The regular meeting of 4-H Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Stephanie VanSickle. Members present were Stephanie, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Doug Fris, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Wendy Kenney, Karen Pankow, Jane Thocher, Lance VanSickle, and Mary Yeager. Pledges were recited by all. The secretary’s report was presented. Jane moved, Doug supported, motion carried to accept the report as presented. The treasurer’s report was presented. Cash and bank accounts show $700.06 in checking, $686.49 in Fifth Third checking; $3,035.46 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund which is held at Shelby, $658.97 in Savings, $1496.99 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,457.68 in two CD’s giving a total of $27,035.65.

In old business, Doug reported that he has been playing phone tag with Jim Gale for information about the incorporation status and that he will call Gayle Forner for his input on this.

Lori reported on the availability of the fairgrounds for the Community Yard Sale/Bake Sale. July 19 we can share the grounds with HDC open show and/or July 26 we can share the grounds with Archery. We briefly discussed one week or two and it was left up to the committee of Kathy, Ann Marie and Trudy to decide.

Lori shared some responses from Kinetic Affect. Kayla Dean and Grace Alvesteffer both blogged about TOPPC and thought it was great. There were many good comments on face book.

In new business the Scholarship Committee met and scored the applications received applying for scholarships. All those eligible scored high enough to receive scholarships.

Market Livestock Committee will be meeting the Tuesday after Memorial Day. As things are right now the auction will probably be the same as in the past, but it’s not definite yet. Jane expressed concern regarding the removal of the qualifying year for a market livestock person who is a new 4-Her.

Exploration Days scholarship requests were discussed. Four boys and twelve girls plus Doug, Lori and Tara VanderNalt will be attending. Thirteen of those going applied for Youth Council scholarships to help cover the cost. The total cost is $165 per 4-Her. Lance moved, Mary supported, motion carried, that this year first timers will receive $65 and repeaters will receive $50. $225 profit was made at the bake sale, which will be divided between those who donated and worked. They will each receive $32. How much all would receive from other funds was discussed. It was decided that all should have to pay some. Jane moved, Mary supported, motion carried that in the future we allow up to $65 for first timers and up to $50 for repeaters from Council for those attending Exploration Days.

Senior Gifts were discussed. There are eighteen seniors this year. Lori showed a few possible gifts from 4-H Mall. Wendy moved, Mary supported, motion carried to spend an average of $10 per graduate for a gift.

Heidi Bromley’s Beef/Dairy club submitted an application for a sub sale, candy sale and concessions to raise funds for their club. Jane moved, Mary supported, motion carried to approve this. It was suggested that the club report back as to what the funds were used for.

Lori’s Updates

- A program called “Showing with Character” for both Oceana and Mason County teens and leaders is going to be at Storybook Village in Pentwater on May 15 from 6:30-8:00 pm
- There is a partnership opportunity with Juanita Estrada, Oceana DHS FIS/ES/Migrant Worker, who has requested to attend a meeting and see how we can work with migrant kids in 4-H.
- Cloverbud’s Navigating Nature registration is now through June 6th.

In other business HDC’s first show will be on May 17 starting at 9:00 am. There will be two more on the third Saturday of June and July.

Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter
Kathy Carter, Secretary