

**St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

May 21, 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 6:00 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 6:00 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 37 Fair Association Members present at the meeting.

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

**MOTION** by: Kayla Mitchell, Second by: Jim Susemihl

Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by: Kayla Mitchell and second was made by: Jim Susemihl

**Motion carried without dissent.**

***Approval and adoption of the February 20, 2024, Fair Association Meeting Minutes:***

**MOTION** by: Jim Susemihl, Second by: Shirel Hart

Motion to approve the February 20, 2024, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Meeting Minutes was made by: Jim Susemihl and second was made by: Shirel Hart.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

***Treasurers Report:***

The Fair Association Members reviewed the Statement of Financial Position as of April 30, 2024, and Statement of Activity January – April 2024, presented by Kristine Kirsch Fair Board Treasurer.

**MOTION** by: Jim Susemihl, Second by: Tricia Ulsh

Motion to place on the record the presented financial statements was made by: Jim Susemihl and second was made by: Tricia Ulsh.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

***Fair Managers Report:***

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

- All Vendor contracts have been sent out. We are working on a plan for vendors that were supposed to be in Barn #42.
- Ribbons for Open Class – Kristine Kirsch has been working on all the ribbons for open class.
- Sponsorship Forms – If you need sponsorship forms, get with Chris Yunker.
- Maintenance Help – We need help in Maintenance, volunteers are welcomed.
- Security for the 2024 Fair will be the same as the 2023 Fair, we will be using the Sheriffs Department and the private security company that we used in 2023.
- Memorial Day Weekend Food Truck Rally has been cancelled.
- July 11 and July 12 is the Show & Shine and 4x4 Jamboree here at the Fairgrounds, this is a fundraiser for the premium funds.
- The profit from our Reverse Raffle was \$15,863.
- The profit from the ORV/ATV Ride was \$6,000. That goes into the premium fund.
- We are getting a Verizon tower for Fair Week.
- Barn #42 Fire Update
  - 26 Boats were in the Barn
  - The investigation is still ongoing. Once everything is finalized and we get the green light, we will start the cleanup and rebuilding process.

***Public Comment:***

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

- Kevin Yeager – Kevin Yeager asked if the 4-H swine tagging can take place in Barn #53.
- Lisa DeLeo – Lisa has a sign-up sheet for Association Members to sign-up to help around the Fairgrounds.

***Director and Committee Reports:***

- ***Mindy Timm***
  - *Fair Advertising and Marketing –*  
  
**2024 Fair Marketing/Advertising**
    - Let the Good Times Grow at the 2024 St. Joseph County Grange Fair – 2024 Theme
- ***Angie Mingus***
  - *Buildings and Grounds* – Angie will be scheduling a committee meeting in the next few weeks.
  - *Heritage Park* – Angie will be scheduling a committee meeting in the next few weeks.
- ***Kristine Kirsch***
  - *Open Class Superintendent* – Dr. Fedore will be coming back for the 2024 Fair. Working on the schedule for the Draft Horse and Mini Pulls.
  - *First Aid Station* – The First Aid Station is ready to go and Nurse Betty will be back for the 2024 Fair. Kristine also submitted two grants for new AED's.
- ***Keith Bower***

- *Ice Committee* – We made ice for the Reverse Raffle.
- ***Barb Weston***
  - *Community Stage* – We have combined the Community Tent and the Community Stage into one this year. The Community Stage will be located up front right by the front gate.
  - *Heritage Hall*– Mendon will be the featured town this year and it will be the year of the 40's.

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

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

***Adjournment of Meeting:***

**MOTION** by: Jim Susemihl, Second by: Tereasa Hufstedler

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Jim Susemihl and second was made by: Tereasa Hufstedler

**Motion carried without dissent.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Mindy Timm – Fair Board Secretary

