

**Approved Minutes**  
**Monday, May 5th, 2025**  
**6:30pm – Redeemer Lutheran Church**

1. Welcome & Call to Order - 6: 30 p.m.
2. Pledges - Teen Reps
3. Roll Call - Ashley F.
4. Additions to the Agenda
  - a. 6. Teen Reps
5. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. First: Holly Hauser
  - b. Second: Collin Hauser
6. Approval of the Minutes from April 7th
  - a. First: Layla Zenner
  - b. Second: Ella Stockfisch
7. Teen Rep Updates
  - a. Planning events, new things coming
  - b. Fundraiser event raised \$325.00
  - c. Education Expo
    - i. Love the expo and appreciate it is in our backyard and not having to go to Lansing. Great place for money that we pay for it. Helps a lot of kids. More hands on with projects and learn more regarding our projects than most educational opportunities. Gives the youth an opportunity to learn something new that they didn't know. Convenience and allows us to see other 4-Hers, covers all species. Lansing is expensive and I don't learn as much.
8. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Budget
    - i. 03/31 \$115,830.09
    - ii. Over on budget line of education, requesting \$3,500.00 for overage and to cover education reimbursements of youth
1. Motion
  - a. First: Heather Hauser
  - b. Second: Ella Stockfisch

2. Discussion: Kelly Stockfisch, why do we need additional funds?
  - a. Keri: Need additional funds for scholarships for i.e. Exploration days for the rest of the year. We can just approve the overage now, and come back to the council each month requesting additional overages.
  - b. Kelly: was there anticipation of the overage before this meeting
  - c. Keri: no, not until education expo expenses were paid. The technology and food put us over.

d. Tammy Nemeskal: Can we have a break down of how much was for youth education and how much was for volunteer education seeing that this account is blended together?

- i. Keri: Education Expo was \$9,125.00, included speakers and facilities.
- ii. Tammy: 2025?
- iii. Keri: we had 414 youth attend and 728 education credits distributed
- iv. Tammy: what is the total of the education?
- v. Keri: education fund is at \$12,262.05, \$2,262.05 over budget right now.
- vi. Tammy: \$3,100 was then spent somewhere else.
- vii. Keri: some of that was for the MAFE convention
- viii. Tammy: listed past amounts for the the education budget for prior years.
- ix. Keri: Expo was \$4,000.00 more this year because we paid more for food, speaker costs, and technology.

3. Keri: Motion of the floor, called for vote

4. yay: Majority of council
5. Nay: Kelly Stockfisch

9. Public Comment \*

- a. No Public Comment

10. Fair Board News - Frank Guerin

- a. 89 Days to Fair
- b. Waters is turned on
- c. People are lined up for the year
- d. Working with MSU legal on contract verbiage, down at E. Lansing now

11. 4-H Staff Spotlight

a. Ali Ballard: Benzie

- i. No 4-Hers for Exploration Days
  - ii. Chaperones are needed for Leelanau and GT County
  - iii. Dog Spin Club Starts in June through July
- b. Danny Schaub: Leelanau

- i. Survey at the meeting regarding programs of interest
  - ii. Cherry Festival Week Booth at Horticultural Station
1. June 30 - July 4, 2025
    - a. 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
    - b. Bring animals
      - i. 100 lbs. and under
  - c. Sarah Buy: Grand Traverse
    - i. Fundraisers would be great during Cherry Festival Week
    - ii. Henry Ford Museum for Kid Innovators this past weekend
  1. Asking 4-H and Michigan STEM to collaborate for the convention
    - iii. Tristyn Klockziem was at Maker Event - Call Out on her bringing Rabbits
    - iv. Traverse City District Library this weekend, asking for small animals from 11am - 12pm
    - v. Family has 25 week old chics, mix of breeds, contact Sarah if you are interested
    - vi. Project education kits are here and we need to rotate through the clubs
  1. Club Leaders, I want to know who you are!
    - a. Who is helping your club?
      - i. Make sure they have their paperwork in for the liability of the fair and need to be a gold level volunteer.
    - vii. Shout out to Frank Guerin and his patience in the completion and agreement of the contract between MSU and the NWMI Fair.
12. MSU Extension Education/Events – Tanner Building Exhibits - Gretchen Sauvage
    - i. Clover Award and Tanner Building Exhibit sheet are on the website.
      1. Heather Hauser: Need to remove Rosalie Collier on the sheet
      2. Gretchen Sauvage: Will update
    - ii. Coffee and Donuts for Fair this Year in the Tanner Building
      1. Tumblers will be for sale again this year
      2. Tanner Building will be open at 6:30 a.m.
      3. Source of the Giftcard for Teen Reps
      4. \$25.00 for new tumbler, order from Gretchen
      5. \$20.00 you receive a sticker for last years tumblers
  13. Old Business
    - a. Band App
      - i. Sign Up on the home page of the website
      - ii. App will be used for communication during fair
  - b. Name Tags
    - i. Submit request of name tag on the Leaders Corner of the website
    - ii. Will be ordering on May 15th

iii. Cost is \$12.00

c. Heather Barley Scholarship Applications Due TONIGHT!

i. Due tonight to Mark Barley

14. New Business - None

15. Species Chair Updates

a. Goat - Robin Gildner

i. We have 40 registered participants, with 14 market goats.

ii. Possession date was May 1st. We will begin tagging the market projects here soon as we can

narrow down a date/location.

iii. Please keep a close eye on them for sickness, with this weather being so all over the place right

now you need to be paying extra attention to them.

iv. Minimum weight for market projects is 65 pounds.

v. You can tag a backup market project for a \$10 fee, due at tagging.

vi. Make sure your project has its official USDA scrapie tag in its ear or tattooed with the full tag

number. Registration tattoos are also accepted with a copy of the pedigree. With either option when the tag is not physically in the goats ear you will need to provide the physical scrapie tag

with the health paperwork at check in the first day of fair.

vii. Just a reminder again, we have a show time change this year for our 4-H shows on Tuesday during

fair week. We now start at 9am.

viii. If you are in need of a pack saddle for the pack goat class we do still have a few hard side saddle

kits available. If there is enough interest we can hold a pack saddle building clinic again, just reach

out if interested.

ix. • As always, if you have questions or concerns I can be reached by phone, text or email:

x. (231) 883-2002 or [info@luckyfarmsmi.com](mailto:info@luckyfarmsmi.com)

b. Dog - Gretchen Sauvage

i. June meeting is registration due date

ii. Education will be kept track by Gretchen

c. Rabbit/Cavy - Lisa Ralph

i. Registration closes tonight

ii. Temperatures are concerning

iii. Clinics will be announced

iv. Make sure you do write ups for clinics

d. Large Beef - Haven Bouwens

i. #'s so far...

1. 97 - Registered
2. 86 - Market Steer
3. 8 - Market Heifer
4. 3 - Show only

ii. Hoof Trimming 2 of 2

1. July 12th, 8 am
2. No Bull Hoof Care - \$25 per head
3. Scales will be available
4. Sign-up Genius on Facebook

iii. Practice Dates

1. Tuesday, June 17th, 6-8 pm
2. Sunday, June 29th, 4:30 to 6:30 pm
3. Tuesday, July 8th, 6-8 pm
4. Wednesday, July 16th, 6-8 pm

iv. Animal Health updates

1. Make sure you have your RFID and if you lose your fair tag let me know
2. Worm anytime - if you wait until closer to fair, you risk running into withdrawal period issues

v. Senior Education Scholarships

1. Johnson Foundation Due May 15th

vi. Upcoming Education...

1. Need by June 30th - Options on website
2. Show every weekend until June 15th
3. Cherry Capital Beef Classic, May 17, NWMI Fairgrounds, Traverse City
  - a. Late Registration Starts 10th
  - b. Education Credit Sign-in @ Check-in Table
4. Lakeshore Beef Classic, May 24 & 25, Mason County Fairgrounds, Ludington

vii. Program Changes for 2025

1. Placing the top 15 Steers & Top 15 Heifers remainder will be placed by Lottery
2. Prevent Heifers from going into heat - Any large beef heifer that is planning to attend that fair will be required to have a CIDR administered at the fair on July 12th (at our July Hoof Trimming). Then, we will travel around to pull the CIDR on July 19th to trigger the heat cycle before the fair.

viii. Program Changes for 2026

1. Moving the Possession date and Registration Date to Nov.
  - a. Possession will move to Nov. 1, 2025
  - b. Registration will move to Nov. 3, 2025 (LC Meeting)
2. Mandatory Weight-in
  - a. Weight-in and Tagging on Nov. 8 & 9, 2025, @ Fairgrounds

- b. Start a Rate of gain program

e. Poultry - Lynn Henning

- i. Weather is wacky
- ii. Keep birds warm and dry
- iii. Prepare for birds coming, will need heat lamps
- iv. TSC is ordering the poultry order, be prompt for pick up and payment
- v. Numbers read

f. Large/Dairy Feeder - Greg Bancroft

- i. Numbers read
- ii. November possession for Dairy Beef with mandatory weigh in

g. Horse - Mandy DePuy

- i. Registrations due tonight
- ii. Pull Coggins and Vaccinations
- iii. Declare Registration
- iv. Boot Camp is cancelled
  1. Saturday May 10th at Exhillbar Stables
  2. Information on Facebook

h. Lamb - Read by Keri Bancroft

i. Registration Numbers

1. 72 lambs
2. 59 market
3. 10 cloverbud
4. 1 show only

ii. Make sure lambs have plenty of fresh water and are being fed regularly. Look for health problems

and reach out if you need anything.

iii. Ayla has joined the lamb barn as my assistant species chair along with Shayna. Looking forward to

her helping this year.

iv. Possession date was May 1st. Next date is May 15th for virtual tagging. Tag your lamb and any

back up lamb that you have. Backups are 10 dollars per lamb. Lambs that are a back up for a family, only need paid for once. Reach out with any questions.

v. Fitting clinic dates will be coming soon. These are highly encouraged.

i. Jr Beef - Amanda Wilkins

- i. Numbers read
  - ii. Seniors have till June 15th to send Amanda Senior Pics
  - iii. Possession is May 15th
  - iv. Vaccinations need to be complete before fair
  - v. Tagging will take place in June
  - vi. Tag extra calf for \$10.00
  - vii. If Calf is not listed in 4-H Online profile, contact Amanda
  - viii. Education was listed
- j. Llama/Alpaca - Renee Hobbins

- i. Registration is due tonight
- ii. Start playing with your animals
- iii. Start practicing for showmanship
- iv. Shearing schedule is out
- v. Trim toes and deworm and body score them
- vi. Fiber Fair is May 31st and June 1st at the Emmet County Fairgrounds
- vii. 4-H Buyers Letters and Thank you note packets are \$5.00
  - 1. Print out for each will be online and at our June Meet
- viii. June 22nd is clinic at Fairgrounds
- k. Swine - Jody Ortega

- i. Numbers read
- ii. Youth Leadership Meeting happened yesterday
- iii. Hold on Swine Show Clinic
  - 1. Waiting on contracts
- iv. Weigh or Tape Measure your pig weekly
- v. Signs must have airflow
- vi. Virtual Tagging Due May th
- vii. Education due June 30th
- 16. Differently Abled Update - Beth Stephens

- a. Reach out to Beth or Species Chair if you have questions
- b. Once Beth has list, she will reach out regarding accommodations
- c. If your are over the age of 26, contact your PC in county to register

#### 17. Committee Reports

##### a. Reporting Committees:

##### i. Auction - Faith Grose

- 1. Bid Cards & Buyer Folders are printed and made for any buyers that have bought recently in the past.
- 2. Purchase of clovers for buyer awards is pending.
- 3. Postcards purchase is also pending.
- 4. Buyers packet will be sent out this week.
- 5. A meeting for Showworks training will be held here shortly once the deputy treasurer is more established with the platform.

##### ii. Buyers Lunch - Laurie Ashley

- 1. Northwoods Soda Agreed for pop
- 2. Background check needed for any volunteers

##### iii. Cherry Festival Parade - Keri Bancroft

- 1. Float on July 3, 2025 Children's Parade

##### iv. Fair Week Evening Activities - Teen Reps

- 1. Teen Reps have been working on two movie nights

v. Fun Saturday - Heather Rosa

1. No updates

vi. Costume Classes - No member in attendance

1. No Update

vii. 4H Dance - Anne Seitz

1. Signed D.J. Contract

viii. Showmanship Showdown - Jen Yost

1. No updates

2. Looking for another group to help them out

b. Non-Reporting Committees:

Auction Refreshments - Mary Lynn Robertson

• Sign Up Genius Created and is on the Leaders Corner Tab of Website

Auction Ring Set-Up – Can Drive – Cloverbud Fair Week Activities –

Fair Set-Up & Tear-Down – Pizza Party

18. Public Comment \*

19. Questions?

20. Adjourn at 7: 27 p.m.

a. First: Layla Zenner

b. Second Charlotte Talliue

Club List for 2025 May

A Backyard Bunch X

Barn Busters X

Beef & Bacon Bunch X

Benzie Cowabungas X

Bits - N - Grit X

Boots & Roots X

Caring Critters

Carousel Club X

Country Cousins

Country Kids X

Country Roots X

Crazy Acres x

Dirty Boots & Country Roots

Dusty Trails X

Excalibur Mazkaraders X

Farm and Fleece X

Farm and Freedom

Forever Farmin' X

Frontier Quest

Gotta Lluva a Cool Critter X  
Green Acres X  
Happy Highlanders X  
Happy Hooves X  
Hats N Boots X  
Kaleidoscope Kids X  
Lake Ann 4H Livestock Club X  
Leaders and Lopers  
Leather-N-Laces X  
Legacy Livestock X  
Lone Wolves X  
Long Lake 4H Livestock X  
Maple Ridge X

Misty Meadows  
Northern Explorers  
Northern Lights X  
Northwest Classy K-9's X  
Pen Pals X  
Proclites  
Radical Rabbit Raisers N More X  
Rickety Ranchers X  
Round About Wranglers X  
Showtime  
Small Town Farmers X  
Sunshine Acres  
TC Hooves and Wings X  
Too Goat to be True X  
Twin Lakes X  
Two By Two  
Walnut Acres  
Windy Acres X