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New Jersey FFA “Be Bold with Blue and Gold”

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

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

DATE: December 1, 2010

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2010 – 4:00 pm
1st Floor NJDA Boardroom, 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. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets/Mrs. Kristina Guttadora will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2010-2011.

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 – Eric Nelson
- B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson
- C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlarnen
- D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger
- E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton
- F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson
- G. State Convention Evaluation- Jessica McCosker

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** – Hanna Toft
- VII. Foundation Report** – Keely Weinberger
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Julianne Robinson
- IX. State CTE Advisory Committee Report-** Eric Nelson
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Unfinished Business**
 - A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 4-14, 2011) – Julianne Robinson
 - B. Program Affiliation – Jessica McCosker
 - C. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (Nov 15, 2010) – Eric Nelson
 - D. Fall Career Development Events (November 18, 2010) – Rachel Layton
 - E. 2011 Calendars (December 13, 2010) – Jessica McCosker
 - F. Holiday Party (December 13, 2010) – Alec McAlarnen
 - G. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 21, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - H. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 29, 2011) – Rachel Layton
 - I. State Agriculture Convention (February 8, 2011) – Eric Nelson
 - J. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (Mar 18-20, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - K. Chapter Visits – Julianne Robinson
 - L. Association/Team Goal Updates – Keely Weinberger
- XII. New Business**
 - A. National FFA Week-
 - a. ALLD (February 24, 2011) – Jessica McCosker
 - b. Chapter Activities – Rachel Layton
 - B. National Ag Day- (March 13-15, 2011) – Keely Weinberger
 - C. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Alec McAlarnen
 - D. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Jimmie Ferguson
 - E. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
 - F. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, January 3, 2011
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
9:00 a.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of November 1, 2010

I. Opening Ceremonies

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Voting members in attendance were Eric Nelson, Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr, Brianne Scholl, and Ms. Moschera Chernigovets. Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette were also in attendance.

II. Minutes from the October State Meeting

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the October minutes as read.

Seconded by Keely Weinberger. Motion passes.

III. Treasure's Report

Rachel Layton gave the Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Rachel Layton to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion Passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Nicholas Lavan, Brittany Hrasna, and Kristen Callahan of the Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter were in attendance at the November State Meeting.

Motion by Keely Weinberger to give Julianne Robinson an unexcused absence from the November State Meeting

Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion Passes.

V. Committee Assignments

Keely assumes the Duties of The Chair.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities – Eric Nelson

Next Meeting is going to be at the End of November.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson

No Report

C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlarnen

The next meeting will be November 8, 2010.

D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger

Next meeting will be in November

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton

The next meeting will be by the end of the month

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson

The next meeting will be in the next two weeks

G. State Convention – Jessica McCosker

The meeting will be after the holiday, as no meeting is currently needed.

Eric reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report – Hanna Toft

Executive Committee offered help to the officers with anything they might need, including chapter visits, and school work.

VII. Foundation Report – Keely Weinberger

The last Foundation meeting was held October 12, 2010, at the Department of Agriculture. They discussed the option of setting up a PayPal account to accept donations. The Foundation discussed the possibility of having Eric write a letter to the sponsors of the Foundation to thank them for their support. The next meeting will be January 11, 2011.

VIII. Alumni Report – Julianne Robinson

The Alumni discussed the need for new board members. They Alumni will use the donation from Farm Credit East to put towards the Alumni Endowment. They are also offering a Leadership Grant to NJ FFA chapters. If chapters get a sponsorship of \$150 or more for the New Jersey FFA Alumni Golf Tournament, the Alumni will provide the chapter a free student registration for State Convention (in addition to the registration covered by the golf tournament sponsorship). If a chapter's Alumni Affiliate gets all of their information in by February 1, 2011 that chapter will get another free registration for State Convention. Chapters that charter a new affiliate will be eligible for an additional free student registration. The grant is due February 1, 2011.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Eric Nelson

The next meeting will be in January. Keely volunteered to be the alternate if Eric is at ILSSO.

X. State CTE Advisory Committee- Eric Nelson

The last meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is February 8, 2011.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. National Convention Review

a. Delegate Report

The delegate process was very rewarding. Delegates had the chance to meet with sponsors, and presented all the oral testimonies that the board prepared. The SAE Standards Committee determined the need for specific guidelines for what is deemed an "agricultural SAE." The FFA Degree Expansion Committee recommended to increase the multiplier of .333, and decrease the hours needed to make it easier for members to get degrees. The At-Large Election Committee recommended making a constitutional amendment to just have vice presidents with no regional affiliation, but each region still being represented. The Increase Student Voice committee recommended not having an "executive committee." The Veterinary Science CDE Committee recommended outlines for the CDE that was already determined to be put in place. The American Suppliers for FFA Unlimited Items Committee recommended that no action be taken on this suggestion, but create a section in the catalog for American made products. The proposed constitutional amendment failed.

- b. **State Booth Report-**
New Jersey was well represented in the Hall of States. Members were surprised to find out there was agriculture in New Jersey. Mrs. Noble thanked Jimmie for his hard work in preparing the State Booth.
- c. **State Suite Report-**
Many chapter members took advantage of the state suite. There was a reception for the Honorary American Degree Recipients and Mrs. Trivette for her VIP Award.

B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Eric, Julianne, and Alec were accepted to International Leadership Seminar for State Officers. The tentative dates are set as January 4- 14, 2010. The focus now is on fundraising.

C. Program Affiliation

A committee was formed to discuss how the board should proceed with program affiliation. The committee will consist of: Eric Nelson Chair, Alec McAlarnen, Jess McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Brianne Scholl.

Motion by Allison Karr to refer to a committee

Seconded by Rachel Layton. Motion passes.

D. Fall Career Development Events

Annual New Jersey FFA Fall Career Development Events will be held Thursday, November 18, 2010 at The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University. Career Development Events include: Land Judging, which will be assisted by Hanna and Keely; Fruits and Vegetables assisted by Jimmie, Allison, and Brianne; Turf Management assisted by Rachel, Julianne, and Jess; and Dairy Foods assisted by Eric and Alec. Officers should meet at event locations at 8:00 am. E-mails will be sent out with more specifics of where each event will be held and where we should meet. Bring your lunch. We usually finish up between 3:00 and 4:00.

E. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention

Eric will be attending the Convention on November 15, 2010 and speak about FFA.

F. State Grange Convention

Hanna attended the State Grange Convention on October 22, 2010. The Grange wants to see FFA get more involved with them, for community service purposes. Grange members from throughout the state met to discuss and vote on new policies, elect new members, and celebrate another year with dinner and luncheon functions.

G. 2011 Calendars

Traditionally State Officers deliver calendars to the Department of Agriculture and Department of Education. Keely, Jimmie, and Jessica volunteered to hand them out on December 20, 2010.

H. Teach Ag CDE

Motion by Allison Karr to accept the Teach Agriculture Career Development Event guidelines

Seconded by Alec McAlarnen. Motion Passes.

I. Public Relations Event

Motion by Hanna Toft to accept the Public Relations Event guidelines

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.

J. Team Goal Action Plan

All the team goals are coming along well, the new career development event and public relations event goals were just passed.

K. Chapter Visits

Eric visited Northern Burlington Middle School on October 13, and presented a teamwork workshop and had a great time. Keely attended Newton High School's FFA Chapter meeting on October 13, and was amazed by their facilities. Alec visited Sussex Tech on October 8, and presented a workshop on how members can get more involved. Rachel visited Union County on October 15, and spoke about Parliamentary Procedure and gave a preview of National Convention. Jess attended the Central Jersey Flower Show on October 15, and complimented the participants on their flower arrangements. Jimmie visited Middlesex East Brunswick on October 14, and loved their FFA room.

VII. New Business

A. Holiday Party

After the next State Meeting there is a party at Mrs. Trivette's house. State officers were asked to bring a covered dish/ dessert/ beverage. There is also a "Secret Santa" for the state officers.

B. Banquet Speech Workshop

The Banquet Speech Workshop will be January 21, 2011 at the Department of Agriculture. Parents and advisors are invited to attend and hear the banquet speeches and give feedback to the officers. Mrs. Noble challenged us to memorize our speeches. We will go more in depth at the November work session.

C. State Officer Candidates' School

State Officer Candidates' School is January 29, 2011 for students who are interested in running for State Office or Nominating Committee. State Officers were assigned their workshops.

D. State Agriculture Convention

The State Agriculture Convention will be February 8, 2011, in Cherry Hill and Eric will be speaking on behalf of the Association. Rachel, Jess, and Jimmie were interested in attending the Youth Reception and Dinner that same day.

E. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE

If we know of any judges, we should forward their contact information to Mrs. Noble. We will make a few changes to the judge's meeting that occurs prior to the judging of the event. Thursday night officers will meet to set-up for the expo. FFA members bring their arrangements to the Burlington Center Mall on Friday and pick up their arrangements on Sunday.

F. Agricultural Issues Discussion

The "Bush tax cuts" expire on January 1, and personal income taxes will rise unless Congress takes action. On November 3 there was a webinar on the right to farm act and ag-related dispute resolution.

G. Member of the Month

The member of the month for the month of November is Brittney Smith from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

Motion by Hanna Toft to make Brittney Smith of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter the member of the month.

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

Mileage for the month of November is due on December 6, 2010 no later than 2:00 pm.

I. Other

Motion by Rachel Layton to pay dues for membership in the New Jersey Farm Bureau.

Second by Jess McCosker. Motion Passes.

Motion by Hanna Toft to donate \$300 to the Larry D. Case Leadership fund.

Second by Allison Karr. Motion passes

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
October 2010

BEGINNING BALANCE: October 1, 2010

\$73,881.49

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	\$ 23,530.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 264.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 448.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 590.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 5,231.00	
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,844.65
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 7,157.00	\$ 9,696.65
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	\$ 12,670.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,078.00		\$ 69.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00		\$ 2,103.69
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00		\$ 200.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00	\$ 1,355.26	\$ 3,720.26
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,952.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,065.00		\$ 2,065.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 1,355.26	\$ 8,157.95

Ending Balance: October 31, 2010

\$79,683.23

**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					
1		Frank Yesalavich replaced Returned Ck#562	4156	\$ 55.00	
					\$ 55.00
2		Northern Burlington	6416	\$ 196.00	
					\$ 196.00
4		National FFA Foundation, Inc.	158507	\$ 90.00	
					\$ 90.00
5		BCIT - Westampton	1541	\$ 984.00	
		Warren Hills	015688	\$ 1,353.00	
		Allentown	364	\$ 1,476.00	
		BCIT - Medford	1303	\$ 369.00	
		Penns Grove	0752	\$ 434.00	
		Monmouth Co. Biotech	1429	\$ 615.00	
					\$ 5,231.00
6		Allentown (lost key)	358	\$ 80.00	
					\$ 80.00
7		Cumberland Regional	5004	\$ 250.00	
		North East NJ FFA Alumni	115	\$ 100.00	
		Allentown High school	363	\$ 35.00	
		Phillipsburg High School	0129	\$ 70.00	
		John Morrow	2193	\$ 50.00	
		Rutgers University (for State Breakfast)	2022125	\$ 1,000.00	
					\$ 1,505.00
				\$ 16,512.65	
					\$ 7,157.00

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Note*</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
08/17/10	Scantron cards		\$ 69.00	
				\$ 69.00
	General Supplies			
07/10/10	Selective Insurance - Liability		\$ 485.00	
07/10/10	Day Timers - Covey's		\$ 341.19	
				\$ 826.19
	State Officers			
09/20/10	National FFA- Jackets/Shirts for SO's		\$ 759.50	
09/20/10	National FFA -Polo's & Navy Long sleeve shirts		\$ 518.00	
				\$ 1,277.50
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/30/10	Partycrashers DJ for COLT Balance to Camp Bernie		\$ 200.00	
	State Convention			\$ 200.00
	State Convention Awards			
	National Convention			
07/27/10	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 665.00	
07/06/10	National FFA - Lodging Room deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
10/07/10	Susan R. Butch - America Express for SO's Airline tickets to Indy		\$ 1,355.26	
				\$ 3,720.26
	Hort Expo			
	Leadership Event			
	National Leadership Conference			
08/03/10	Virginia FFA - Registration for State Officers		\$ 2,065.00	
				\$ 2,065.00
	Grand Total		\$ 8,157.95	\$ 8,157.95