In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Secretary Kathy Carter called the regular meeting of the 4-H Youth Council to order at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Kathy, Lori Cargill, Pat Mackey, Ann Marie Overla, Amanda Coker, Trudy Sibley and Jane Thocher. Pledges were recited by all. Trudy moved, Pat supported, motion carried to accept the April Secretary's report as presented. Trudy moved, Kathy supported, motion carried to accept the May minutes. Ann moved, Jane supported, motion carried to file the May treasurer's report for in committee reports.

4-H & Market Updates: No representatives were present for either committee, Lori gave the report.

- Large Market is full and Small Market closes Wednesday, June 1st
- The health of the large market auctioneers is of some concern. John Herremans, who auctions for the small market, is in his eighties and Pat Lause, large market auctioneer, has had some health issues.
- Regarding animal projects, the poultry project numbers are down this year. All project areas in large market are up in participation.
- Auction improvements were discussed and the committee/fairboard is still working on the sound system and possibly a different location/setup for the pictures. A proposal was made to move the bleachers a bit and swing the pictures to the South, taking the sun out of the pictures as well as the bystanders. The committee is also looking at a new electronic sign and possibly a banner backdrop to help with improve the auction.
- The Market Livestock showmanship clinic at Holladay’s was a very valuable event and well attended.

HDC Report: Amanda reported the Shaggy show went very well. The May show was profitable but the weather was terrible. We have received $3000.00 of Alcoa Grant money from four volunteers from Alcoa, and could possibly get up to $6000.00 more (Market Project volunteers).

Youth Council Sub-Committee reports:
Recognition:
- We will need new magnetic signs for use in the parades. Dave Near in Shelby makes them as a possibility.
- Ambassadors- the committee needs to set a date for interviews. The committee needs to talk with parents prior to choosing ambassadors so they know what is expected, ambassador and parent responsibilities. The ambassador(s) will be chosen the end of July and announced prior to Fair. They will also be introduced at the start of the Large Market Auction as they always have.

The Youth Council Constitution Committee needs to set a date for a meeting. The Plat book committee will meeting sometime next week

Yard/Bake Sale- Set up will be Tuesday, July 12 with the sale July 13-16. Take down/clean up will be Monday July 18th. 4-Hers and adults need to sign up to work and donate a baked good.

Fair Board: Jane reported that as the Fair Board no longer receives any money from the state, they are working to manage costs. A premium check written for an amount under $5.00 costs the board money. Notes on Fair Book revisions:
- Every category has an “any other”.
• Projects take time and should not just be thrown together. The fair hopes to cut down on entries per youth.
• Demonstrations should all be the same night.
• Only one Best of Show per Division.
• The nutritional value of prepared food, if youth has three or more years in the project, should be included on a 3x5 card.
• Posters, notebooks and demonstration were also mentioned.

**In old business:** Cassie Holladay and Kaylee Herrygers have shared their Capitol Experience memories at a club meeting but the committee still seeks a summary to help promote the event for next year.

**In new business:**
- Pat Mackey presented a situation regarding the Oceana County 4-H enrollment deadline of June 1st. Two youth who have been participating in her club did not meet the deadline with paperwork and fees. After discussion Jane moved, Trudy supported, motion carried to adhere to the registration deadlines as we are not taking their showing experience away. Youth can enter their projects as open for the Fair if they choose. It was decided to table the completeness of a deadline or open enrollment and check on what other counties do.
- A SMAA auction proposal was presented and discussed. They would like to adjust the start time for the SMAA Auction to 5:00 p.m. This would also cause the adjustment of the time for the Ag Olympics. Trudy moved, Ann supported, motion carried to move up the times by one hour.
- SMART goals 2016 were tabled until the July meeting.

**LORI'S UPDATES:**
- There are over seventy first year 4-Hers so we need to keep an eye on them and help if needed.
- She and Toni Van Bergen, 4-H Secretary, attended a Financial Training – new policies this fall.
- Teen as Teachers- Three girls attended the Kettunen Center Workshop. They were to come back and teach and share what they learned. They have not done so yet.
- Garden Project- Lori has 16 kids to help plant donated plants, soil, etc. to do a project at Shelby Library, Pentwater Garden Club and Harbor House.
- Zoonotics- a one hour presentation will be given in July
- There is a puppet makerspace workshop coming up. Eight have enrolled. It will probably fill.

We received a Thank Your from Haley Mast for being selected as a recipient of the Oceana County 4-H Youth Competitive Scholarship to use towards her schooling expenses at Grand Valley State University

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

_Kathy Carter_

Kathy Carter, Secretary