Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by President Pat Marek. Pledges led by youth council members.

**Members Present:** Evelyn Okkema, Kenny Smith, Telyse Belka, Eric Little, Kerri Merrill, Tiffany Spedowski, Laureen Deater, Tammy Belka, Trudy Herzog, Myra VanSyckle, Kathleen Smith, Janet Snyder, Marie Goltz, Mike Deater, Pat Marek  
**Members Absent:** Mike Jack, Jamie Weeks  
**Melissa Bowman:** Present  
**Public/Guests:** Matt Gould, Alicia Marek, Tim Smith  
**Review & Approval of Agenda:** The date was changed to October 1st, 2013 from September 3rd, 2013. Approved

**Public Comment:** Matt Gould was interested in joining the council. He spoke on why. Kenny Smith made a motion to make Matt Gould a member of the Council. Darcie Marek 2nd. Motion approved Tim Smith had no comment. Alicia Marek spoke under the 19 year old project about how is was a great and fun project and we should continue to do it.

**Reports:**

**Secretary's Report-Evelyn Okkema**  
Approved for the September Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-Karen Greenbay**  
The current balance is $7,250.45 Savings Account Balance as of 06/30/13 is $6,029.80 Total Deposits of $899.46. Trudy, Karen, and Melissa still are working together on some reports from last year. Melissa had $294 for the Exploration Days under Payment, $337.50 for the 4-H camp for using the campgrounds, and 5,785 4-H science day kits. There is now a Red Check Request Form for requesting checks from the council that need to be filled out every time a request is made.

**4-H Report-Melissa Bowman**

1. No fundraising requests.
2. Melissa handed out the flyer for the 2014 Winterfest. It is for 8-12 year olds and is at the Kettunen Center. A great program for the kids who are too old to do certain things, but are also too young to do another. It is the 1st-2nd of February.
3. There is a new registration for ALL new members of 4-H coming in this next year.
4. Melissa handed out a copy of the new Club Activity Request form. All field trips, community service activities, and activities/trips that are outside of normal club function are to be requested to Melissa no later than two weeks from the activity/trip.
5. There is a new portal page for Mecosta County. It is [url=http:msue.anr.msu.edu/county/info/mecosta]
6. There is a new 4-H Catalog.
7. The 4-H camp is going to ask for a reduction and some donations to help lower the cost for the campers. $2,000 comes out of the United Way Grant for the camp.

**Committee Reports-**
Standing Committees:

Awards Committee-
The annual awards Banquet for Mecosta County 4-H is October 27th at 2:00 at the Clear Lake Golf Club. The Awards Committee is currently planning for 150 people at the banquet. The honor club award will be a $50 gift card to pizza hut. The current Ambassadors, Evelyn and Kenny, will be at the door. Tiffany and Telyse will be doing decorations. Melissa is doing the slide show, programs, inviting to sponsors, the order of the ceremony, people who present the awards, and checking the sound system. Door prizes will be $25 gift cards from TSC, Meijer, Big Rapids Farm and Garden, Stanwood Feed ‘N Needs, and Remus Farm and Garden. Clover bud recognition with be water bottles from Kathleen. The checks needed are a $50 one for pizza hut, $25 for TSC, Meijer, Remus Farm and Garden, Big Rapids Farm and Garden, and Stanwood Feeds ‘N Needs each, and $20 for Dollar Tree for helium balloons. The prices for supplies from Leppinks would be a total of $75.06 including the 10% off from Darcies work credit. In total, the expenses would be $378.39.

Finance and Budget Committee-
They have met several times. The Final Estimated income value is $23,000 including fundraisers. The Final Estimated Expenses value is $23,000. The Kettunen Center Scholarships were raised from $500 to $1000 and the Senior Scholarships were raised from $1000 to $1500.

Promotion Committee-
Has not met yet.

Youth Council Members-
Has not met yet.

Fundraising Committee-
Currently they are working on the cook books and thinking of new ideas. Some ideas are the Paper Gator which is a Recycling dumpster, maybe a simple bake sale, possibly Easter lily’s at Easter time. Also thinking about possibly making a calendar with every month being a new aspect of 4-H. Their next meeting was October 10th @ 6:30

Area Signs Committee-
Has not met yet

Plat Books Committee-
Has not met yet.
Dairy Booth Committee-
Has not met yet.

New Business:

R.O.C. Banner:
Tabled till next meeting.

Youth Officer Elections:
President:
Kenny was nominated by Pat
Kenny was elected for Youth President
Vice President:
Telyse nominated by Pat
Matt nominated by Pat
Telyse was elected to be Youth Vice President
Secretary:
A youth member already had the official position. (Evelyn)
Treasurer:
Matt was nominated by Pat
Matt was elected as Treasurer.

19 Year-Old project:
The council reviewed and checked over the 19 year old project requirements and brought the changes to the October meeting. Kathleen also suggested having the Council possibly help the kids out who don’t go to college. There is also now a tracking sheet for the members. The first suggested change was to allow kids who took a class that was 12 months prior to the start of the project to be counted as their requirement. The first change is the title for the third paragraph. Originally stating, ‘Attend an approved leadership and/or personal development workshop, class, college level leadership class, or training’ is now changed to ‘Attend, or have attended in the 12 months prior to the start of your project, an approved leadership and/or personal development workshop, class, college level leadership class, or training.’ The second change was in the same paragraph. The change was a complete deletion of the statement saying, ‘for review at the April Mecosta County 4-H Council meeting.’ There are also Scholarships available through the council. Kerri made a motion to accept the changes to the project. Tammy 2nd.

Fall Leader Meetings:
At the Fall Leaders meeting Melissa is going to present the following subjects at the meeting:
• Civil Rights
• Registration Forms
- 4-H Code of Conduct
- URL e-Volunteer Learning site
- 19 year old Policy

The meetings are on October 5th at 6:30-9:00 and the 29th

**Committee Descriptions:**
Chairs for the committees need to bring a description of the Committees to Melissa As Soon As Possible!

**Hippology Team:**
Melissa stated the expenses for the Hippology team report from Terri. A motion was made by Telyse to reimburse the Hippology Team if they needed it. An amendment was made by Myra for a possible $50 per youth contestant. 2nd by Kathleen. Yes: 7 No: 10. Motion denied.

**Proposed Changes in Jr. Livestock:**
They are voting by club on November 18th at 7:00 on the following
- Move the sale to Thursday night
- To have the option to sell four animals
- To move the feeders to a small animal

The sale will begin with bovine and end with swine. Little buddy 6-8 years olds to sell, possible changes.

**Match Day:**
The Match day for United Way is on Tuesday, November 19th at 11-6. The theme is: Hitting it out of the Ball Park.

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Telyse Belka and 2nd by Kathleen Smith at 8:47**