

St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Board Meeting Minutes

September 6th, 2022

Fair Office

St. Joseph County Grange Fair

316 East Charlotte Street

Centreville, MI 49032

President Keith Bower called the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association Fair Board Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Fair Office 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 6:01 p.m.

Present: The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board Members that were present; Keith Bower, Angie Mingus, Bill Younts, Mindy Timm (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Charlie Carpenter, Gary Clark, Deborah Davis, Kevin Eby, Tony Hochstetler, Bill Lindsley, Tom Miller, Tricia Ulsh, Eric VanHeukelum, and Barb Weston (arrived at 6:10 p.m.).

Absent Directors: Betty Persons

Excuse any absent Directors:

MOTION by: Tom Miller, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion was made to excuse absent Directors, was made by: Tom Miller and second was made by: Debbie Davis. **Motion passed 10-0**

Review and Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by: Tom Miller, Second by: Angie Mingus

Motion was made to approve the meeting agenda was made by: Tom Miller and second was made by: Angie Mingus. **Motion passed 11-0**

Adopting of the Minutes:

MOTION by: Kevin Eby, Second by: Charlie Carpenter

Motion to approve and adopt the Meeting Minutes from the August 22, 2022 Board Meeting was made by: Kevin Eby and second was made by: Charlie Carpenter. **Motion passed 11-0**

Recognition of Visitors:

Visitors at the meeting were; Ron Weston, Stacey Bower, Ronnie Bauman, Steve Trattles, Harry (electrician), Jim Susemihl, Derek Maystead, and Mike Sherman.

Treasurer's Report:

a. Profit and Loss Report

b. Statement of Activities

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by:

Tom Miller. **Motion passed 13-0**

Correspondences:

There were no correspondences.

Fair Office Report:

- a. The property damage claim because of the recent storm damage has been received by K&K Insurance and they are sending out an adjuster soon.
- b. The Merchant Barns still has 50 empty locations. 95% of the vendors that have reserved their spots have paid.

Director Reports & Updates for the Committee's each Director Heads-up:

- ***Bill Younts***
 - *Finance, Wages, and Budget Committee-* Report was given during the treasurer's report.
 - *Grants/Legacy Committee-* Road repairs have been completed. Electricians are still working on their part of the Grant.
 - *Birthing Tent Committee-* We have a female goat that is pregnant and will hopefully give birth during fair week.
- ***Debbie Davis***
 - *Policy and By-Laws Committee-* No report. Angie asked Debbie if there is any volunteer requirement for Association Members in the current By-Laws? Debbie stated that there are not any current requirements right now but that the committee has had discussions about it.
- ***Keith Bower***
 - *Entertainment Committee-* No report. All entertainment is set for Fair Week.
 - *Ice Committee-* We have bagged 751 bags of ice so far.
- ***Charlie Carpenter-***
 - *Fair Week Maintenance Committee-* Charlie will bring telehandler Friday.
 - *Harness Racing-* Everything is good and set for the racing Fair Week.
- ***Gary Clark***
 - *Courtesy Carts and Trams Committee-* Golf carts are all full of drivers and his tents are all covered.

- **Angie Mingus**
 - *Tents*- Tents start to arrive Monday before Fair Week. The Birthing Tent and Community Tents will go up first.
 - *Machinery Dealers/Tractors Committee*- All spots have been marked off. Alpha Building Center is the Exclusive Major Sponsor of Heritage Park.
 - *Beer Tent*- The Beer Pavilion is fully staffed. Still looking for a few people to work the second location by the horse barn.
 - *Farm Truck & Semi Pulls* – Doug Brazo has all of his payouts sponsored for the Event.

- **Bill Lindsley**
 - *Buildings and Grounds Committee*- Everything is good and going well. The list is coming together for things that need to be done before Fair Week.

- **Tom Miller**
 - *Hall of Fame/Awards Committee*- Everything is all set for the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The Ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m. before the Small Animal Auction.
 - *4-H Extension and Liaison Committee*- Still no 4-H Director. All Superintends are stepping up to help during Fair Week.

- **Tricia Ulsh**
 - *Grange Building Superintendent*- Everything is good to go with the Grange Building. The milking parlor will be serviced before Fair.

- **Betty Persons**
 - *Superintendent of the Home Arts Building*- Betty is still needing a few more judges for Fair Week if anyone knows anyone, please send them her way. There will be sewing demonstrations going on throughout Fair Week.

- **Barb Weston**
 - *Community Tent Committee*- The schedule is set and everything is good to go.
 - *Free-Stage Committee*- The schedule is set and everything is good to go.

- **Eric VanHeukelum-**
 - *Open Class Horses*- Everything is all set and good to go for Fair Week.

- **Kevin Eby –**
 - *Trash and Bathrooms*- Third shift for trash is covered.

- **Tony Hostetler-**
 - *Trash and Bathrooms*- No report

- **Mindy Timm-**
 - *2022 Fair Brochure* – Brochure are still be distributed for the last final push. We will have brochures left for Fair Week.
 - *Fair Advertising and Marketing-* Radio Ads and our TV Commercial starts next week and runs through Saturday of Fair. During Fair Week we will have WIN 98.5, WLKM, and WRKR doing live remotes here at the Fairgrounds.
 - Shirts and name badges will arrive next week.

Old Business:

- a. Review the estimate from the County Sheriff's office for Fair Week Security.**

MOTION by: Tom Miller, Second by: Charlie Carpenter

Motion to approve the estimate we received from the County Sheriff's office for Fair Week Security was made by: Tom Miller and second was made by: Charlie Carpenter. **Motion Passed 12-1.**

- b. Entire Barn rental for winter storage prices- Current price is either \$1,200 or \$1,500 for the livestock barns and \$4,500 for a commercial barn.**

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Debbie Davis

Motion to rent out the Livestock Barns for \$4,300 per barn expect Barn #19 was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Debbie Davis. **Motion Passed 13-0**

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Tom Miller

Motion to to rent Barn #42 at \$16.00 a foot to The Edge was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Tom Miller. **Motion Passed 13-0**

- c. I have three Marinas that are interested in renting entire barns for boat storage this year?**

a. Do we want to rent to these Marinas?

b. If so, what cost?

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to not rent out the barns to any other Marinas was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh. **Motion Passed 12-1**

New Business:

- a. Discuss telehandler rental.**

MOTION by: Bill Younts, Second by: Kevin Eby

Motion to rent the telehandler for the month for Winter Storage was made by: Bill Younts and second was made by Kevin Eby. **Motion passed 12-1.**

b. Steve Trattles would like to Ryan Berens Dad and his sleeping arrangement in the Dairy Barn.

a. We spoke to Lee Zimmerman concerning this subject and there is nothing in the Health Department Regulations that would keep Mr. Berens from sleeping in our barn.

i. Steve Trattles stood up and spoke. Steve stated that Mr. Berens brings 17 head of cattle with him to our Fair. Steve stated that he does not care that he sleeps in the barns as long as the Health Department and City fine with it. The Fair Board Directors had discussions.

- **MOTION** by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Gary Clark
Motion to let Steve make the decision to Mr. Berens sleeping in the barn was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Gary Clark. **Motion passed 12-1**

c. Newest M-86 Sign Estimate

i. Ron Weston presented the Fair Board with the new design of the M-86 Sign/Marquee. The Fair Board Directors had discussion regarding this.

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Tricia Ulsh
Motion to table the discussion and decision on the M-86 sign/marquee until after Fair was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh. **Motion Passed 13-0**

d. Raffle Request.

i. The United Way Mega Raffle Silent Auction.

ii. Pomona Grange #4 to sell raffle tickets at the Pomona Grange Exhibit in the Grange Building.

iii. Pheasants Forever Raffle at their booth.

MOTION by Debbie Davis, Second by: Tricia Ulsh
Motion to approve the raffle requests we have received for Fair Week was made by: Debbie Davis and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.
Motion Passed 13-0

Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

MOTION by: Debbie Davis, Second by: Kevin Eby

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by: Debbie Davis and second was made by: Kevin Eby. **Motion passed 13-0**