



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting  
February 7, 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, Brittany Bogema, Tarina Jansen, Kelsey Kulpinski, Lea Cardella, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Jennifer Mead-Bennett, Cody Baker, Nancy Mangus, Kayla Irelan, Zachary Sowards-Haack, Ella Yunker, Carlie Doehring  
Members Absent: Scott Miracle, Sydney Kirby, Ally Barga
4. Public Comment
5. Additions to the agenda/Approval of Agenda
6. Minutes from previous meeting (January 10, 2022, need to be approved) Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary.  
- Sara approved the minutes from the previous meeting, Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.
7. Correspondence received – None
8. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of February 7, 2022 - \$23,987.55
  - b. Jennifer approved the financial report, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.
9. Officer/Committee report
  - a. Fundraising
    - i. Plat book discussion – Jennifer motioned to sell the books for \$40, Brittany seconded. Motion carried.
    - ii. Milk Barn – barn upgrade discussion or pay rental fee for 2022 - Fairboard will NOT be charging YC for 2022. Would like to organize a work day to show appreciation for working with us.
    - iii. Donation update – updating letter and sending out soon.
    - iv. Jim Fritz Auction – will be around November, should be about 150 items.
  - b. Ribbons Update – Ordered more ribbons to get the discount.
  - c. Committee assignments for 2022- done
  - d. County Awards need reviewed – 3 applications, meeting 2-16-2022 at noon
  - e. Budget committee update - completed
  - f. MAFE Report – Craig attended, believes it is something we should send Autumn too in the future.
  - g. Liaison Report – Virginia, hasn't been to a meeting yet.
  - h. Still Project Auction Committee Update – went over auction last year, making improvements, added more projects to list.
10. 4-H Development Report – Autumn Converse
  - a. Horse Council Update - Fundraisers, qualifier show inputs, looking for YC support for State Horse Show
  - b. Livestock Association Update - new idea to help encourage kids, Champion project.
  - c. 4-H Capital Experience- March 20 (Virtual) & March 23
  - d. 4-H Exploration Days - June 22-24, 12-year-old (In Person), \$220 (YC pays ½)

- e. Superintendent and Assistant Update - New Swine Superintendent is Kevin Yeager, still looking for assistant. Also looking for still project superintendent and assistant.
- f. Enrollment update - Last week - 88 Cloverbuds, 411 Club members, 164 approved volunteers
- g. Endowment distribution- money housed at MI 4-H Foundation. Requested \$4,306.71 from last year, must spend that before requesting this year's allotment. Can request around \$5,500 for this year. Requested more info about how it can be spent.

11. Old Business

- a. Facebook Update - form went around to fill out, picture needed to place on FB
- b. Benches - \$1,150 each, order 2 benches & 8 replacement boards to engrave. Nancy made a motion to order benches, Sara seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Trophy Presentation 3-7-22 @ 6pm (Dr Hooks & Crown Trophy) NEED YOUTH INVOLVEMENT!
- d. 2022 YC contact sheet distribution
- e. Junior Treasurer - Carlie Doehring was voted in as the junior treasurer.

12. New Business

- a. YC Shirt Order - done

13. New Ideas

14. Adjournment- Connie made a motion to adjourn 7:27pm, Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm – In Person or zoom**