ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Members Present: Cody Baker, Sherri Crites, Debbie Davis, Erika Eggleston, Nancy Hiemstra, Tony Hochstetler, Denise Milliman, Scott Miracle, Mariah Slabach, Dixie Strawser, Virginia Trattles, Mark Trowbridge, Craig Ulsh.

Members Excused: Doug Hasbrouck, Jackie Brazo, Barb Weston.

I. Call to Order:
   - President Virginia Trattles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mark Trowbridge led the pledges.

II. Public Comment/Guest Speaker:
   - Stan Brueck addressed the Youth Council Board that “He has NOT resigned from any 4-H projects or as a leader in regards to May Youth Council Minutes and requested this to be changed.” Therefore, because he is choosing not to complete the Leader Computer Training which is a requirement to be a 4-H Leader for St. Joseph County, he will be terminated as a 4-H Leader if not completed by the July 14 deadline.

III. Additions to the Agenda
   - None.

IV. Minutes from the previous meeting - Denise Milliman, Secretary
   A. The word Sill in line item VII.-B-2 needs to be changed to Still.
   B. Motion made by Mark Trowbridge, seconded by Craig Ulsh to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on May 5, 2014 with the correction made. Motion approved.

V. Correspondence Received
   A. Thank you card was received from Katie Walters for Scholarship.
   B. Thank you card from Savannah Taylor has not been received.

VI. Treasurer’s Report - Dixie Strawser, Treasurer
   A. Balance in the Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account as of June 2, 2014 was $23,011.08.
   B. Bills needing approval/review
      1. MSU – Leader/Donor recognition pins and certificates: $68.03
      2. Moved to pay the bills as presented made by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Nancy Hiemstra. Motion carried.

VII. Officer/Committee Reports:
   A. Horse Council - Scott Miracle:
      1. The King/Queen/Prince/Princess will be elected at the State Qualifiers Show on Sunday morning. Discussion for this will be done at the “Post Fair Meeting”. Current King/Queen/Prince/Princess will remain status until the Saturday of Fair Week, and the new King/Queen/Prince/Princess will take over the Saturday following the fair.
      2. The test for the King/Queen, Prince/Princess will remain with Eva Beeker at the MSU Extension Office. She should be the only one with the Test questions and answers.
      3. Alexis Leighton won the Judging contest for State – Congratulations Alexis!!
   B. Thank you card to Three Rivers Rotary for their $1,000.00 donation.
   C. Fundraiser:
      1. Auction: June 28, 2014
         a. Auction meeting will be held at the MSU Extension office on June 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
         b. Donation items are still needed.
         c. Motion made by Debbie Davis, seconded by Scott Miracle to purchase sports memorabilia for auction in advanced for guarantee which gives a 20% discount. Motion carried.
2. **Toy Show:** June 28, 2014. Craig to follow up with Dan Brockway. Have Dan talk to Debbie Davis about advertising.

3. **Auction & Toy Show:** Reminder for advertising on the sign at fairgrounds has been done by Craig Ulsh to Bill Johnson.

4. **Applebee’s:** Dine to Donate – 10% of bill to 4-H, Dates available are July 15 and 22, August 12 and 19. Craig Ulsh will update at July Youth Council Meeting.

5. **Milk Barn:** 2014 improvements – Craig Ulsh is working on price quotes for a new awning.

D. **Still Project Exploration:** All is going well. Tabled until July meeting.

E. **4-H Youth Development:**
   1. **Superintendents:**
      - Wendy Walters is the new Assistant Goat Superintendent.
   2. **Exploration Days:** 53 youth and adults are registered. Rich Ultz will be driving the bus to MSU.
   3. **Scholarship Update:** Interviews were held on Saturday, May 17, 2014.
   4. **Required Leader Meeting:** Any 4-H Leader that has not taken the computer training by July 14, 2014 will be terminated as a 2014 Leader. Many opportunities have been given as well as reminders. Those that are terminated will be able to re-apply in the fall for the 2015 year to be a leader.

VIII. Old Business

A. **Club Audit Update:** Tabled until July.

B. **New Leader Interviews:** None.

C. **TSC Paper Clover Sale:** Sturgis was first in region. Congratulations!

D. **United Way:** Debbie Davis is working on paperwork.

E. **Sturgis Night Out:** Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. All is good to go.

F. **Fairgrounds Parks:** Next date to work on parks is Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Cody Baker will bring the weed killer.

G. **Dow-Gerser Fund/Endowment:** Motion by Jackie Brazo, seconded by Sherri Crites to move forward with the fundraising process for the sum of $20,000.00. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

- None.

X. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Craig Ulsh, seconded by Cody Baker. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Milliman, Secretary

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** July 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Council Pictures to be taken at the July meeting. Bring your smile!!!