

## **St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

August 16, 2022

Building #52

St. Joseph County Grange Fair

316 East Charlotte Street

Centreville, MI 49032

**Meeting called to Order:** President Keith Bower called the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. in Building #52 located on the Fairgrounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair in Centreville Michigan.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Members stated the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:09 p.m.

**Present:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Members. Everyone was asked to sign the sign in sheet when they entered the meeting

#### ***Approval of the May 17, 2022, Fair Association Meeting Minutes:***

**MOTION** by: Shirel Hart, Second by: Wendy Guess

Motion to approve the May 17, 2022, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Meeting Minutes was made by: Shirel Hart and second was made by: Wendy Guess. Motion carried without dissent.

#### ***Treasurers Report:***

**MOTION** by: Dean Cline, Second by: DeWayne Cunningham

Motion to the treasurer's report was made by: Dean Kline and second was made by: DeWayne Cunningham. Motion carried without dissent.

#### ***Fair Managers Report:***

1. We have a lot of new food and merchant vendors coming this year.
2. ETix's has been implemented and the ability to pre-purchase event tickets online started June 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. We are also upgrading the computer infrastructure in the office to accommodate these upgrades.
4. Tech Inc. is on the grounds doing some much needed and safety required electrical updates.
5. Harker Excavating is finishing the work on the roads.
6. We have most of the livestock barns power washed and painted. The Fair will complete the barn painting.

#### ***Director and Committee Reports:***

Mindy Timm (Marketing and Public Relations)- The 2022 Fair Brochures are here and ready to be distributed. If anyone would like to sign up and distribute to a selected area, please sign up. Yard signs are also available. All radio and TV advertisements are completed and scheduled for the week and a half before Fair and Fair Week.

Angie Mingus (Beer Tent and Vendors)- Tents will be delivered the week before Fair. There will another Beer Tent location, west end of Barn #53. There will also be a Beer Tent on the track for the Thursday night concert. We have sold the forklift. We are selling the John Deere 320 for \$39,000.

Bill Younts (Birthing Tent)- Everything is good and set to go for the Birthing Tent. We are moving the chickens and birds into the Annex Building this year.

Debbie Davis- Her report will come during new business.

Gary Clark (Courtesy Carts)- Still needing courtesy cart drivers for Fair. Please sign up with Gary.

Eric VanHeukelum (Open Class/Draft Horses) –10 new stall fronts. Judges have been hired.

Barb Weston (Community Tent and Free Stage)- Pie Eating Contest will happen again this year. Barb is asking for \$250.00 from the Association for the Pie Eating Contest, for the donation to The Lucas CPR device.

**MOTION** by: Shirel Hart, Second by: Bill Younts

Motion to give \$250.00 for the pie eating contest was made by: Shirel Hart and second was made by: Bill Younts. Motion carried without dissent.

***New Business:***

***a.) We have a few openings for Ticket Takers and Ticket sellers.***

***b.) Kris Kirsch will be going through the membership list and contacting people to see where you would like to volunteer during Fair Week.***

***c.) Time Change Proposal – Presented By: Debbie Davis- Head of the By-Law Committee***

-Debbie explained the time change proposal. We will vote on this at our Annual Meeting, November 14, 2022.

-We will send this notice out to all Association Members 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

-Jim Susemihl handed Debbie a piece of paper that had a description of the Treasures responsibilities that he would like looked at and added/changed in the policies and by-laws.

***d.) New Digital Marquee***

-Angie Mingus presented to the Association the new digital marquee the board has been looking at purchasing. Angie is working on getting sponsors for the sign.

**MOTION** by: Debbie Davis, Second by: Eric VanHeukelum

Motion to give \$500.00 to the garden project was made by: Debbie Davis and second was made by: Eric VanHeukelum. Motion carried without dissent.

***Adjournment of Meeting:***

**MOTION** by: Lisa Soule, Second by: Teresa Hufstedler

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Lisa Soule and second was made by: Teresa Hufstedler. Motion carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary

