President Sarah Sylvester called the regular meeting of 4-H Council to order at 7:02 pm. Members present were Sarah, Cathy Alvesteffer, Heidi Bromley, Penny Burillo, Lori Cargill, Kathy Carter, Kim Eubank, Doug Fris, Cheyenne Kalfsbeek, Ann Marie Overla, Karen Pankow, Jill Rockwell, Trudy Sibley and Lance VanSickle. Pledges were recited by all.

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

Treasurer Doug gave the treasurer’s report. Cash and Bank Accounts show $477.93 in Fifth Third Checking, $3,035.69 in the Joyce Semelbauer Memorial Fund, $17,065.32 in Fifth Third Savings, and $20,523.18 in two CD’s giving a total of $41,101.58. Kathy moved, Lance supported, motion carried to accept the treasurer’s report as presented.

Since no old business was presented we moved on to new business.

- In committee reports the Budget and Bylaws committees were to set dates and times for their meetings. Since the end of September is the end of the Oceana County 4-H budget year, Lori recommended that we review and revise the By-Laws and annual budget. The budget committee decided on September 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Fifth Third Bank for their meeting.
- We reviewed three major events of the summer. The yard sale/bake sale for Crystal Valley Care Fund took in $1500.00, the best we’ve ever done. Take A Kid Fishing was delayed one week due to the weather but was a great success. The Fair was a great success also. The market livestock committee presented a survey to buyers and received only two replies. The introduction of the new ambassadors was changed from past years. The initial announcement was prior to the Dog Show on Tuesday night at 5:00 with a second announcement prior to the Large Market Auction Thursday.
- It was decided to have County Medal awards presented on a Sunday afternoon in October at the Hart Middle School Auditorium. The Leader Banquet was set for the 20th or 27th whichever date was available for the Shelby Optimist Building.
- Council Membership and Elections will be in October. Lori encouraged all of us to recruit new members and promote the offices up for election.
- The Bulk Mail Permit is up for renewal at a cost of $220. The annual nonprofit incorporation status is a $20 fee. Penny moved, Ann seconded, motion carried to renew this.

Lori’s Updates

- 4-H will be transitioning to a new enrollment database. Local Reenrollment forms are available through the Extension Office. Once the system is in place, the goal will be to eliminate the paper forms, with families entering and managing their personal enrollment data online. The new system will also allow for enrollments to be paid by credit card.
- A 4-H Advisory Groups Retreat for 4-H youth and adult volunteers currently serving on 4-H councils, boards and committees will be held at Kettunen Center
November 21-23. If four sign up, the fifth participant is free. We could also arrange to have a training held locally.

- The summer teen leader group is interested in continuing to meet and will hold meetings again in late fall and this winter.
- Grace Alvesteffer and Lori are serving on the planning committee for the Teen Leadership and Community Change Spectacular conference at the Kettunen Center.
- The Molina Foundation Scholastic Book Giveaway provided 468 books for grades K-5.
- A new recruitment campaign is rolling out statewide. 4-H ads have been running on TV and will continue through October. There are print pieces and brochures available for free through the MSUE bookstore.
- Oceana has received a Participation Fee Grant (Oceana’s Global Adventure) of $4,500 to raise global competencies and leadership skills. Jenny Bromley, Grace, Lori, Cheyenne, Etc. are involved with this. The activities are from the “Backpack to Adventure” Curriculum and will include a speaker on global issues for high school students, an overnight trip to Heifer International’s Global Village in Howell, MI and a Culture-A-Thon hosted in partnership with Folk Festival. This grant is supported by the $5 of the Participation Fees that is held by campus.
- The Expansion and Review Committee formation has been postponed at the request of the state office.

In other business it was reported that the Folk Fest may possibly be held at the Historic District next year. District members have contacted Lori about this. Fifth Third donated $350 to cover the awards for Grand Slam Showmanship and Small Market & JR. Market Grand Champions. Cathy moved, Cheyenne supported, motion carried to write checks not give gift cards.

Meeting adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Carter
Kathy Carter, Secretary