



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
April 4, 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- led by Craig
3. Members Present: Sara Trattles, Tarina Jansen, Kelsey Kulpinski, Lea Cardella, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Scott Miracle, Cody Baker, Nancy Mangus, Sydney Kirby, Kayla Irelan, Zachary Sowards-Haack, Ella Yunker
4. Members Absent: Brittany Bogema, Ally Barga, Carlie Doehring
5. Public Comment- None
6. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
7. Minutes from previous meeting (March 7, 2022 need to be approved) Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
8. Correspondence received- None
9. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of April 4, 2022 - \$35,248.96
10. Bills needing approval/review:
  - a. Stamps - \$5.95
  - b. Sara made a motion to approve the treasurers report and pay the bills. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.
11. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Plat Book Discussion – Printing Options, Ad Sales. Action Quickprint \$12-14/book, Cal Blue \$26/book, Impact Solutions \$18-23/book, Portage Printing \$18-21/book
    - ii. Donation Update – 56% of them are back, second mailing to go out.
    - iii. Milk Barn – Costume needs replaced; Jennifer made a motion to buy an inflatable cow costume. Nancy seconded. Motion carried. Photo Sign needs revamping, Refer Trailer is Confirmed for 2022
  - b. Liaison Report – Virginia, hasn't been to a meeting yet.
  - c. Still Project Auction Committee Update- tabled
12. 4-H Development Report – Autumn Converse
  - a. Horse Council Update – no meeting yet
  - b. Livestock Association Update – no meeting yet
  - c. Leader Meetings – April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the ISD at 6:30pm and May 14<sup>th</sup> zoom at 10am
  - d. 4-H Capital Experience- Peter attended for free
  - e. 4-H Exploration Days- no update, YC covers ½ of trip, endowment money to pay \$50, kid only pays \$50
  - f. State's 4-H International Exchange – Scholarship Update – Endowment money to cover half of cost.
  - g. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour – May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

- h. Enrollment update – Ends May 1<sup>st</sup>, 434 club members, 90 cloverbuds
- i. Endowment Distribution & Request- \$5000 requested. Possible uses- Conservation Tour, Exploration Days, Camp
- j. Scholarship Applications- Sydney made a motion to remove the “non-inclusive” part of the scholarship that full rides can’t receive scholarship. Lea seconded. Motion carried. Interviews- May 14<sup>th</sup>, Due May 2nd
- k. 4-H Honor Court- Alternative to royalty. 6-8 kids, 2 top 4-Hers. Represent St. Joseph County. Application due in August, decision made fair week.

13. Old Business

- a. Benches - \$1,150 each, need to decide how many we need to purchase. Sara made a motion to go ahead and purchase and then hold any further orders. Virginia seconded. Motion carried. Jennifer made a motion to pull the sales of any more benches for now, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Trophy Selection- Crowne & Dr Hooks pretty much the same. Lea made a motion to use Dr Hooks for trophies, Sydney seconded. Motion carried. Sydney made a motion to use Noah for banners. Lea seconded. Motion carried. We can use Becky to make tumblers for prizes for special events held. Kelsey made a motion to use Lazer Expressions for plaques, 10 year, etc, Virginia seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Media opportunities

14. New Business

15. New Ideas

- a. Champion Project – winner in every species. Then have a champion in each age divisions and then an overall. Would use the skillathon, evaluations, showmanship, market. If awarded exceptional evaluation, it earns bonus points.

16. Adjournment- at 7:40p

**Next Meeting Date: May 2, 2022 @ 6:30pm – In Person, arrive early at the fairgrounds to pack trees 5pm**