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New Jersey FFA “Soar to New Heights”

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

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

DATE: November 28, 2012

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, December 3, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.
1st Floor NJDA Auditorium, 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. Mrs. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2012-2013

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 – Ernie Arians
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Anne Poinsett
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. State Applications – Gaspar Hernandez
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Kyle Clement
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Delaney Gray
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Joe Goodenough

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** – James Ferguson
- VII. Foundation Report** – Kyle Clement
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Anne Poinsett
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Ernie Arians
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 12-13, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - B. Fall Career Development Events (November 15, 2012) – Kyle Clement
 - C. Turkey Trot FFA 5K (November 17, 2012) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - D. 212° Conference (December 1, 2012) – Kyle Clement
 - E. 2013 Calendars (December 17, 2012) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - F. Holiday Party (December 17, 2012) – Joe Goodenough
 - G. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 4-12, 2013) – Anne Poinsett
 - H. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 18, 2013) – Kyle Clement
 - I. State Officer Candidates' School(January 26, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - J. State Agriculture Convention (February 6-7, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - K. Horticulture Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2013) – Delaney Gray
 - L. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
 - M. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Christmas Tree Cutting Event (November 26, 2012) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - B. National FFA Week
 - a) ALLD (February 28, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - b) Chapter Events – Jimmie Ferguson
 - C. Fuel Up Retreat – Anne Poinsett
 - D. National Ag Day (March 17-19, 2013) – Sam Rubinstein
 - E. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Lauren Fillebrown
 - F. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion – Delaney Gray
 - G. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
 - H. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – January 14, 2013
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium.
9:00 a.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the November 5, 2012 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Ernie Ariens called the meeting to order at 4:13 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Delaney Gray, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Kyle Clement, Joe Goodenough IV, Lauren Fillebrown, Jimmie Ferguson, and Samuel Rubinstein. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette. Guests in attendance were Kristianne Dowd, Hope Cahill, and Brendan Powers.

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to dispense with the reading the minutes.

Gaspar Hernandez seconds. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report presented.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Brendan, Hope, and Kristianne introduced themselves and what they are excited for in the coming months.

Anne Poinsett assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

No report. Next meeting will be on November 20.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

The committee recommends creating a YouTube account to be used by members and teachers to see all that FFA has to offer. The state officers, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Trivette, and Ms. Butch will have access to the account. On the account there will be slideshows of events such as LEAD, SOLT, and SOCS, etc. as well as question and answer videos made by the state officers each month. There is also the possibility of broadcasting events on the page as well.

Motion by Lauren Fillebrown to accept the committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion Passes.

Motion by Samuel Rubenstein to make the youtube account more active by giving state officers the power to act as administrators and give the reporter the position of chair on the account.

Seconded by Lauren Fillebrown. Motion Passes.

Amendment by Joe Goodenough to add "pending the creation of a social media policy" at the end of the original motion.

Seconded by Ernest Ariens. Amendment passes

Amendment by Samuel Rubenstein to amend the main motion by adding the words “due by December 3rd” at the end of the amended motion.

Seconded by Kyle Clement. Amendment Passes. Main motion as amended passes.

C. State Leadership Activities

No report

D. State Applications.

No report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

On October 16, The CDE Evaluation and Review Committee met and discussed making changes to CDEs such as Turf Management, Nursery and Landscape, Floriculture, Milk Quality and Products, Fruits and Vegetables Identification, Online CDE’s, and sending out a CDE participant survey.

Motion by Kyle Clement to accept the committee report as corrected.

There is an implied second Motion passes.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report. The next meeting will be on November 25 via video chat.

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report

Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Jimmie shared a story with the state officers with the message saying that we have to remember to treat all members the same because they all are filled with great potential!

VII. Foundation Report.

The last Foundation meeting was October 9. Delaney reported that the Foundation Board adopted an exception for ILSSO donations regarding their new general fund policy (10% of donations will be applied to the general fund).

VIII. Alumni Report

The last Alumni meeting was held via webinar on October 10. The NJ FFA Alumni budgeted \$4,000 for Kyle and Annie to attend ILSSO. They also spoke about the upcoming 5K Turkey Trot.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

No report.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Leadership Experience and Development (October 5-6 2012)

a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

Not only did the members enjoy COLT, but the state officers did as well! Joe will have evaluations at the next meeting.

b. Leadership Opportunities Conference

A great time was had by all!

c. State Greenhand Conference

SGC had enthusiastic and excited participants! Many of them participated in creed speaking. The NJ FFA is looking forward to watching them grow!

B. Champions of Change (October 9, 2012)

Mrs. Noble, Ernest Arians, Jimmie Ferguson, Lauren Fillebrown, Anne Pointsett, Gillian Armstrong, and Kyle Clement attended the Champions of Change ceremony at the White House. They saw six 4-H and FFA members and six teachers speak about their projects. Then they broke out into sessions about the USDA, Science and Technology, and Community Service. They learned a lot and a good time was had by all!

C. World Food Prize Global Youth Institute

Lauren Fillebrown attended the Global Youth Institute at the World Food Prize in Iowa. She learned more about the global need for more agriculture and how cultural problems affect agriculture. Lauren is interested in studying biotechnology and foreign affairs in college and is passionate about finding a way to feed the world. She says that this experience has taught her a lot. Lauren will also be applying for an internship that is available to World Food Prize Global Youth Institute participants. Good luck, Lauren!

D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-13)

Kyle Clement and Anne Poinsett applied for the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers which will take place from January 3rd- 13th 2013. Anne and Mrs. Noble attended a meeting about ILSSO at National Convention.

E. State Grange Convention (October 19, 2012)

Anne spoke at the State Grange Convention. She shared stories of how her local grange has changed her life and how FFA and the grange should work together more often.

F. National Convention Review (October 24-27, 2012)

a. Delegate Report

Gaspar reported on each of the delegate issues. All delegates agreed that it was an amazing experience. New Jersey was well represented!

b. State Booth Report

Salem Co. Vo. Tech created a design for the State Booth. Muriel Haney, Christina McCosker, and Kyle Clement manned the booth with the help of state officers and other chapter members. They interacted with visitors and informed them about the great Garden State! The booth received a 94 out of 100 points! Kyle said it was a very cool experience.

c. State Suite Report

The state suite was a hit! It was great to have excited members up in the state suite for the sessions! Lauren, Joe and other officers hosted the guests while they visited the suite.

G. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 12-13, 2012)

Ernie will be speaking at the Farm Bureau Convention on November 12 at Westin in Princeton.

H. Fall Career Development Events (November 15, 2012)

SOs will be helping at the CDEs on November 15. Gaspar and Lauren will be at Turf Management; Ernie, Jimmie and Delaney will be at Milk Quality and Products; Joe and Anne will be stationed at Land Judging; and Kyle and Sam will be at Fruit and Vegetable ID. State Officers and the Executive Committee will arrive at 8 am at their respective event site to help the coordinators prepare for the CDEs. The events start promptly at 10:00 am. All registrations for events should be done by 9:30. Good luck to all Fall CDE participants!

I. "Turkey Trot" NJ Alumni 5K (November 17, 2012)

The Turkey Trot will be on November 17th at Veterans Park in Hamilton NJ at 9:30 rain or shine! Come out and support the alumni who do so much for our members!

J. 2013 Calendars (December 3, 2012)

The 2013 calendars will be arriving soon! State officers volunteered to pass out calendars to our friends at the Department of Education, Rutgers, and the NJ Farm Bureau. State Officers should plan to meet at 1 if they will be passing them out.

K. Team Goal Action Plan

The state officers explained their individual action plans which ranges from completing the State Officer Challenge to using more social media.

L. Chapter Visits

The state officers updated the chapter visit list. Chapter visits should be confirmed by now. If they are not, phone calls need to be made soon.

XI. New Business

A. Holiday Party

The Holiday party will be held at Mrs. Trivette's house on Monday, December 17th following the work session. Each officer is asked to bring a dessert or side item. The officers will participate in a Secret Santa with the team.

B. State Agriculture Convention (February 19, 2013)

The State Ag Convention will be at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. Anne will be attending as the Alumni Delegate and Ernie is invited to speak. There will be an State Ag Ed Advisory council meeting, youth reception, and delegate dinner which all officers are invited to attend. Kyle, Lauren, Delaney, Sam, and Jimmie all showed interest. Final numbers are need at the December meeting.

C. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 18, 2013)

The Banquet Speech Workshop is January 18 at the EcoComplex. SOs will prepare a speech and deliver it to alumni, parents, and chapter advisors. The speech writing process will begin at the November work session.

D. State Officer Candidate School (January 26, 2013)

State Officer Candidate School will be on at the Department of Ag building on January 26. Members who attend will learn about the nominating committee process and the eight competencies of being an effective state officer. State Officers will be assigned topics at the next work session. We encourage any member who is interested in applying for the nominating committee or thinking about running for state office to attend! We'll be learning a lot and having a great time!

E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2012)

The Horticultural Exposition will be on March 15 -17. State Officers will be expected to be there on Friday and will serve on a shift during the weekend.

F. Agricultural/Education Issues Discussion

Anne brought the Farm Bureau paper to the meeting to show us that an article about National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO) was featured inside with a picture of all the state officers who attended. She also said that there have been some acts and bills that have been passed about agriculture that don't particularly apply to the agriculture within our state. Annie said that the state officers should meet with our legislators to voice our concerns. Mrs. Trivette brought attention to the recent devastation caused by hurricane Sandy and asked the question: "How can NJ FFA help?". She also mentioned that a Chinese delegation of agriculture teachers were visiting New Jersey and will be visiting schools to learn more about American Agricultural Education. She asked that the team prepare a short presentation about FFA and how it serves as the student leadership component to agricultural education.

G. Member of the Month

There were no applications. FFA members are encouraged to apply!

H. State Officer Mileage

November's Mileage will be due by 2:00 pm on December 3.

I. 212 Conference (December 1, 2012)

The 212 Conference is a personal development conference being held for the first time this year. State officers should arrive at 8:00 am for the 8:30 am conference. Registration is free and all members are welcome!

J. Chapter Correspondence

Mrs. Noble shared an email from a chapter concerned about the 5 team minimum to run a state level career development event. The board addressed the issue and provided a response.

XII. Closing

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM .

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: October 11th, 2012

Committee: Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Members Present: Lauren Fillebrown, Ernie Arians, Sam Rubinstein, and Mr. Dale Cruzan

Absent: Delaney Gray

Purpose of Meeting: To finalize the recommendations on the YouTube account.

Recommended Action(s): The New Jersey State FFA Association to create a YouTube account. The account will be used by teachers to show their students more about the New Jersey FFA. The controllers of the account would be the State Officer team, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Trivette and Mrs. Butch and the chair of the account will be the Reporter on the State Officer Team. On the YouTube account we will post all the slideshows made at events like LEAD, SOLT, SOCS, etc. Also on the account there will be a question and answer by State Officers every month. The question and answer would start with New Jersey FFA members asking questions they have for the State Officers on the New Jersey FFA Facebook page. There will be a deadline for all the questions to be in by each month. Then the state officers would look over the questions and develop answers before the work session of each month. Lastly at the end of each work session every month there will be a quick filming of the state officers answering the questions on the Facebook account. Also on the YouTube account the ILSSO participants will put up the slideshow/video they made for sponsors. When fundraisers come along that the New Jersey FFA Alumni holds the association will broadcast it on the account.

Comments: The YouTube account will be a way for the members to get to interact with their State Officers more then just at FFA events or chapter visits. The account will be a very useful tool to the association.

Anne Poinsett
Chairperson

Lauren Fillebrown
Secretary