

St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association

Meeting Minutes

August 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 54 Fair Association Members present at the meeting.

Review and Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION by: Angie Mingus, Second by: Jim Susemihl

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

Motion carried without dissent.

Approval and adoption of the May 21, 2024, Fair Association Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by: Jim Susemihl, Second by: Mark Trowbridge

Motion to approve the May 21, 2024, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Meeting Minutes was made by: Jim Susemihl and second was made by: Mark Trowbridge

Motion carried without dissent.

Treasurers Report:

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

MOTION by: Jim Susemihl, Second by: Stacey Bower

Motion to place on the record the presented financial statements was made by: Jim Susemihl and second was made by: Stacey Bower

Motion carried without dissent.

Fair Managers Report:

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

- Commercial Barns are 100% full for Fair Week.
- Outdoor space is 90% occupied.
- Thank you Jim and Ann Susemihl for working on the fountain area.

- Barn #40 and #41 roofs are completed.
- The fence is all installed and the security gate is installed by the Franklin Gate.
- Barn #42 is being built, and sides and doors are next week. Labor Day Weekend the concrete will be poured.

Public Comment:

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

- Kayla Mitchell – Regarding a motion Mark Trowbridge made at the August 8th Board Meeting.
- Tricia Ulsh – Executive Committee Meetings
- Diane Zinsmaster – Posting draft of the meeting minutes on the website.
- Jim Susemihl – All By-law changes need to be to the Fair Board Secretary 45 days before the Annual Meeting.
- Wendy Guess – The Fair Manager running for County Commissioner and being the Fair Manager.

Director and Committee Reports:

- ***Mindy Timm***
 - *Fair Advertising and Marketing* –
 - Association membership application forms are here, in the fair office, and on the website. Memberships are due 30 days before the Annual Meeting in order to be eligible to vote.
 - Week passes are available to pick up tonight for all Association members.
 - We have yard signs, brochures, and flyers in. Please take with you to help distribute.
- ***Kris Kirsch***
 - *First Aid Station* – We have two new AED’s. Nurse Betty is back and Lifecare will be onsite as well.
- ***Mark Trowbridge***
 - *Technology* – We will be taking cards at all gates this year along with money.
 - *Policy and By-Laws* – We have an attorney out of Lansing reviewing the by-laws.
- ***Darlene Tate***
 - *Grange Building* – Things are coming along, and people can come into the office to sign up via Fair Entry.
- ***Sheril Hart***
 - *Blanket Wheel/Area 52* – Monday we will have games for Kids along with the Kids Pedal Pulls and the Blanke Wheel every day.

- **Barb Weston**
 - Community Stage – We have combined the Community Tent and the Free Stage this year for the Community Stage.

MOTION by: Tricia Ulsh, Second by: Troy Smith

Motion donate \$200.00 to the Pie Eating contest for the 2024 Fair, was made by: Tricia Ulsh and second was made by: Troy Smith

Motion carried without dissent.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

- a. Fair Association By Laws – Jim Susemihl

Jim Susemihl asked the Fair Association Members to look through the proposed changes that were not passed last year and let the committee know of changes they would like to see so they can get them presented to the Fair Board Secretary.

- b. Magnets/Calanders for Fair Association Members with meeting dates

Derek Mostrom suggested the Fair Association purchase calendar magnets with the meeting dates for the Association Members. The Association Members had discussion.

MOTION by: Cindy Gordon, Second by: Stacey Bower

Motion to put/donate \$300.00 towards magnets with the Fair Association meeting dates for all Fair Association members, was made by: Cindy Gordon and second was made by: Stacey Bower.

Motion carried without dissent.

Adjournment of Meeting:

MOTION by: Debbie Davis, Second by: Jim Susemihl

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Debbie Davis and second was made by: Jim Susemihl

Motion carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary

