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“Break Through Limits”

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

FROM: Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: November 25, 2014

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2014 – 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 Moschera-Chernigovets will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2014-2015.

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 – Kristianne Dowd
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Hope Cahill
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Ben Wainwright
 - D. State Applications – Kyle Fisher
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Jenna Pinhas
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kelly Gangel
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Sean Hamner

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. Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Kyle Fisher
- VII. Executive Committee Report** – Kyle Clement
- VIII. Foundation Report** – Ben Wainwright
- IX. Alumni Report** – Kelly Gangel
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Kristianne Dowd
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society-** Kristianne Dowd

- XII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Annual Meeting (November 17-18, 2014) – Kristianne Dowd
 - B. Fall Career Development Events Results (November 20, 2014) – Jenna Pinhas
 - C. 2015 Calendars – Hope Cahill
 - D. 212^o Conference (December 13, 2014) – Kyle Fisher
 - E. Holiday Party (December 15, 2014) – Sean Hamner
 - F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-17, 2015) – Ben Wainwright
 - G. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 23, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - H. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 31, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - I. State Agriculture Convention (February 3-5, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - J. Advocacy & Legislative Leadership Day (February 26, 2015) – Hope Cahill
 - K. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 13-15, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - L. National Ag Day Event (March 16-18, 2015) – Ben Wainwright
 - M. Assembly Resolution Update – Stuart Faunce
 - N. State Officer Challenge – Benjamin Wainwright
 - O. Team Goal Action Plan – Jenna Pinhas
 - P. Chapter Visits – Hope Cahill

- XIII. New Business**
 - A. National FFA Week
 - a. Chapter Events – Sean Hamner
 - b. National Officer Visit – Kelly Gangel
 - B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 26 -March 1, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - C. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Sean Hamner
 - D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Kristianne Dowd
 - E. Member of the Month – Kyle Clement
 - F. State Officer Mileage – Sean Hamner

- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- January 20, 2015
 New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
 4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from November 3, 2014 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

The meeting was called to order at 3:58 pm. Voting members in attendance were Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner, Kyle Fisher, Stuart Faunce, David Watts, Delaney Gray and Kyle Clement. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette. Guests in attendance were Hannah Mann.

II. Minutes from July State Meeting

Motion by Jenna Pinhas to accept the secretary's report as read.

Seconded by Hope Cahill. Motion Passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

No Report

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Hannah Mann of Salem Vo Tech explained that she is going to Rutgers for a degree in Agriculture and Food Systems.

Motion by Kyle Clement to give Catherine Cincotta an excused absence due to illness.

Seconded by David Watts.

Amendment by Delaney Gray to add "with a doctor's note by the next state meeting."

Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Amendment passes.

Motion as amended passes.

Motion by Kyle Fisher to give Hope Cahill an excused absence from the work session due to school in Wisconsin.

Seconded by Stuart Faunce. Motion passes

Kelly Gangel assumes the duties of the chair

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The tentative date for the next meeting is December 3.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

Hope explained that the committee created the Photo-A-Day Challenge during the month of December.

Motion by Hope Cahill to accept the committee report as read

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Delaney Gray to enact the Photo-A-Day Contest for December.

Seconded by Ben Wainwright. Motion passes.

C. State Leadership Activities

The committee will have a meeting shortly to discuss LEAD,

D. State Applications

No Report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The tentative date for the next meeting is December 1 in which we will go over Fall CDEs.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

The next meeting will be on November 12.

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report

Kristianne Dowd reassumes the duties of the chair

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Kyle explained how to lay a motion on the table to take care of more immediate matters. The motion will be brought back up at the next meeting or by the motion to take from the table.

VII. Executive Committee Report

The executive committee had the team think of ah-ha moments that they experienced during National Convention and everyone on the team presented their moments.

VIII. Foundation Report

On October 21, the Foundation had its quarterly meeting. They discussed investing money for the State Association and Ben gave them an update about what was happening in NJ FFA.

IX. Alumni Report

The Alumni board discussed creating a “yearbook” of the year’s events, creating an alumni conference, and creating business cards for the alumni members.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be in February at Ag Convention.

XI. New Jersey Ag Society

The next meeting will be on November 12 at Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. Kristianne is the appointed representative.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Leadership Experience and Development

a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

COLT went very well this year. The new location worked well for all involved and the team had a great time getting to know the members.

b. Leadership and Opportunity Conference

LOC was a great experience for all who were involved. Lauren practiced facilitation for the National Officer process and Eric said that they had very great members at this breakout session.

- c. State Greenhand Conference**

Stars of the Silver Screen was a smash hit. The greenhands had a great time and were able to meet new friends and make new connects.

- B. World Food Prize Global Youth Institute**

Taylor Katz of the Ocean County Vo. Tech represented New Jersey at the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa during mid-October. The board discussed the possibility of holding a Global Youth Institute on the state level.

Motion by Kyle Clement to refer the topic of discussion to hold a global youth institute on state level to state leadership activities committee.

Seconded by Delaney Gray. Motion passes.

- C. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting**

The Association did not attend the meeting due to changes in the grange's schedule.

- D. 87th National FFA Convention and Expo**
 - a. Delegate Report**

All of the committee reports passed and what New Jersey had for testimonies were found in all the committee reports.
 - b. State Booth Report**

The state booth went very well. Many people came to see the booth and asked about New Jersey agriculture.
 - c. State Suite Report**

It was amazing to get members and guests into the suite and to be able to experience the session with all of the excitement of the people there.

- E. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

The NJ Farm Bureau Convention will be held on the November 17-18. Kristianne will be giving a speech during on the 17th.

- F. Fall Career Development Events**

Fall CDEs are November 20 at Rutgers Cook/Douglas Campus in New Brunswick. The executive board will be meeting at 8am. Land Judging will meet at the dairy barn. Turf Management will meet at the turf farm. Milk Quality and Products and Fruits and Vegetables will meet at the Douglas Campus Center.

- G. 2015 Calendars**

The Calendars will be delivered by Hope, Kristianne, Dave, Jenna, and Stuart on December 15.

- H. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers**

Hope and Ben attended a meeting for ILSSO during National Convention to learn about South Africa and received their schoolology book. Hope and Ben have been actively fundraising for their trip.

- I. National Ag Day Event**
Kyle and Ben are attending the National Ag Day Event in Washington DC on March 16-18, 2015.
- J. Assembly Resolution 145**
The resolution is deadlocked in the committee right now and funds are no longer part of the resolution. It was recommended that we send a letter to the committee to get this resolution passed.
- K. Team Goal Action Plan**
The team goals should be starting later this month. Each of the team members explained how the planning of their team goal is coming along and what we have in store.
- L. Chapter Visits**
The officers have already completed some chapter visits and we have all had a blast completing them.

XIII. New Business

- A. 212° Conference**
The 212° Conference will be held on December 13 at the Rutgers Cook Campus Center. National FFA facilitators will facilitate the conference.
- B. Holiday Party**
The holiday party will be held at Mrs. Trivette's house on December 15, 2014. A Secret Santa will be held.
- C. State Officer Challenge**
We are working on what we will be doing for the state officer challenge.
- D. Banquet Speech Workshop**
The Banquet Speech Workshop will be held on January 23, 2015 at 6 pm. We will start working on the speeches in December so they are ready for the workshop. Advisors and parents will be invited to the workshop to see the team deliver their speeches.
- E. State Officer Candidate School**
State Officer Candidate's School will be held on Saturday, January 31 from 9 am- 3:30 pm at the Department of Agriculture building. Letters will be sent out to prospective state officers and nominating committee members.
- F. State Agriculture Convention**
The State Ag Convention will be held on February 3-5, 2015 in Atlantic City. On February 4, there is an Ag Ed Advisory Council meeting that we will be attending.
- G. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day**
Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel (Same location as LEAD) on February 26. We are beginning planning for this event now.

The board brainstormed possible topics. The state officers will finalize a title and workshop topics at the next work session.

H. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE

The Horticultural Exposition will be March 13-15 at Mercer County Community College. The Floral Design CDE will be held on March 13. All of the arrangements should be brought to Mercer and will be judged on the 13th as well.

I. Ag Ed Issue Discussion

The state officers attended a workshop on agricultural sustainability during National Convention. We learned that people are living off of 1.5 Earths and that will be up to 2 Earths by 2030 if we do not stop using so much. 3 million people will be moving into the middle class by 2030 as well.

J. Member of the Month

The November Member of the Month is Sydney Gavanelli of the Freehold FFA Chapter. Congratulations Sydney!

K. State Officer Mileage

The state officer mileage is provided in our folders.

XIV. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.