The regular meeting of 4-H Council was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Stephanie VanSickle. Members present were Stephanie, Penny Burillo, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, Jill Rockwell, Trudy Sibley, Jane Thocher, and Lance VanSickle. Pledges were recited by all.

The secretary’s report was presented. Jane moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried to accept the report as presented.

The treasurer’s report was presented. Cash and bank accounts show $700.06 in checking, $390.12 in Fifth Third checking, $3,035.24 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $658.95 in Savings, $18,000.81 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,457.68 in two CD’s giving a total of $43,242.86.

In old business there is nothing new to report on the incorporation status. Jane will ask Doug if he wants help with insurance for council.

In new business we had two presentations. The first presentation was given by Katie Jordan, Terri Carlson and Brooke Hodges. They reported on TOPPC (The Oceana Prevention Partnership for Change) and requested funding for two speaking engagements (a spoken word poetry duo named Kinetic Affect) that would be for all of the High School students in the county. They present a message intended to stimulate community dialogue around issues such as bullying, substance abuse, personal goals and more. Penny moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried to give $100 toward the cost. Jane said she would personally give a $100 gift toward this.

The second presentation was given by Sofia and Catalina Burillo about the Teen Leadership and Community Change Workshop. They reported on their attendance at the workshop and the activities they took part in. “Backpack to Adventure” was a new MI 4-H curriculum they learned about. The “Photo Voice” session demonstrated how to persuade public opinion on health/environment through digital media story telling. They also shared the 5 C’s of cultural competencies and TED Talks (www.ted.com). They also reported that Sofia is traveling to Japan this summer with the 4-H LABO exchange program to visit the girl that came here last summer. They inquired about scholarship opportunities and fundraising.

The Shelby State Bank Accounts were brought up. It has been quite a while since it was decided to change to Fifth Third Bank. Two accounts at each bank have been kept up to ensure all bills etcetera were taken through the Shelby accounts before moving to Fifth Third exclusively. Jane moved, Jill supported, motion carried to have Doug Fris move moneys still at Shelby State Bank to Fifth Third Bank.

The upcoming bake sake will be held on May 10 at Gales IGA from 9 am to 1 pm or until everything is sold. Proceeds will be distributed to the Exploration Days attendees who assist at the sale.

The Community Yard Sale/Bake Sale was discussed. Since Clancy announced several events being held at the fairgrounds this summer, availability was questioned. A state archery tournament is scheduled the weekend we usually have the sale. Lori will contact Clancy and see what can be worked out.

Committee Reports

HDC - none.

Folk Festival—there will be square dancing at ten. Lisa Gale and Joanna Lloyd will be there, and Marvin Near’s grandson will be there with the wooden/homemade toys.

Community Events—4-Hers can participate in parades – Memorial Day, Asparagus Parade June 7, Hesperia/4th of July, Pentwater Homecoming, August 16th.

Participation fees were discussed. Some ways they could be used are to help with Kettunen Center fees for workshops, to help with the cost of Exploration Days, a new speaker system for use at the fair, and to fund a proposal from Market Livestock Committee.
Lori’s Updates

- There are some new additions to the Lending Library Resources. Lori brought in the new feed stuffs curriculum and the Swine Learning Lab for us to see, as well as Practice for Judging Livestock CD, Judging Halter CD, Swine Breed Identification CD, Horse DVD’s, Rabbit CD/DVD’s and more.
- The Backpack to Adventure Workshop in Fenwick was attended by Sofia, Grace Alvesteffer and Cathy Alvesteffer.
- Lori visited the Silver Lake State Park and talked with the managers about having a “Fun With 4-H” nature based club and adding service projects for 4-H at the State Parks in Oceana County.
- Market Livestock/Auction Updates—the fair board did not receive the grant they had applied for so at this time there is no decision on where the sale will be or exactly how it will be conducted. The Market Livestock Committee will meet on April 28.

In other business Stephanie has met with seven of the sixteen township supervisors about maps of the townships and any corrections that need to be made in the plat books. She will make contact with others soon.

Lori reported that Kip Cole had called the office and resigned with regrets from Council.

Four scholarship applications have been received.

Penny moved, Jane supported, motion carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter, Secretary