President Stephanie VanSickle called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:00 pm. Those present were Stephanie, Heidi Bromley, Penny Burillo, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Kip Cole, Kim Eubank, Katelynn Herrygers, Michelle Holladay, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Ann Marie Overla, Jill Rockwell, Nicole Rockwell, Trudy Sibley, Sarah Sylvester, Jane Thocher, Lance VanSickle, and Mary Yeager. Pledges were recited by all. The secretary’s report was presented. Jane moved, Mary supported, motion carried to accept the report as presented. In the absence of the treasurer, Lori presented the written report. Cash and Bank Accounts show $700.06 in checking, $462.17 in Fifth Third Checking, $3,035.01 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $658.83 in Savings, $22,075.56 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,457.68 in two CD’s for a total of $47,389.31. Total Assets equal $47,389.31. Jane moved, Mary supported, motion carried to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. We discussed which way to go with funds. It was decided for now to leave the Sayles Family Fund with the family. I was suggested that the Semelbauer Fund might be used for Conference and Training expenses. It was decided to check with the family and see what they would like the money used for.

In Old Business, no new information was reported with our incorporation status. The Fall Awards Banquet was discussed. There will be one Key Club award. The Awards Committee will meet on October 17 to go over nominations and decide who gets what awards. The Friend of 4-H needed to be decided before the Leader Appreciation Dinner. Larson’s Ace Hardware was suggested. Penny moved, Ann Marie supported, motion carried to present the award to Larson’s. Nomination/Election of Youth Council Membership was discussed. Penny, moved, Kip supported that those present who have shown an interest be elected to membership in the 4-H Youth Council. Motion carried. Those present except Nicole, plus Kayla Dean and Doug Fris will be the council members for the next year.

In Nomination/Election of Officers, Stephanie, Kip and Trudy were nominated for president. Kip declined. Jane moved, Mary supported motion carried to close nominations, motion carried. Upon voting Stephanie was elected. Nominations for vice-president were Kip and Trudy. Jane moved, Kathy supported, motion carried to close nominations. Kip was elected. The only nomination for secretary was Kathy. Jane moved, Penny/Ann Marie supported, motion carried to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kathy. Doug was nominated to serve again as treasurer. Penny moved, Kathy supported, motion carried to close nominations. Doug was elected to serve as treasurer again.

Sign-Up Sheets were sent around for members to designate which committees they will serve on. Ag Olympics committee was left off as in the future clubs will be assigned to be in charge of Ag Olympics.
In New Business, Applications were received from Country Beef Men Club for a sub sale and a candy bar sale for decorations, etc. They made $600+ profit from the sub sale and $249 from the candy bar sale.

Kip reported on the Kettunen Center Family Fun Weekend that Diane took three of their grandsons to. The event was targeting cloverbuds to get them used to Kettunen Center. The cost was $43 per person and Kip was requesting monetary support. Michelle moved to cover the expenses plus mileage just like any other 4-H workshop at Kettunen Center. Trudy supported and the motion carried.

The Shooting Sports Club’s grant application to the State 4-H Foundation was denied. The club is asking if Council can support the club’s $600 request. It was suggested that we might support with $100 like we did for the bee club. There was much discussion and suggestions of who to contact for some help. Ann Marie moved, Jane supported, motion carried to table discussion until the next meeting.

Lori gave her Updates. She highlighted some of the changes made to Large Market Rules. There no longer will be a qualifying year to enter one of the projects. There is a minimum age for some of the projects now. Little Buddy Program will be left as an option and for younger 4-Hers.

Lori also reported that Storybook Village in Pentwater will be hosting a 4-H Parents’ Night on Sunday, November 10th at 6:30 in the evening. They have also agreed to a month long fund raiser for 4-H from the purchase of books. It will return 15% back to our program. It was decided to postpone applying for the People’s Fund Grant opportunity until spring as new materials are coming from MSU.

Lori attended the Scottville Old Engine Club event this fall and observed that Hesperia, New Era Christian and Pentwater sent their students to this event. Wondering why they don’t all attend Folk Festival.

In other business a committee for the Constitution/By-Laws needs to meet and go over them and make recommendations for council. Lori was wondering who is on this committee.

Jane gave a report from the Fair Board meeting. She asked that clubs discuss with their members whether they prefer trophies and rosettes or premiums since there is no money from the state any more. $1320 was spent on sawdust for pens. The horse people feel the llamas have to be moved. Some exhibits in the adult building were not adult quality. The Fair Board has purchased a newer trailer to transport people to and from the parking area. Changing the traffic pattern had been discussed, and changing it would cost too much. They are looking to add 400 seats near the large arena this year. They are also looking at buying fans for the barns at a cost of $400 each.

Mary moved, Kip supported, motion carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Carter, Secretary