President Sarah Sylvester called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Sarah, Cathy Alvesteffer, Cody Alvesteffer, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Michelle Holladay, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, 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 approve the report as presented. Doug gave the treasurer’s report. Cash and Bank Accounts show $3,036.60 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $643.03 in Fifth Third Checking, $16,621.43 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,544.03 in two CD’s for a total of $40,845.09. Kathy moved, Jane supported, motion carried to approve the treasurer’s report as given.

In committee reports,

LARGE MARKET--- Annual Meeting will be October 20th at 7:00 pm at SMS Cafetorium. There were just a couple small project changes; noted in the newsletter.

SMALL MARKET--- Annual Meeting will be October 19th at 6:00 at Hart Community Center. A few project changes were made—goats will be six instead of four and feeder calves will be eighteen instead of fifteen according to a proposed by-law change.

HDC--- They are looking to add a fourth show to the summer line-up, possibly a fuzzy/shaggy show open to kids and adults as a fundraiser and early or late.

YOUTH COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES— The Scholarship Committee met and created John Sayles Awards for both youth and adults. They also added more to the programming with a volunteer award, a horizon award, a sportsmanship award, service award and a mentor award for which the recipient will receive a jacket from the Trophy Center. The Finance Committee set the budget, which was voted on by the membership. Jane moved, Karen supported, motion carried to approve the budget, which was the old business.

In new business,

MEMBERSHIP ELECTION was discussed as Lori said this is how we should define members and determine a quorum. Cathy moved, Lance supported, motion passed to have those in attendance at this meeting plus Doug Fris and Jill Rockwell be members of 4-H Council for the 2015-2016 year.

OFFICER ELECTIONS—Sarah was nominated to continue as President, Michelle was nominated for Vice-President, Kathy was nominated for Secretary, and Doug was nominated for Treasurer. Jane moved to accept the non-ballot with these members, Trudy supported, motion carried.

FRIEND of 4-H---Nominations for this award: Hart Transportation Dept., Livestock Haulers—Bob VandenHeuvel, Andy Eilers, and Kelly Clarkson, Tracy Kuipers. Trudy moved, Cathy supported, motion carried to award Hart Transportation for Friend of 4-H.

HOW TO INCREASE PLATBOOK SALES—We discussed where and how to get more platbooks sold. Many ideas were suggested and a few were being put into action. Sarah will make a flyer. Office will create social media advertisement.

OFFICER/BUSINESS MEETING TRAINING---It was decided to wait until January and strongly encourage club and committee officers to attend.

THANK YOU—-Toni sent a thank you note for our donation to the Pentwater VFW in her father’s memory.

OTHER BUSINESS—It was suggested that everyone bring food items for the Bread of Life Food Pantry when they come to the Awards Program “We Scare Hunger”. The pantry helped nearly 14,000 people last year, almost 70 per week. Volunteers are also needed to help pack items each week at Bread of Life Food Pantry.

LORI’S UPDATES
*Saddle Up For St. Jude—Volunteers are still needed to help with this.
*Issues Identification Meetings: In Hart November 4 from 2 to 4 or in Fremont November 5, 6-8 pm
*If you are a 4-H parent, volunteer, or alumni, help MSU Extension by taking their public on-line survey at msue.msu.edu/focus
*The TOPPC group is partnering with 4-H to work on Bullying Prevention.
*Don’t forget to submit nominations for Volunteer Awards by tomorrow.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Carter, Secretary