

**St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

February 20, 2024

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 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 Association Members. All members were asked to sign the sign in sheet when they entered the meeting. There were 41 Fair Association Members present at the meeting.

***Review and Approval of the Agenda:***

**MOTION** by: Kristine Kirsch, Second by: Mark Trowbridge

Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by: Kristine Kirsch and second was made by: Mark Trowbridge

**Motion carried without dissent.**

***Approval and adoption of the August 15, 2023, Fair Association Meeting Minutes:***

**MOTION** by: Kristine Kirsch, Second by: Jim Susemihl

Motion to approve the August 15, 2023, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Meeting Minutes was made by: Kristine Kirsch and second was made by: Jim Susemihl.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

***Treasurers Report:***

The Fair Association Members reviewed the presented financial statements presented to them.

**MOTION** by: Christina Yunker, Second by: Charlie Carpenter

Motion to place on the record the presented financial statements was made by: Christina Yunker and second was made by: Charlie Carpenter

**Motion carried without dissent.**

***Fair Managers Report:***

Christina Yunker, Fair Manager gave her Fair Managers Report on the following items:

- Commercial Barns #40, #41, and #42 roofs will be replaced after winter storage removal.
- Barns #40, #41, #42, #43, and #44 will receive new metal on the side of the barns.
- Inside vendor contracts are going out. A 10x10 indoor space is going up \$25.00
- Gate prices for the 2024 Fair are going up. Mindy Timm will report on during her report.

- Kristine Kirsch is helping with ribbons again this year.
- Food Truck Rally planned for Memorial Day Weekend.
- The southeast fence excavating will start the end of February.
- Security fence on the Franklin Street Gate, will need a code to get into after hours.
- Camping contracts are going out. Rates have increased for 2024. \$327 for electrical upgraded sites and \$270 for non upgraded sites.

***Public Comment:***

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

- Kevin Yeager – Kevin Yeager read Penny Waltke’s resignation letter.

***Director and Committee Reports:***

- ***Mindy Timm***
  - *Fair Advertising and Marketing –*

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- We will be getting a new mass emailing system. Hopefully this will help with people not getting emails.

**2024 Fair Marketing/Advertising**

- Let the Good Times Grow at the 2024 St. Joseph County Grange Fair – 2024 Theme
- 2024 Fair Week Theme Days
  - Sunday – Opening Day/Family Day
  - Monday – Kid’s Day
  - Tuesday – Hometown Hero Day (Fire Fighters, Dispatch, Victim Services, EMT’s, Law Enforcement)
  - Wednesday – Senior Day
  - Thursday – 4-H Awareness Day
  - Friday – Veterans Day
  - Saturday – FFA and AG-Education Day
- 2024 Gate Prices
  - Children 10 & under: FREE
  - Kids 11-16: \$5.00
  - Adults 17 – 100: \$10.00
  - Senior Day: \$5.00
  - Veterans Day and spouse: \$5.00
    - Include the spouse in this is a thank you to them as well.
- 2024 Fair Week Grandstand Events
  - Sunday – Farm Truck Pulls
  - Monday – Harness Racing at Noon
  - Monday – TK Pro Rodeo
  - Tuesday – Harness Racing at Noon
  - Tuesday – Too Hot To Farm Tractor Pulls, Semi Pulls, and NTPL Pulls
  - Wednesday – TNT Demo Derby, Barrel Racing, and Bump N Run

- Thursday – Dirt Drags
- Friday – NTPA Regional National Pulls
- Saturday - - NTPA Regional National Pulls

- **Angie Mingus**

- *Fundraising* – The committee had a meeting.
- *Buildings and Grounds* – Barn #8 and icehouse will be getting electric and water meters put on them. We are looking to re-do the duck pond area, Angie Mingus will get with Angie Landis on this project. The portable bleachers will need to be replaced over the years, they have to have backs on them if they are four rows or higher. We are looking at getting a skid steer.
- *Heritage Park* – Farm to Market Project is coming along, we are in the early stages of planning.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:** There was no old business.

***Adjournment of Meeting:***

**MOTION** by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Jim Susemihl

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Angie Mingus and second was made by: Jim Susemihl

**Motion carried without dissent.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary