



# ST. JOSEPH COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2026  
MSU Extension Office

President: Craig Ulsh  
Vice-President: Sara Trattles  
Secretary: Holly Smith  
Junior Secretary: Aubree Kruger  
Treasurer: Tarina Jansen  
Junior Treasurer: HallieAnn Holtz  
Deputy Treasurer: Amy Propst  
Media: Emily Redmond  
Junior Media: Charlee Kyle

1. Called meeting to order Craig Ulsh, President, @ 6:30 pm
2. Pledges – Lead by Craig Ulsh
3. Members Present. Sara Trattles, Holly Smith, Craig Ulsh, Connie Myers, Julie Carpenter, Scott Miracle, Amy Propst, Emily Redmond, Billy Kruger, Addison Smith, Rick Gould, Gabbie McCollough, Katelyn Trattles. Also, present Kayla Mitchell 4-H Program Coordinator.

Members Absent - Tarina Jansen, Aubree Kruger
4. Welcome New Members – Went around the table and did introductions
5. Public Comment – None
6. Additions to the agenda/Approved Agenda – #14 New Business remove d. Curtains and add d. as Audit Date Billy motioned to accept addition to agenda, Scott seconded, Motion carried.
7. Minutes from November 3, 2025 Billy made a motion to approve the minutes, Connie seconded, Motion carried.
8. Correspondence received – Reid Hirschman Beef Breading Stock Trophy
9. Financial Report – Tarina Jansen Treasure Absent
  - a. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Last update was given on 11/03/2025
    1. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$33,132.89 on 08/31/2025
    2. Balance in Sturgis Bank & Trust Checking account \$39,149.94 on 09/30/2025
  - b. Scholarships were discussed regarding 4-H Winterfest February 7-8, 2026 in Hersey MI. This event is \$120.00 for 4-H Members. Holly made a motion to pay 1/2 the cost of this event. This will be on a reimbursement request because of the timing, Billy seconded, Motion carried.
  - c. UW Allocation for 2026 In past years YC has asked for Allocation for United Way, we believe this has not been done in the last four years. Holly made a motion to fill out the forms to request the \$5,000.00 from Untiled Way, Julie seconded, Motion carried.
  - d. There was an oversight and two checks were sent out for the Milk order and cashed. There will be a reimbursement coming back.
10. Bills needing approval/review Nothing at this time
11. Officer/Committee Report
  - a. Fundraising
    1. Precious Moments & Cabinet were sold for \$250.00
    2. Flow-Blue will be collected on 01/31/2026 @ 10:00 Craig will send out an email
    3. Plat Books
      - a. There are still some out to be sold
      - b. Maybe plan for 2027

4. K-Wings Chuck A Puck
  - a. \$1,073.50 plus \$300 for tickets
  - b. We are on the 2027 agenda just waiting on a date
5. Milk Barn-Craig & Tricia Ulsh will take care of Insurance for 2026.
6. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Power Round Up June 17-19, 2027 Centreville Michigan

12. 4-H Development Report – Kayla Mitchell

- a. Horse Council Update/Livestock Association Update
  1. Horse Council-Will be having a meeting for voting purposes and Constitution edits. They are also looking at changing ages to levels.
  2. Livestock Association-Nothing
  3. Interviews will be on Wednesday January 14, 2026 regarding the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions.
- b. Fair Updates
  1. Fair Entry No updates at this time
  2. Curtains Leave on agenda
  3. Kayla will be going to Hunter Safety 01/31/2026 and asked if we could reimburse milage. Sara made a motion to reimburse her for milage, Julie seconded, Motion carried
- C. Sign up updates
  1. Cloverbuds 83
  2. Youth 478
  3. Volunteers 203

13. Old Business

- a. Media Opportunities
  1. Election Results
  2. Scholarship Form
  3. County Awards 03/15/2026 @ 3:00
  4. Secondary Awards
  5. State Awards
- b. Leader/Donor Banquet
  1. Talk to the school about seating
  2. Keep same Caterer
  3. Had four more people pay after event

14. New Business

- a. Constitution Changes
  1. Sara went over outlined changes/updates
  2. Julie made a motion to accept these changes/updates and have them submitted for review, Billy seconded, Motion carried
- b. County Awards
  1. Due back to Office by January 30, 2026
  2. Awards date is March 15, 2026 @3:00
- c. Election of Officers
  1. President Craig Ulsh
  2. Vice President Billy Kruger
  3. Secretary Holly Smith
  4. Treasurer Sara Trattles
  5. Deputy Treasurer Sara Trattles made a motion to appoint Amy Propst as Deputy Treasurer, approved.
  6. Media Emily Redmond
  7. Junior Secretary Katelyn Trattles
  8. Junior Treasure Addison Smith
  9. Junior Media Aubree Kruger

10. Motion made by Scott to remove Tarina Jansen from the bank accounts and add Sara Trattles. Second by Amy Probst. Motion approved.
  - d. Audit Date – Sara will send out an email with dates
15. Adjournment – Motion by Holly seconded by Rick motion carried adjourned @ 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Smith

**NEXT MEETING DATE: *REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2026 @6:30***