



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
February 10, 2021
Via Zoom – Online

President: Craig Ulsh
Vice-President: Jennifer Mead-Bennett
Secretary: Kelsey Kulpinski
Treasurer: Virginia Trattles
Deputy Treasurer: Julie Carpenter
Media: Tarina Jansen

1. Call the meeting to order – President, Craig Ulsh at 6:30pm
2. Pledges- no pledges
3. Members Present: Julie Carpenter, Julianna Collins, Brenda Eggleston, Rachel Eggleston, Kelsey Kulpinski, Peter Rambadt, Virginia Trattles, Craig Ulsh, Tricia Ulsh, Connie Myers, Regan Barrington

Members Absent: Brittany Bogema, Samantha Hoekstra, Tarina Jansen, Sydney Johnson, Brian Quirin, Bree Seekman, Jennifer Mead-Bennett
4. Public Comment- None
5. Minutes from previous meeting (January 4, 2021 need to be approved), Kelsey Kulpinski, Secretary. Virginia made a motion to approve the minutes as read, Rachel seconded. Motion carried.
6. Correspondence received- We had over 40 Thank You letters received from kids that received the \$50 from Youth Council for their participation in the Virtual Fair.
7. Financial Report – Virginia Trattles, Treasurer
 - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust checking account as of February 10, 2021 – \$20,343.29
 - b. Balance in Raymond James Account as of December 31, 2020- \$17,794.63
8. Bills needing approval/review:
 - a. Postage (County)-\$11.20
 - b. Taxes (Gambridge)-\$975.00
 - c. Rachel made a motion to approve the treasurers report and pay the bills, Tricia seconded. Motion carried.
9. Officer/Committee report
 - a. YC Scholarships – Paperwork to be sent out on -Need someone from YC to do interviews. No date set yet.
10. 4-H Development Report
 - a. Youth Educator- Club Financial Review was recommended that we skip again for this year. Also, the new assistant Youth Director starts March 1 and it is Dr Johnson.
 - b. Horse Council Update- basically holding off any further planning at this point.
 - c. Livestock Association Update
 - 1) Working on replacing hog show gates, also a new projector for auction day.
 - 2) Fair board has allowed the fair to have a non-terminal swine show for this year.
 - 3) Processors - The processors do not need to be USDA inspected. But, once animals are sold and leave the grounds we are no longer responsible or liable for that animal. Steve and Eva have been working hard on getting processing spots held. They believe at this time, there will be spots for everyone's animals to be sent somewhere. Willy Bontrager is willing to take on quite a few, Butcher Bobs, Yoders, Marshall Meats & Nagels.

11. Old Business

- a. Facebook Spotlight Update- Peter working on putting out a survey to the clubs and then working on posting to the facebook page.
- b. 2021 4-H Signup- will update at the next meeting.
- c. Fundraising – Jennifer put together a spreadsheet of platforms that could be used for this. Tricia made a motion to allow Horse Council to take on this auction if they choose, if they do not wish to do the auction, Youth Council will not be doing the auction either for this year as we prefer not to ask business for anything after the year that they have had. Virginia seconded. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- a. Covid/MSU Update- May be summer time before any changes happen.
- b. 4H State Council- Peter said that the State council is planning virtual events and all is going well.
- c. Donor Packets- letter will need to be sent to past donors to tell them that we will not be asking for any donations this year, unless, they have already budgeted for it and would still like to donate.
- d. CWF, Capital Experience (March 13, March 17, March 20), Exploration Days (June 21 & 22)- will all be virtual and at a significantly reduced rate.
- e. State Awards- They will be having a virtual state awards. Which will be June 23rd.

13. New Ideas

14. Adjournment- Regan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Virginia seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: March 1, 2021 @ 6:30pm – Zoom Mtg

Looking Ahead: MSU - face to face meetings or activities will continue to be on hold indefinitely