ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
March 3, 2014
Courthouse Annex II
MSU Extension Office
Centreville, Michigan 49032

President: Virginia Trattles
Vice President: Craig Ulsh
Secretary: Denise Milliman
Treasurer: Dixie Strawser
Deputy Treasurer: Tony Hochstetler
Media: Debbie Davis


Members Excused: Sherri Crites, Debbie Davis, Scott Miracle.

I. Call to Order:
- President Virginia Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Mariah Schlabach led the pledges.

II. Public Comment/Guest Speaker:
- None.

III. Additions to the Agenda
- None.

IV. Minutes from the previous meeting, Denise Milliman
- Motion made by Mark Trowbridge, seconded by Tony Hochstetler, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion approved.

V. Correspondence Received
- Letter from Stan Brueck.

VI. Treasurer’s Report, Virginia Trattles
A. Balance in the Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account as of March 3, 2014 was $23,118.73
B. Budget for 2014 Youth Council was provided to all members for upcoming 4-H year.
C. Bills needing approval/review
   1. Katie Walters – reimbursement for Kettunen Center workshop: $56.75
   2. Sturgis Press – Auction Fliers: $41.25
   3. St. Joseph County Grange Fair – Milk Barn Insurance: $75.00
   4. Angie King – Loren & Jared King Capitol Experience reimbursement: $310.00
   5. Moved to pay the bills as presented made by Cody Baker, seconded by Doug Hasbrouck. Motion carried.

VII. Officer/Committee Reports:
A. Fundraiser:
   1. Fruit: Orders are due Wednesday, March 26. Only one (1) check by each club is needed with all order forms. Fruit will be delivered the week of April 7. Craig to touch base with Bill Johnson about the fruit at the fairgrounds.
   2. Auction/Toy Show: June 28, 2014, set up on June 27. Contract is completed; Annex building & Arena will be used. Toy Show, Silent and Live Auction and Food. Committee members for Auction are Craig, Cody & Barb. Toy Show will be Tony Hochstetler, Debbie will be in charge of advertising; Greg Blucker will be the auctioneer.
B. 4-H Youth Development:
   1. Scholarship Dates: Meeting set for Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
   2. TOP: Going well, two classes to go.
   3. Superintendents: Diana Yeager is the Goat Superintendent; Lisa Craft is the Assistant Poultry Superintendent; Rabbit Assistant Superintendent and Goat Assistant Superintendent is not completed.
   4. State Awards: Five applications were completed.

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VIII. Old Business
A. Trophy Selection: Three vendors were available with set up prior to the Youth Council meeting to view and decide. Motioned by Jackie Brazo, seconded by Tony Hochstetler to have Otten Trophies provide the trophies. Motion carried. Otten Trophies will be providing trophies and plaques for the 2014 fair.
B. Still Barn Update:
   1. Fair Board approved boards for trophies and to be colored green.
   2. Committee: Letter from Stan Brueck was received and read by Virginia Trattles. Eve Beeker will set up a meeting with Stan for further discussion.
C. TSC Promotion: Would like 4-H leaders/clubs to add this to their agenda for more help from 4-H members.
D. Invitation to 4-H Youth Council Meeting: Discussion was tabled to promote 4-H, and discuss and invite all Organizational and club leaders to a Youth Council Meeting to discuss ways for fundraisers and working together as a team to help build our 4-H clubs in St. Joseph County. A letter will be mailed to all Organization leaders to attend our Youth Council Meetings.
E. Youth Council Budget:
   1. To accept as presented by Craig, seconded by Tony to approve the new budget. Motion carried.
   2. Approval of Purchase of Quick books: Cost $190.00 to approve purchase for treasurer Dixie Strawser by Craig 1st, Tony 2nd, motion carried. Eva to check into approval to have the software on a personal computer vs a MSU computer. Purchase of computer for Youth Council only will be planned in next year’s budget if needed.
F. Club Audit: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 starting at 5:45 p.m. Barnyard Buddies, Burr Oak, Buckaroo, Desperados, and Happy Herdsmen. Members to help with audit are Dixie, Denise, Tony, & Craig. (club audit was canceled due to bad weather – to be rescheduled).
G. New Leader Interviews: Monday, March 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. (Sherri, Dixie, Tony & Cody).
H. United Way Update: Letter was received by Debbie Davis (absent from meeting). It will be tabled at a meeting on May 5, at 6:00 p.m. for all Executive and Youth Council Members for special funding requests. A letter is due to United Way for request by November.

IX. New Business
A. 2014 Donor Packets: Packets were given to all members to call donors for upcoming donations. Packets are due back at March 31, 2014 Youth Council Meeting.
B. Home and Garden Show: April 25-26, 2014. Learning labs will be on display.
C. 5th Grade Conservation Tour: Volunteers are needed. April 29-30, 2014.
D. Summer 4-H Camp: Meeting date scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
E. Still Project Exploration: Meeting date scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. (Jackie, Dixie, and Eva)
F. 2014 Fairbook Order: Motion made by Craig, seconded by Denise to place an order for 250 books. Motion carried.

X. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Milliman, Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 31, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.