Vice President Michelle Holladay called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Michelle, Brittany Knight, Betty Winans, Deb Giraitis, Jill Rockwell, Trudy Sibley, Kim Eubank, Cathy Alvesteffer, Heidi Bromley, Ann Marie Overla, Kathy Carter and Jane Thocher. Pledges were recited by all.

Trudy moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried to accept the Secretary’s report as presented. Cathy moved, Jill supported, motion carried to file the treasurer’s report for audit.

In committee reports,

**Large Market** is looking into improving sound equipment for the auction. Since Loren Kroll is still in the hospital it was decided to waive the no-club point requirement for her. There is a Showmanship Clinic coming up on May 21 at Holladay’s Farm. Hoof trimming will be July 16.

**Small Market** hasn’t met since last meeting which was in the fall.

**HDC** is sponsoring a Shaggy Show Saturday, April 30. All horse shows are set. They are working on rewriting their by-laws.

**Youth Council Sub-Committee reports** -- **Senior Scholarship** applications are due Friday, April 15th and interviews will be May 2. **Bake Sale** — May 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.at Hansen Foods-- Gale’s is supporting 4-H with a meat sale so we added that location as well. Kathy Grantz will need a volunteer to assist her that day at Gale’s. Trudy will be at Hansen’s. 4-Hers are needed to donate baked goods for this also. **Ambassadors** — Paperwork, interview process, parent meeting were mentioned. Chosen end of July and announced prior to the fair.

**Fair Board** – Jane reported that fair board no longer receives any money from the state. Fair Board cannot afford to give as many ribbons, etc as in the past. Entries should be projects if entering as 4-H. Five in a class are needed to give a trophy. Ask leaders of barns what they want. The committee of Jane, Kathy Walicki, and Doug Fris will look at the Fair book and try to figure out more.

In Old Business

- Michelle reported that Cassie and Kaylee have been talking about “Capitol Experience” ever since they went and had such a good time.
- Lori gave an Exploration Days Update. Twelve females and four males are signed up, with Doug Fris and Lori Cargill as chaperones. An additional female chaperone is needed; four female adults have volunteered.
- Jill reported that everything went very well at the Spring Breakin’ the Blues event.
- Plat Books — There is still a problem with MSU and paying Diane to sell the ads for the plat book. Jane moved, Cathy supported, motion carried to have Lori keep trying to settle the dispute over the 2% with MSU by April 22.

In New Business

- Lori reported that Folk Festival has been cancelled. There will be a meeting in May to make alternative plans.
- Two Fundraising Applications have been received from the Country Beefmen. One is for a sub sale and the other is to do a concession stand for the Gospel Group Northern Edge, to raise money for the club. Both were approved by motions from Trudy with support from Ann Marie and passed by the group.
- Lori led a discussion on SMART goals for 2016, —as an extension of last year’s work to increase knowledge about parliamentary procedure, and council and club officers. In brainstorming, the following list of interests was developed: Increase Social/Media presence, strengthen the standard operating procedures of Youth Council committees, Increase opportunities for Teen Leadership, Cross Club/County-wide programming (i.e. bonfire/sledding/etc.), Cross Cultural programming, Food Pantry Drive, Additional workshops for Parliamentary Procedures, expand Community Service Offerings, add new program areas to Oceana’s 4-H program (robotics, social media and communication projects, demonstrations at fair), Safety, and a community garden.

**Lori’s update:**

- 4-H school enrichment classroom lessons on poultry, nutrition, embryology, etc. were delivered in Hart, Shelby and Walkerville this spring.
- Hart Sparks this summer— Are there other summer community events that 4-H can participate in?
- Teens as Teachers—Teens need to deliver curriculum locally; who can they reach? Three teens went to Kettunen Center, Reading Makes Sense, Honey Bee Challenge

Cathy Alvesteffer, Trudy Sibley and Jane Thocher will work on revising the Youth Council Constitution.

Meeting adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Carter,
Kathy Carter, Secretary*