

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

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022

Building #52

St. Joseph County Grange Fair

316 East Charlotte Street

Centreville, MI 49032

President Keith Bower called the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Annual Meeting to order at 7:05 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 7:06 p.m.

Review and Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by: Shirel Hart, Second by: Steve Wolf

Motion to approve the 2022 St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Annual Meeting Agenda was made by: Shirel Hart and second was made by: Mark Trowbridge.

Motion Passed

Adopting of the Minutes:

MOTION by: Kristine Kirsch, Second by: Mary Beth Bower

Motion to approve and adopt the Meeting Minutes from the November 21, 2021, with adding in the number of votes and the number of Association Members that attended the Annual Fair Association Meeting was made by: Kristine Kirsch and second was made by: Mary Beth Bower.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Bill Younts was absent for the meeting. Angie Mingus presented the Fair Association with the treasures report.

a. Collection of Association Dues as of November 14, 2022.

We have collected \$6,850 in association dues as of November 14, 2022.

MOTION by: Jeff Brazo, Second by: Stacey Bower

Motion to approve the presented treasures report was made by: Jeff Brazo and second was made by: Stacey Bower.

Motion Passed

Public Comment:

The following Fair Association Members stood up and were given 3 minutes per person to speak.

- Penny Parker
- Jim Hart
- Jim Susemihl
- Lisa DeLeo
- Steve Trattles
- Chris Smith

Director Reports and updates for the Committee's each Director Head's up

- ***Keith Bower***
 - *Entertainment Committee*- We had a full week of Grandstand shows.
 - *Ice Committee*- The ice committee did a great job with ice leading up to the fair and all week long at the Fair.
- ***Charlie Carpenter***
 - *Harness Racing* – Harness Racing was a success this year and it was our best year yet.
- ***Angie Mingus***
 - *New Marquee* – We are moving along with the Marquee sign. We are hoping to have it up and running by Spring early Summer.
 - *Beer Tent*- Both locations made \$18,000.000 for the week. Thank you to all of my volunteers who help run both locations all week.
- ***Tom Miller***
 - *Hall of Fame/Awards Committee*- Jerry Waltke was our 2022 Hall of Fame Inductee. Ryan Waltke stepped up this year and helped with the changing of the sign every night. That was something his dad used to help with.
 - *4-H Liaison Committee*- We did not have a 4-H Project Coordinator at Fair, but everything went smoothly with all of the leaders and volunteers.
- ***Tricia Ulsh***
 - *Grange Building Superintendent*- Wendy, Ed, and Corinne did a great job getting all of the volunteers and making sure everything ran smoothly.

- **Barb Weston**
 - *Community Tent Committee*- The Community Tent had lots of activities, talent shows, pie eating contest, bands, and lots of BINGO.
 - *Free-Stage Committee*- The Free Stage had Mike the Magician, pedal pulls, the blanket wheel, and bands.
 - *Fair T-Shirt* – Sold \$8,000 in t-shirts for the premium account and still have some for sale if anyone wants one.
 - *Personnel Committee* – The personnel committee has had a few meetings. Barb presented the Fair Board with the Organizational/Flow Chart the Personnel committee has put together. The Fair Board discussed the Organizational/Flow Chart.

- **Mindy Timm**
 - *Fair Advertising and Marketing* –
 - All of the Brochures and Yard Signs were distributed.
 - We had a TV commercial on Channel 3 that ran the week before and week of Fair.
 - Radio ads were run on 9 radio stations.
 - We also ran a newspaper ad in the Farmers Exchange.

- **Eric VanHeukelum**
 - *Open Class Horses and Ponies* –
 - All of the shows and classes went great. We had a great turnout.

- **Jim Hart**
 - *Gilmore Car Museum*- A very successful year with the Gilmore Car Museum in Building #52. Hoping we can come back next year.

Election of Directors-

President Keith Bower stated that it is now time to vote for the four Fair Board Director Positions that are open for the Fair Board. The following individuals that are running for one of the four positions are: Ronnie Bauman, Kevin Eby, Angie Mingus, Mindy Timm, Barb Weston, and Christina Yunker. We ask that each person running for a position stand up and make a short speech to the Association Members. Everyone stood up and spoke.

MOTION by: Kristine Kirsch, Second by: Ronnie Bauman

Motion to close the ballots and proceed with the election of the six individuals who are running for a Fair Board Director Position was made by: Kristine Kirsch and second was made by: Ronnie Bauman.

Motion Passed

Roll Call of Membership and Election of Directors-

Keith Bower stated that we will begin the voting for the Fair Board of Directors. Mindy Timm, our Fair Board Secretary, will call each Association Member in alphabetical order. When your name is called come up to the front and get a ballot from Mindy. Please then take your ballot behind the wall and cast your vote for only four people. When you're done voting put your ballot in the box face down and return to your seat. Roll call and voting began.

Old Business:

a. Destroy 2021 Ballots

MOTION by: Ron Weston, Second by: Wendy Guess

Motion to destroy the 2021 Annual Election ballots was made by: Ron Weston and the second was made by: Wendy Guess.

Motion Passed

ADMENDED MOTION by: Ron Weston, Second by: Wendy Guess

Motion to save the 2021 Annual Election ballots, to update the 2021 Annual Fair Association Meeting Minutes with the number of Association Members who voted and also the number of votes each elected member received was made by: Ron Weston and the second was made by: Wendy Guess.

Motion Passed.

b. Time Change Proposal: presented by Debbie Davis – Head of the By-law committee.

Debbie Davis was absent from the meeting. Co-Chair Tricia Ulsh presented the Fair Association with the proposed time change.

MOTION by: Jeff Brazo, Second by: Kristine Kirsch

Motion to approve the proposed time change for the Annual Fair Association Meeting to start at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. was made by: Jeff Brazo and second was made by: Kristine Kirsch.

Motion Passed

New Business:

a. Set 2023 Fair Association Meetings

Fair Board Secretary Mindy Timm set the 2023 Fair Association Meeting Dates. The 2023 Fair Association Meeting Dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, November 13, 2023 at 6 p.m. – Annual Meeting

MOTION by: Stacey Bower, Second by: Tom Hartsell

Motion to approve the set 2023 Fair Association Meeting dates was made by: Stacey Bower and second was made by: Tom Hartsell.

Motion Passed

b. Discussion of Recall Considerations – Ron Weston

Ron Weston stood up and addressed the Fair Association Members regarding recalling three current Fair Board Directors; Gary Clark, Tony Hochstetler, and Tricia Ulsh. Please see attached document “Ron’s Fair Association Speech Recall 2022”, for the whole speech. Ron asked the Fair Association to consider voting to remove Gary Clark, Tony Hochstetler, and Tricia Ulsh from their current positions on the Fair Board.

MOTION by: Kristine Kirsch, Second by: David Yunker

Motion to remove Gary Clark, Tony Hochstetler, and Tricia Ulsh from their current positions on the Fair Board was made by: Kristine Kirsch and second was made by: David Yunker.

Motion Failed

Discussion on the motion was had, the following Fair Association Members stood up and spoke regarding this matter.

- Jeff Brazo
- Jim Susemihl
- Spencer Howe
- Ruth Cornwell
- Wendy Guess
- Jim Hart
- Jeff Brazo
- Linda Baker

Roll Call of Membership and Ballot Voting to Recall the named three Fair Board Directors.

President Keith Bower stated that now we will begin the voting for recalling the three named Fair Board Directors. Mindy Timm our Fair Board Secretary will call each Association Member in alphabetical order. When your name is called come up to the front and get a ballot from Mindy. Please then take your ballot behind the wall and cast your vote. When you're done voting put your ballot in the box face down and return to your seat. Roll call and voting began.

Results of Recall for Gary Clark, Tony Hochstetler, and Tricia Ulsh; Fair Board Directors:

- Gary Clark
 - Yes - 93
 - No - 59
- Tony Hochstetler
 - Yes - 89
 - Yes – 60
- Tricia Ulsh
 - Yes - 90
 - No - 61

Results of Elections New Fair Board Directors:

175 Fair Association Members voted. The following Fair Association Members were voted on the Fair Board.

- Mindy Timm – 137 votes received.
- Angie Mingus – 127 votes received.
- Barb Weston – 108 votes received.
- Christina Yunker – 93 votes received.

Adjournment of Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

MOTION by: Steve Wolf, Second by: Ann Susemihl

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Steve Wolf and the second was made by: Ann Susemihl. Motion carried without dissent.

Motion Passed.

Meeting Minutes taken and prepared by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary.