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TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Hanna Toft, State FFA President
Mrs. Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: November 30, 2009

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2009 - 4:15 pm
3rd Floor Division Director's Conference Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. David Pede, Teacher Representative to the Executive Board, will have voting power at each meeting in 2009-2010.

AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the November State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Hanna Toft
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Allison Karr
 - C. State Leadership Activities/State Convention - Brianne Scholl
 - D. State Applications – Skylar Matthews
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Eric Nelson
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jessica Voll

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- VI. Executive Committee Report** – Keely Weinberger
- VII. Foundation Report** – Brianne Scholl
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Allison Karr
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Hanna Toft
- X. State CTE Advisory Committee** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Environmental Education: A Plan of Action** – Hanna Toft

XII. Unfinished Business

- A. Fall CDE Results (November 12, 2009) – Jessica Voll
- B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 16, 2009) – Brianne Scholl
- C. Holiday Party (December 7, 2009) – Skylar Matthews
- D. 2010 Calendars (December 21, 2009) – Skylar Matthews
- E. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 22, 2010) – Eric Nelson
- F. State Officer Candidates School (January 30, 2010) – Brianne Scholl
- G. State Ag Convention (February 2010) – Hanna Toft
- H. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 25, 2010) – Skylar Matthews
 - b. Chapter Activities – Allison Karr
- I. DVC Leadership Training (March 1, 2010) – Allison Karr
- J. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design (March 12 -14, 2010) – Jessica Voll
- K. Chapter Visits – Allison Karr
- L. Association/ Team Goal Updates – Eric Nelson

XIII. New Business

- A. National Ag Day, Washington D.C. (March 2010) –Brianne Scholl
- B. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Eric Nelson
- C. Member of the Month – Keely Weinberger
- D. State Officer Mileage

XIII. Closing Ceremonies.

*Next State Meeting - Monday, January 4, 2010
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
9:00 a.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of November 2, 2009

I. Opening Ceremonies

Hanna Toft called the meeting to order at 4:21pm. Voting members in attendance were Brianne Scholl, Jessica Voll, Eric Nelson, Allison Karr, Skylar Matthews, Annaliese Gancarz and Mr. Dave Pedo, Teacher Representative. In addition, Mrs. Erin Noble, state staff attended.

II. Minutes from the November State Meeting

Motion by Jessica Voll that the secretary's report be accepted as read.

Seconded by Skylar Matthews. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Eric Nelson gave the Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

Motion by Eric Nelson to excuse Mark Boyko and Keely Weinberger from the November State Meeting.

Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.

Brianne assumes the duties of the chair

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The next meeting will be after the November work session.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Convention

The committee feels that the team should try to advertise events earlier in the year. The committee reviewed the LEAD evaluations from the members, and overall they had a really good time and learned a lot. Lastly, the committee will be looking at the feedback from the members from the ALLD conference, at the next meeting.

Motion by Hanna Toft to accept the State Leadership Activities and State Convention report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

D. State Applications

The committee reviewed the National Scholarship Application and the eligibility factors. The committee suggests making the scholarship available to member who haven't attended the National Convention before and who aren't going out for any other reason. In addition, the group will be looking over the scrapbook application, and Member of the Month/Star Awards/Degree applications. The committee wants the students to have more involvement with FFA, as well as SAE.

Motion by Skylar Matthews to accept the State Applications report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Skylar Matthews to edit the National Scholarship Application to state that the student can not be attending the attending the convention for any other reason (i.e. CDE) and it must be their first year at National Convention.

Seconded by Hanna Toft. **Motion passes.**

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The committee took a final look at the suggestions from State Convention and come up with improved CDEs. The committee suggested looking into waterproof scan-tron sheets. In addition, there should be a meeting for teachers to go over practicums that will be used each year. Lastly, the committee felt it would be good if New Jersey FFA also offered a Meat ID CDE and an Agronomy CDE online.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the Career Development Evaluation and Review as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Eric Nelson that a Meat ID CDE and an Agronomy CDE be held online as written tests, on separate days from the Forestry and Farm Business Management CDEs.

Seconded by Hanna Toft.

Amendment to the main motion to add in “when we have industry validation.

Seconded by Eric Nelson.

Motion passes as amended. Motion as amended passes.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

The committee reviewed the Bonsai category and made the final changes that they thought were important. The committee suggested adding a place on the registration for teachers to nominate runners for the Hort Expo; creating a New Years category, which is separate from Winter Solstice; and making changes to the Bonsai category.

Motion by Jessica Voll to accept her Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Jessica Voll to create two Bonsai categories, 1. Newly Started Bonsai, 2. Completed and Maintained Bonsai; to create a New Years category, which states- ‘an arrangement suited for a New Years Eve Party’. The Winter Solstice category will then be edited to- ‘an arrangement suitable for a Christmas or Hanukah Party’; to change the Thinking of You category to say- ‘an arrangement suitable for someone going through a hard time’.

Seconded by Skylar Matthews. **Motion passes.**

Hanna re-assumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Annaliese reported that the executive committee is always there for all the State Officers.

VII. Foundation Report

The meeting was cancelled and we are waiting for the next meeting update.

VIII. Alumni Report

The last Alumni meeting was held October 14. Members at the meeting reviewed the Golf Tournament and talked about merging with First Pioneer Credit's event. In addition, the Alumni would like to find more ways to build membership.

IX. State Career Technical Education Advisory Committee

The meeting was held on October 30, 2009. The committee looked how they can engage students and how other schools can improve their CTE classes. Also, the discussed the importance of advocating what CTE is and program re-approval. The next meeting is in March.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is November 4, 2009 at 2:30 at Monmouth County Career Center.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. LEAD Evaluation

The conference went really well and turned out to be a very educational conference. The teachers were very pleased with the conference and all the students enjoyed the time that they had. Overall, the attendees enjoyed the camp setting.

B. Grange Convention Review

Skylar attended the Grange Convention along with Levon Lacy from the Woodstown FFA Chapter. Skylar addressed the audience and encouraged them to continue their support for our organization.

C. National Convention in Review

Biotechnology HS had two first place teams in the Agriscience Fair event. Ms. Sopchak of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter was runner up for the Agriscience Teacher of the Year. The delegates were busy with National Days of Service and committee work. Allison handled the state booth, Eric competed in Dairy Foods, and Skylar hosted the state suite. The dues proposal passed – dues were sent at \$7 for the start of the 2010 school year; the ratification amendment failed and the American Degree amendment passed with an amendment for the new requirements to take place in 2015.

D. Fall CDEs

Fall Career Development Events are November 12th, 2009 at Rutgers from 930 am to 130 pm. State Executive Board members need to meet at their location at 8 am. Officers are to help out wherever needed and to check the schools in. Jess and Mark are at Land Judging (Meet at Roundhouse); Keely and Skylar are at Turf Management (Turf Farm); Allison and Annaliese are at Fruits and Veggies (Cook Campus Center) and Eric and Brianne are at Dairy Foods (Food Science Building).

E. NJ Farm Bureau Convention

Brianne will be attending this convention on Monday, November 16, 2009. She will address the delegates in attendance and bring greetings on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Association.

F. 2010 Calendars

The State Officers will be distributing Christmas Calendars to the Farm Bureau, NJ Dept. of Education and the NJ Dept. of Agriculture on December 21. The officers will be in official dress and meet at the Dept of Ag at 10:00 am.

G. Chapter Visits

We need to work on getting out visits completed! All officers need to email their teachers by November 15th.

H. Association/Team Goals Update

Keep working on goals!

XII. New Business

A. Holiday Party

On December 7, following the state meeting, Mrs. Trivette is hosting a Holiday Party for the State FFA Executive Board. Everyone will be assigned to drinks, snacks, deserts, etc. In addition, we will be doing a secret Santa with a \$20 limit.

B. Banquet Speech Workshop

The banquet speech workshop is January 22, 2010. State Officers will begin working on their speeches at the November Work Session. Parents, Advisors and Alumni members will provide feedback to the state officers on their speeches.

C. State Officer Candidate's School

State Officer Candidates' School is January 30, 2010. A special invitation is sent to potential candidates. The state officers made a list of potential candidates and reviewed the schedule.

D. State Ag Convention

The convention is in East Brunswick, and Hanna will represent the State Association. Hanna will address the delegates in attendance.

E. National FFA Week

a. ALLD

ALLD is February 25, 2010 at The College of New Jersey. State Officers will be reviewing the schedule and possible workshop topics at the November Work Session.

b. Chapter Activities

Officers get requested from the chapters for dinners and motivational speeches. Please keep an open schedule for FFA Week so we can make sure that all requests can be filled.

F. DVC Leadership Training

Tentatively, Allison, Eric and Brianne will present at the DVC Leadership Training on Monday, March 1, 2010. More details will be available soon.

G. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE

Jessica is responsible for scheduling State Officers to work the show.

H. Member of the Month

No Member of the Month applications were submitted for the month of November.

I. State Officer Mileage.

Get it in!

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
October 2009

BEGINNING BALANCE: October 1, 2009

\$87,959.00

Deposits:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Dues	\$ 20,108.00		\$ 946.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 1,286.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 225.00		\$ 68.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 4,690.00	\$ 4,690.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00	\$ 1,547.00	\$ 23,126.80
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,400.00		\$ 260.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 31,926.80
Expenses:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Dues 1,828 x \$5	\$ 9,140.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 403.00		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 2,401.00	\$ 481.79	\$ 1,311.97
	4	State Officers	\$ 8,556.00	\$ 575.00	\$1,438.50
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,345.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,365.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 5,427.00		\$ 2,710.80
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,890.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 725.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 1,056.79	\$ 6,186.27

Ending Balance: October 31, 2009

\$93,832.21

FY10
FFA Deposits

<i>Date Rec'd</i>	<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
October					
	2	Salem Co. Bd of Vocational Education	1001	\$ 27.00	
		Gloucester Co Special Services	93131	\$ 36.00	
		Camden Co. Tech. Schools	4299	\$ 36.00	
		Buena Regional School District	7075	\$ 36.00	
		Warren Hills Regional School	14577	\$ 72.00	
		BCIT- Westampton	10790	\$ 36.00	
					\$ 243.00
	5	BCIT - Westampton	016155	\$ 936.00	
		Penns Grove High School	0732	\$ 520.00	
		Edward Grinshpun	2586	\$ 104.00	
		William Jeffery	4610	\$ 104.00	
		Paul Robb	1205	\$ 104.00	
		Sharon Barresi	4377	\$ 104.00	
		Kimberly Desrochers	245	\$ 10.00	
		Warren Hills	014443	\$ 1,352.00	
		Monmouth Co. Career Center	308	\$ 728.00	
		North Warren Regional	026932	\$ 728.00	
					\$ 4,690.00
	6	Newton High School	3775	\$ 1,547.00	
					\$ 1,547.00
	7	Cape May	3391	\$ 300.00	
		Woodstown Pilesgrove Regional School	3935	\$ 150.00	
					\$ 450.00
				\$ 6,930.00	\$ 32,169.80

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2010				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
	General Supplies			\$ -
08/17/09	Color toners, easel pads		\$ 718.57	
08/18/09	Erin Noble - Reimbursement for SO Business Cards		\$ 111.61	
10/14/09	Bell Promo - travel mugs		\$ 460.84	
				\$ 1,291.02
	State Officers			
08/27/09	National FFA - SO Jackets, scrafs, key chains, Thankyou notes		\$ 586.50	
08/21/09	National FFA - SO Jackets- Eric & Hanna redo		\$ 148.00	
10/02/09	National FFA - SO LS Shirts		\$ 129.00	
10/14/09	National FFA - M.Boyko shirt		\$ 20.95	
10/15/09	National FFA - Registration for J.Voll at SPC		\$ 575.00	
				\$ 1,459.45
	Leadership Experience and Development			
	State Convention			
	State Convention Awards			\$ -
				\$ -
	National Convention			
07/07/09	National FFA - CDE registration		\$ 630.00	
07/06/09	National FFA - Lodging Room deposits		\$ 1,100.00	
09/09/09	Susan Butch- Delg. & SO Airline Tickets to Indianapolis	Pd on SRB AMEX Card	\$ 793.15	
09/09/09	FFA Alumni Association - SO Airline Tickets	Credit to Alumni from SRB AMEX Card. From Marriott BLAST OFF Hotel Rm.s	\$ 187.65	
				\$ 2,710.80
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
09/14/09	Pennsylvania FFA - Registration for NLCSO for SO		\$ 725.00	
				\$ 725.00
	Grand Total		\$ 6,186.27	\$ 6,186.27

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: October 28th, 2009 4:30PM

Committee: CDE Review and Evaluation

Committee Members Present: Eric Nelson, State FFA Treasurer
 Brianne Scholl, State FFA Vice President
 David Pede, Advisor

Absent: Mark Boyko

Purpose of Meeting: To take a final look at suggestions from state convention and ultimately come up with a plan to improve CDE's for the year 2009-2010.

Recommended Action(s): The committee deemed it possible and crucial to implement waterproof cardstock scantron sheets into CDE's, given that they work with scantron sheets. The committee recommends that before career development events are held in the future, the office of agricultural education holds a meeting with agriculture teachers to go over practicums involved. The committee requests that Meats ID CDE's and Agronomy CDE's be held online as written tests, on separate days from the Forestry and Farm Business Management CDE's.

Comments: Agriculture teachers ask that they find more information on CDE results, IE: How their kids did vs. how OTHER kids did and where they lost in order to improve. The next meeting will be held in the month of November following the running of Fall CDE's.

Eric Nelson, State FFA Treasurer
 Chairperson

Brianne Scholl, State FFA Vice President
 Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: Oct-09

Committee: Horticulture Exposition and Evaluation

Committee Members Present: Keely Weinberger

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to review the Bonsai category and bring the final changes to the next meeting.

Recommended Action(s): The group discussed the need for runners at the Hort Expo. There are already people that do help out but, we thought that this year there would be a sign-up sheet. When people apply to enter into a competition, they can apply to be a runner as well. The runners will help put arrangements where they should be, make sure that all arrangements can be seen, and help out with whatever else needs to be done. Somehow we thought that it would be nice to have some kind of incentive for these runners as well. The group also reviewed each category and thought that it is best if we make a New Years category. The description would be-an arrangement suitable for a New Years Eve party. Furthermore, the Winter Solstice category will be changed to-An arrangement suitable for a Christmas or Hannukah party. We also took a look at the Thinking of You category and decided that it should be- An arrangement suitable for a person that is going through a hard time. Lastly, the Bonsai category. We decided to make two categories. 1. Newly Started Bonsai, which reads: Bonsai plants that have been started within the last 4 months. Plants must be wired correctly and maintained

Comments: As we discussed the items that were going to be changed, we thought that they would be good recommendations for the Hort Expo. The Bonsai category needs to be changed because many people did not like it last year. In addition, the descriptions were changed to make the categories open for more arrangements and to be more clear. Also, we made a new category because there were many arguments about the Winter Solstice category.

Jessica Voll
Chairperson

Jessica Voll
Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: November 1st 2009

Committee: State FFA Applications

Committee Members Present: Skylar Matthews, Alison Karr

Absent: Hanna Toft, Keely Wienberger

Purpose of Meeting: Review the National Scholarship Application . Look over the initial intention of the scholarship which is to give it to someone who has never been to National Convention the opportunity to go

Recommended Action(s): Already taking a look at the application on the first page under Eligibility, it does not state that this must be the sole reason the member can attend national convention he or she can participate in a CDE or other events maybe we could reconsider this and state it in the application somewhere that the member should not been competing in any other event. As stated below who ever receives this scholarship and attend national convention will assist in working the state booth, if they have other prior commitments we may not have their help. Maybe would could change "will" to "be required to" work at the NJ display in the Hall of States

Comments: We need to take a look at the scrapbook application as well as Member of the Month/Star Awards/Degree Applications, etc.consider having information on these applications include only HS involvement in FFA/SAE.

Skylar Matthews
Chairperson

Secretary

State Leadership and State Convention Committee
October 24, 2009

Members: Brianne Scholl (Chair)
Allison Karr

Old Business

LEAD (Leadership Excellence and Development):

The committee feels that we should advertise our conference earlier. Our question is: Is it possible to start advertising in late August?

Members really enjoyed having this conference at a camp and also enjoyed the confidence course

The committee feels that there needs to be more music variety, at the dance. We can resolve this by having a song request list during breaks between the sessions at COLT

and SGC.

New Business:

ALLD (Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day):

The committee will be reviewing the conference's feedback from members at next meeting

Respectfully Submitted By,
Brianne Scholl
Chair