched about other counties. Would be nice to restructure. Possibly have someone from LA & HC on YC.
- c. After realizing that there were some conflicts with club schedules with our new dates, Jennifer made a motion to change the meetings back to the first Monday of every month. Tarina seconded. Motion carried.

13. New Business

14. New Ideas

15. Adjournment- Jennifer made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Tarina seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2021 @ 6:30pm – In Person & Virtual