



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
February 6, 2023  
MSU Extension Office

President: Sara Trattles  
Vice-President: Craig Ulsh  
Secretary: Kayla Irelan  
Treasurer: Trina Jansen  
Deputy Treasurer: Kelsey Kulpinski  
Media: Julie Carpenter

1. Call the meeting to order - President, Sara Trattles at 6:30 pm
2. Pledges- led by Grace Sturgill
3. Members Present - Sara Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Kelsey Kulpinski, Tarina Jansen, Connie Myers, Kayla Irelan, Sydney Kirby, Ella Yunker, Nancy Mangus, Grace Sturgill, Scott Miracle, Julie Brice, Clay Decker  
  
Members absent: Ed Klein, Megan Jackson, Julie Carpenter, Sara Carpenter
4. Public Comment – None
5. Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda- New computer with updated software for Tarina added to New Business, Trophy Donor mailing added to New Business, Changing/adding names to bank account added to Finance Report B, Budget discussion
6. Minutes from previous meeting (1/10/2023) need approved. Craig made a motion to approve previous minutes, Ella seconded. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received - None received
8. Financial Report - Tarina Jansen, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank and Trust checking account as of 2/5/23 - \$52,757.57
  - b. Trouble getting bank names switched from Virginia Trattles (previous treasurer) to Tarina Jansen (current treasurer). Will contact Virginia to meet and bank and resolve issue.
9. Bills needing approval/review -
  - a. Postage - \$13.86
  - b. Kayla Mitchell - \$239.16 for MAFE conference
  - c. \$100.00 - yearly donation to Conservation Club  
Clay amended Conservation Club motion and made motion to approve Treasurers Report and pay the bills. Sydney seconded. Motion carried.
  - d. Tarina addresses current computer used for record keeping as Treasurer is 11 years old, will not turn on unless plugged in, and requesting to look into new computer with updated QuickBooks. Tarina will bring quotes to March meeting.
10. Officer/Committee report -
  - a. Fundraising -
    - i. Plat Book Update - Kayla Mitchell will inquire if Tonya has had any sales. Sara has had 9 sales at Greenstone and Tarina one.
    - ii. Milk Barn - Craig states we are locked in for reefer trailer. Craig wants to clean up sooner than last year and get inventory at clean up. Also mentions touching up paint on outside of milk barn. Sara suggests lock box (register broken) and safe in back of milk barn to store excess cash. Clay asked about adding a debit card option, Kayla suggests maybe VENMO. Will look into.
    - iii. Flow Blue - (Craig) Auction company in Nashville, MI wants to hold auction there. Jim Fritz on hold due to mother-in-law ill. Still plans to move forward with donation/auction after everything resolves.
  - b. Liason report - Kayla Mitchell attended 1/26/23 meeting.
    - i. Possible fair book revision for a more clear rules and policies.
    - ii. Keeping communication open and positivity and stopping negative talk/bashing of other groups and/or boards.
    - iii. Possibly bring 4-H in community tent. And bring back Scavenger Hunt for 4-H youth. Courtney Miller volunteered.
    - iv. Work on draft horse relationship and staging area, parking, etc.

- v. Golf cart will be available for transportation from horse showing to animal showing at barns if kids in more than one species showing.
  - vi. Looking into buying storage containers for each species storage instead of in barns.
  - vii. Vertical Raise for extra fundraising online. Kayla Irelan will look into.
  - c. Parks - Sara will reach out to Signs and More for quotes (they made Original signs). Megan Jackson may have a quote also but absent from tonight's meeting and Virginia Trattles may know who to contact for a quote that makes the county signs.
    - i. Photowall needs replaced and Horse Council wants access to new photo wall for pictures. Clay Decker suggests relocation photo wall for more room and making a backdrop.
    - ii. Revitalization Committee made up of Kelsey Kulpinski, Clay Decker, and Julie Brice for new sign/relocation
    - iii. Teresa Hufstedtler still making drapes for still barn? Kayla Mitchell will look into.
  - d. Committees assigned and updated.
11. 4-H Development Report - Kayla Mitchell
- a. Horse Council Update - Julie Brice states Horse Council wants to do Silent Auction but Kelsey states Youth Council stopped due to MSU rules. Kayla Mitchell will look into.
    - i. Showmanship Trophy - Julie Brice asks Youth Council to buy trophies. Craig thinks already in the budget.
  - b. Livestock Association Update - new registration forms being considered, one sheet for all species?
    - i. No YQCA required
    - ii. All underweight and overweight animals go home in ALL species. Kayla will check on carcass animals.
    - iii. Kids showing multiple animals will be accommodated.
      - Poultry showing moving to Sunday with rabbits and Skill a thon on Saturday. Cats moved to Friday? Goats will run 2 rings with 2 judges.
    - v. August 5, 2023 Showmanship workshop - all species
  - c. Sign up Update - Re-enrollment closed, new enrollments still open
    - i. Cloverbuds - 116
    - ii. Youth - 581
    - iii. Volunteers - 193
  - d. 4-H Camp - will be at camp Amigo, 2 nights/3 days
    - i. Kayla Mitchell took tour and received quote of \$5100. Craig made motion to approve putting deposit on to hold spot. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
  - e. 4th Grade Conservation Tour - May 9, 2023 and May 10, 2023. Kayla wants help with trees. Volunteers needed.
12. Old Business
- a. Recognition Dinner - moved to fall and will set date at next meeting
  - b. Media opportunities - no new opportunities
13. New Business
- a. Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) Scholarship - Peter Rambadt paid \$500 deposit, \$1500 balance left. Craig thinks we pay for 2 seats, sell 1 seat? In budget for Peter?
  - b. Exploration Days - Same price as last year (\$220/youth and (\$120/adult). Youth Council pay half and in budget?
  - c. Post Secondary Scholarship including the Fritz scholarship -
    - ii. Craig motioned to make amount \$1,000 per year and name it Jim & Linda Fritz Family Scholarship. Kelsey seconded. Motion carried. (Will be moved to separate account for better record keeping of amount)
  - d. Ask Virginia about apparel order for Youth Council. Tarina will send out emails for orders.
14. Adjournment - Craig made motion, Clay seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date - March 6, 2023 @ 5 pm for Budget Committee**