

St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Fair Office

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 6:01 p.m. in the 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 6:02 p.m.

Present: The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Members. All members were asked to sign the sign in sheet when they entered the meeting. There were 38 Fair Association Members present at the meeting.

Review and Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by: Kristine Kirsch, Second by: Wendy Guess

Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by: Kristine Kirsch and second was made by: Wendy Guess.

Motion carried without dissent.

Approval and adoption of the February 21, 2023, Fair Association Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by: Jim Susemihl, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to approve the February 21, 2023, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Meeting Minutes was made by: Jim Susemihl and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion carried without dissent.

Treasurers Report:

a. **2023 Financials**

The Fair Association Members reviewed the statement of financial position and cash flow statement.

MOTION by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to place on the record the presented current 2023 statement of financial position and cash flow statement was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.

Motion carried without dissent.

Fair Managers Report:

Christina Yunker, Fair Manager stated that is has been working on vendor contracts, new maps have been ordered, and commercial barns getting fuller this year than we were last year at this time). Contracts and sponsorship forms have been updated and we are working on sending out sponsorship forms to businesses. We would appreciate anyone that would like to help in the Garden this year. Christina will be meeting with the Sheriff's Department on Thursday to go over their contract and all the details for Fair Week. Our off-season event calendar is full of events almost every weekend. We do have internet it all barns and they are starting on the camping area next week.

Public Comment:

The following people stood up and addressed the Fair Association during public comment:

- Stacey Bower

Director and Committee Reports:

- ***Mindy Timm***
 - *Fair Advertising and Marketing* – This year’s theme is Hop on over to the 2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair. We will be advertising on PBS for all the Centreville Garage Sale and Vintage Market’s this year and Fair Week. For Fair Week, we are also advertising with, WLKM, WBET, WIN 98.5, DUKE 94.1, and Thunder Country 105.5. We will have brochures and yard signs for the August Fair Association Meeting. Hall of Fame applications are on the back table along with the Hay Bale Contest information. We will be doing Fair Association Membership Applications a little differently this year. Everyone will have to fill out a form/application, each member will have a form on file every year.
- ***Tricia Ulsh***
 - *Grange Building Superintendent*- No report to give.
 - *Milking Parlor* – No report to give.
 - *Policy and By-Laws Committee* – The committee will be meeting July 27th to finalize how they will present the by-law changes to the Fair Association. The changes will be sent to all Fair Association Members 45 Days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- ***Tom Miller***
 - *Draft Horse and Pony Superintendent* – The premium book has been reviewed, only change were the dates to reflect the 2023 Fair. Draft Pull contract has been signed and deposit of \$200.00 provided, Pulls will be Wednesday, September 21 at 6 p.m. Reached out to one judge for pony show and he has not responded back. I received a potential judge list from MAFE, my goal is to have judges in place by June 15. Dr. Fedore will be our vet for Fair and his contract is signed and returned. Thank you to Norma Switaski who has worked on the pony ribbons, supplies have been ordered.
- ***Bill Younts***
 - *Birthing Tent Committee* – Working on sponsors for the Birthing Tent. Everything is set for Fair Week.
- ***Barb Weston***
 - *Free Stage and Community Tent* – All acts and events are penciled in, and contracts are being worked on to get sent out.
- ***Angie Mingus***
 - *Machinery Dealers/Tractors Committee*- We are getting all our tents from Rouch again this year.
 - *Beer Tent*- We will have the Beer Pavilion again this year and possibly another not sure of the

location now.

- *Heritage Committee* – Heritage Park will include the garden, antique tractors, petting zoo, pony rides, Pork Chop Revue, and Ag Educational area. We are looking for help for the garden this year. All New Heritage Hall. Heritage Hall will be in Building #49. Heritage Hall will be the year of the 50's and a few vendors in there as well. We are still working out the details.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment of Meeting:

MOTION by: Stacey Bower, Second by: Tereasa Hufstedler

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Stacey Bower and second was made by: Tereasa Hufstedler.

Motion carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary

