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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
   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
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, Annalie Gancarz and Mr. Dave Pede, 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 cannot 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 at 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 Annalie 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

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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
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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

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<td>Purpose of Meeting:</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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