



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

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Regular Meeting  
October 2, 2017  
Courthouse Annex II  
MSU Extension Office  
Centreville MI 49032

President: Craig Ulsh  
Vice President: Scott Miracle  
Secretary: Heather Teadt  
Treasurer: Jenny Bower  
Deputy Treasurer: Kelsey Maystead  
Media: Brittany Bogema

**Members Present:** Cody Baker, Brittany Bogema, Jenny Bower, Holly Gregory, Nancy Hiemstra, Kelsey Maystead, Michelle McNamara, Connie Pagels, Joseph Rambadt, Zach Sackrider, Heather Teadt, Barb Weston.

**Members Excused:** Hannah Harless, Caitlyn Hughes, Scott Miracle, Craig Ulsh

1. Call the meeting to order-Vice-President Cody Baker at 6:37pm
2. Pledges were led by Nancy Hiemstra
3. Public Comment: Libby Graber presented on the Japan Outbound Summer Exchange Program that she attended this summer with partial sponsorship by the Youth Council.
4. Additions to the Agenda: none
5. Minutes from previous meeting (August 28, 2017): Moved by Brittany, seconded by Michelle to approve. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received: none
7. Financial Report by Jenny Bower.
  - a. Not available yet. See next month
  - b. Bills needing approval include
    - i. \$126.00 to Cody Baker for Scavenger Hunt Pizza
    - ii. \$41.15 to Eva Beeker for Fair Supplies
    - iii. \$15.96 to Eva Beeker for felt for State Awards
    - iv. \$204.58 to Wendy Walters for Mileage in picking up curtains for still project barns
    - v. \$53.85 to Dixie Strawser for paint for the still barn a-frame displays
    - vi. \$390.00 to Art Craft for the still exhibit barn curtains
    - vii. \$118.91 to National 4-H Supply for promotional supplies
    - viii. \$5,824.00 to Sturgis Trophy House for balance on fair trophies
    - ix. \$390.00 to Virginia Trattles for 75 still exhibit judges meals and 6 cases of water
    - x. \$100.00 to Leroy Leister for the rental of Eva's golf cart for fair
  - c. Nancy moved to pay the bills as presented. Kelsey seconded. Motion carried.
8. Horse Council Report-They cancelled tomorrow's meeting. Their awards program will be Sunday as they were not finished with the shows in time at fair to tally points, etc.

9. Officer/Committee Reports

- Milk Barn:
  - i. Cookie Update: Sold 48 dozen of 3 varieties. Total cost was \$318.00, Total profit was \$258.00.
  - ii. Work Schedule: Everything went fine
  - iii. Kubota Rental: Craig got it donated by Jerry Melville with Bronsink Equipment. Heather will send a thank you note.

10. 4-H Development Report

- a. Enrollment: New and returning leaders and members may register online. Cost for members is \$20.00 each. MSU will be handling all the background checks, etc. We will still conduct interviews at the county level.
- b. Fairgrounds Parks: Eva wanted to thank Barb Weston, Wendy Walters, and Cody Baker for making them look spectacular. Lots of positive comments were reported.

11. Old Business

- Awards Banquet: (Centreville Elementary, Thursday, November 9, 2017)
  - i. Catering: Heather Swinsick of Hip Padders Catering has been contacted with the information on what menu we chose. She and Heather Teadt will get together in October to finalize plans.
  - ii. Power Point presentation: Hannah is working on it and accepting pictures. She has received lots and lots of fair pictures.
  - iii. Speaker- the Youth Council would like Eva to look for a speaker for the banquet, she just wanted a reminder of what we wanted.
  - iv. Job Assignments: Barb, Connie, and Cody will be greeters. Zach and Hannah will be the MC's. Craig will give the presidential welcome. Brittany will introduce special guests. Michelle and Heather will present the Donors. Jenny and Nancy will give member awards. Milestone year awards will be presented by Kelsey, Scott, and Barb. A year in review Powerpoint will be presented by Hannah. Barb Weston and Wendy Walters will handle decorations.
  - v. Invitations: Jenny moved to invite the 10+ year members and Teen Leaders. Heather seconded. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- a. TSC Paper Clove sale: Connie emailed the information to Eva last week. Eva stated that she forwarded to Tonya, but does not think Tonya has had time to do anything with it yet. The dates are October 4-15, 2017. Heather volunteered to have Rolling Clovers work at Three Rivers on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. She will also check to see if they can fill another date. Others on Youth Council were also looking at dates to help.
- b. County Award application deadline: Friday, October 27, 2017
- c. County Award selection committee meeting: Monday, October 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The committee is Brittany, Craig, Jenny, and Heather.
- d. Youth Council Nomination Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 before the next Youth Council Meeting. Members of this committee are Holly, Craig, Michelle, Heather, Kelsey, and Jenny.
- e. 4-H Camp Committee date was postponed until the next meeting
- f. Milk Barn cleaning: Heather will clean when she has a minute this next week
- g. Scavenger Hunt: 70 kids participated. They planned for 12 teams, so they put 6 kids on each team. The kids had a ball and several people helped man the stations to hand out clues.
- h. Brittany asked if there could be a post-fair Still Project meeting. Several people had contacted her about reviewing the process. Barb stated that this should be an every- year thing just like animal species meeting. Several board members agreed stating that still projects are down and if more people had input, maybe that

would increase. Eva said she will add it to the list, but that it probably would not happen until January or February.

- i. Michelle asked why the Fair was not on the Agenda anywhere. She brought up concerns about the mandatory leader meetings and leaders not getting their fair passes. She stated that several leaders only attend the leader meeting and never do any meetings for the kids or anything else and still receive their passes. Several Youth Council members agreed. Heather shared frustration at the same problem and that some of the “required” leader meetings had not been beneficial in any way to leaders as they had someone talking about campus and how many acres, etc. The focus of 4-H is supposed to be making the best better for the kids and it is disrespectful to the leaders that donate their time on several activities but are denied a pass because they do not attend this one meeting. Cody asked if there was someone at MSU that we could talk to about not making these meetings mandatory as she and her husband had attended some and walked out because they were “ridiculous”. Several members informed her that the mandatory leader meetings were required by Eva and not MSU. Several board members stated that they would like this to be revisited and Michelle suggested a form for each leader stating what activities they had done that year, something similar to a professional development form, be turned in to receive their pass. Eva said that it would be too much work for the office. Jenny stated that it could be something that a Youth Council committee could document for Eva.

### 13. Adjournment

- Jenny moved to adjourn, Heather seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Teadt

**NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 6, 2017 6:30 P.M.**