



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
January 10, 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 - were led by Craig
3. Members Present: Brittany Bogema, Scott Miracle, Kelsey Kulpinski, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Kayla Irelan, Sara Trattles, Nancy Mangus, Lea Cardella, Sydney Kirby, Zachary Sowards-Haack, Ella Yunker  
Members Absent: Cody Baker, Tarina Jansen, Ally Barga, Carlie Doehring
4. Public Comment- None
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes from previous meeting (December 6, 2021, need to be approved) Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received- None
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of January 10, 2022 - \$24,597.95
9. Bills needing approval/review:
  - a. \$940, Fairgrounds- Ice
  - b. \$100, Farm Bureau, Milk Cooler Insurance
  - c. \$245, Dr Hooks, Trophy
  - d. \$100, Conservation Club donation. Sara made a motion to give the conservation club money, Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.  
Sara made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills, Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.
10. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Cooler Trailer – Sale and storage decision. Need to check with Cedar Crest to see if a refer is going to be available. Virginia made a motion to continue storing the trailer for another year. Connie seconded. Motion carried.
    - ii. Plat book discussion - timeline
    - iii. United Way funding discussion- Autumn said that she was supposed to submit the application to the University first for approval and that could take 30 days, but deadline is to soon now for UW, so we wouldn't be able to get done in time. She now knows for next year that it needs to be done sooner.
    - iv. Jim Fritz Auction- Craig said that Jim has old metal/model tractors, would like to know if we could clean and dust off prior to having an auction and he will donate money to YC. Sydney made a motion to help Jim with the tractors and set up a scholarship in his name with that money. Ella seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Ribbons Discussion- Need to order by end of the month to get the 15% discount. Jennifer made a motion to order more ribbons prior to the end of the month, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Spring awards banquet- TBD!
11. 4-H Development Report – Autumn Converse
- a. Horse Council Update- Voting on changes to fair book
  - b. Livestock Association Update, sale checks went out before Christmas. February 8<sup>th</sup> is next LA meeting.
  - c. New Teen Group Ideas-
  - d. Superintendent's openings update- swine superintendent chose, still project superintendent on radar.
  - e. County awards update- 3 applications came in
  - f. Enrollment update- 77 cloverbuds, 400 club members, 159 approved volunteers
  - g. CWF Update- No applications this year.
  - h. Fairboard Liaison- someone to serve as a Liaison from Youth Council for Fairboard. Jennifer made a motion to have Virginia Trattles be the liaison for the Fairboard, Ella Seconded. Motion carried.
12. Old Business
- a. Facebook Update- Need to start this back up and get people informed of new council.
  - b. Donations Packets- letter to go out to donors
  - c. Trophy Presentation- March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for trophy presentation.
13. New Business
- a. Burr Oak would like to purchase a bench for Jerry Waltke- tabled. Prices went up quite a bit. \$1148.85 per bench. Almost \$2700 for 2 plus shipping. They aren't real interested in doing single board engraving. Need 8 of them done. 6-8 weeks for delivery.
  - b. Election of new officers- Virginia made a motion to amend the constitution and suspend section 3. Connie seconded. Motion carried. Connie made a motion to keep all the positions for this year. Motion declined. New officers have been chosen: President- Craig Ulsh, Vice President- Sara Trattles, Secretary- Kelsey Kulpinski, Treasurer- Virginia Trattles, Deputy Treasurer- Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Media Officer- Brittany Bogema, Junior Secretary- Sydney Kirby, Junior Media Officer- Lea Cardella, Junior Treasurer- Tabled until next meeting when not missing youth.
  - c. Committee Assignments- be thinking about what committees you'd like to serve on. Plat book committee to meet January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. That committee is for everyone to be a part of as it will be our fundraiser! Those more interested in serving are Sara, Craig, Jenny, Sydney, Virginia, Kelsey, Connie, Ella, Scott. Still Project Silent Auction committee meeting- Connie, Brittany, Nancy, Virginia meets January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm
14. New Ideas
- a. Budget Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
15. Adjournment- Virginia made a motion to adjourn at 8:04pm. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: February 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm – In Person**