President Sarah Sylvester called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:05 pm. Members present were Sarah Sylvester, Heidi Bromley, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Doug Fris, Kaylee Herrygers, Cassie and Michelle Holladay, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Mikaylyn and Wendy Kenney, Silje Nielsen, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, Jill Rockwell, Trudy Sibley, and Lance VanSickle. Pledges were recited by all.

The secretary’s report was presented. Doug moved, Lance supported, motion carried to accept the report as given.

The treasurer’s report was given by Doug. Cash and Bank Accounts show $734.09 in Fifth Third Checking, $3,036.15 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $19,012.75 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,526.11 in two CD’s giving a total of $43,309.10. Lance moved, Jill supported, motion carried to accept the treasurer’s report as given.

Committee reports were given. Large Market One person wanted to extend the deadline but was denied. — Project Space Remaining: Beef—Closed (33 selling), Lamb—13 openings, accepting applications until June 1, Swine—Closed (2 little buddies). Small Market — Project Space Remaining: Chickens—6, Duck—3, Feeder Calf—0, Geese—3, Goat—0, Rabbit—0, Turkey—4. HDC — HDC met and the shows have been set—May 9, and the third weekend in both June and July. They have all new notebooks ready. A Coggins Clinic will be held the third Saturday in March at Heather Headlands, Companion Animal Veterinary Clinic south of Shelby on Oceana Drive. HDC is still selling fund raising banners through horse 4-H members or horse leaders for $125 per business or individual. Anyone can buy a banner. They will be shown at the horse shows in May, June and July and at the fair. Youth Council Sub-Committees—No reports. Fair Board—Oceana fair board members attended the Fair Convention looking for ideas for change, etcetera for fair. There were discussions and workshops about premiums, etc. Some fairs solicit donations for ribbons, trophies, etc.

In old business, we received an update on the 2010 Plat Book Distribution. Bob Schultz took 10 for his scouts. Others will be used in the bus garages at Hart, Hesperia, Montague, Pentwater and Shelby. There are still many to do something with. The issue of Sofia Burillo-Castro’s Labo Financials which were tabled at the January meeting was discussed. The total trip cost $4,570.60. She received $100 for hosting and $1000 from 4-H Foundation. $203 was raised from her fundraiser at the Asparagus Festival. After considerable discussion, Karen moved to give $100, Kathy supported, and the motion carried.

In new business, several things were presented.

- 2015 Budget proposal to amend the mileage reimbursement rate. Doug moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried to change from 40 cents to 50 cents per mile going forward from today.
- Proposal to amend Kettunen Center workshop policy for youth. Michelle moved, Wendy supported, motion carried that the check for the amount be written to 4-H Council and it not be cashed until after the 4-Her reports back to Council (within 60 days). If the 4-Her reports on the workshop the check will never be cashed. If no report is given the check will be cashed.
- Spring Breakin’ the Winter Blues Proposal. Some kind of programming for kids during the Saturday of Spring Break is being looked at. Hopefully it will get in the next newsletter.
• Lilia Gonzalez was to give a presentation but was a no show.
• Lori read a Thank You Letter from Mark VanDerZanden. He was a scholarship winner who gave a very nice thank you along with his plan of studying digital animation and game design.

Lori’s Updates
• 4-H Online is now live. Details will be included in the next newsletter. EVERYONE must enroll this way.
• We now have new learning labs: Sheep and Rabbit donated by Tara VanderNaalt and Alcoa.
• Kathy Grantz is starting a new sewing club.
• Happy Hummers Club may dissolve for lack of members.
• North Central Coop will be having a feed clinic for large animals and horses in Fremont.

In other business Lori reported that there is a new 4-H website which is interactive on Shutterfly. Heidi Bromley requested that her beef club be able to hold a fundraiser selling candy bars to purchase decorations for the fair. Michelle moved, Lance supported, motion carried to approve the fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Carter
Kathy Carter, Secretary