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New Jersey FFA

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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 15, 2010

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, January 3, 2011 – 9:00 am

- 9:00-11:00 AM-State FFA Association Meeting
- 11:00 PM-2:00 PM-State Convention Planning

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 Moschera-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 JANUARY STATE MEETING

I. Opening Ceremonies

II. Minutes from the December 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. 2011 Calendars – Alec McAlarnen
 - D. Holiday Party (December 13, 2010) – Alec McAlarnen
 - E. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 21, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - F. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 29, 2011) – Rachel Layton
 - G. State Agriculture Convention (February 8, 2011) – Eric Nelson
 - H. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE (Mar 18-20, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - I. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 24, 2011) – Jessica McCosker
 - b. Chapter Activities – Rachel Layton
 - J. National Ag Day (March 13-15 2011) – Julianne Robinson
 - K. Chapter Visits- Julianne Robinson
 - L. Association/Team Goal Updates – Keely Weinberger
- XII. New Business**
 - A. Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day (March 5, 2011) – Alec McAlarnen
 - B. Potential State Officers – Rachel Layton
 - C. State Convention Planning – Keely Weinberger
 - D. Retiring Addresses – Allison Karr
 - E. Statewide Community Service Project – Jessica McCosker
 - F. American FFA Degree Workshop – Keely Weinberger
 - G. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Brianne Scholl
 - H. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
 - I. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, February 7, 2011
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of December 6, 2010

I. Opening Ceremonies

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. Voting members in attendance were Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Julianne Robinson, Allison Karr, Brianne Scholl, and Mrs. Guttadora. Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette were also in attendance.

II. Minutes from the November State Meeting

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the November minutes as corrected*.

Seconded by Rachel Layton. Motion passes.

**Flip Flop CTE and Ag Ed advisory council reports*

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

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to give Hanna Toft an unexcused absence from the December State Meeting until we receive a doctor's note.

Seconded by Jessica McCosker. Motion Passes.

V. Committee Assignments

Keely assumes the Duties of the Chair.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The next meeting will be in December

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No Report

C. State Leadership Activities

The committee reviewed the evaluations from L.E.A.D. See attached committee report for full details

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the State Leadership Activities committee report

There is an implied Second. Motion passes.

D. State Applications

No Report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

A meeting was held to determine a proper minimum percentage of mastery of all Career

Development Events at the state level to be implemented in order to advance to the next level of competition. See attached committee report for full details.

Motion by Rachel Layton to accept the Career Development Evaluation and Review committee report

This is an implied second. Motion passes.

The next step for the committee is to formalize the policy that outlines the changes.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

See attached committee report for full details.

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review committee report

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to accept all five recommendations and implement them for the 2011 Horticultural Exposition.

Seconded by Rachel Layton. Motion passes.

G. State Convention

The next meeting will be within the next few weeks.

Eric reassumes the Duties of the Chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

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

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting is January 11, 2011.

VIII. Alumni Report

The next meeting is December 8, 2010.

IX. State CTE Advisory Committee

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

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is February 8, 2011

VI. Unfinished Business

A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Eric, Julianne, and Alec booked their flights; the focus is still on fundraising. Final bills are due on December 15, 2010. The dates are January 4-14, 2011.

Motion by Keely Weinberger to provide \$750.00 of Association funds to each of the

ILSSO participants - Eric, Julianne, and Alec. Each participant must present at least three presentations on their global experience to chapters and/or sponsors.

Seconded by Rachel Layton. Motion Passes

B. Program Affiliation

Keely assumes the duties of the chair

The last meeting was held on December 5, 2010. To review the possible scenarios of implementing program affiliation into the New Jersey FFA Association and determine whether or not it would best serve our association. See attached Committee report for full details.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the Program Affiliation committee report.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

The next step for the committee is to prepare the proposal to be shared with chapter delegates.

Eric reassumes the duties of the chair

C. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention

The New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention was held on November 15-16, 2010 at the Westin in Princeton. Eric spoke about FFA, and met with Farm Bureau members.

D. Fall Career Development Events

Fall CDEs were held on November 18, 2010 at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. Allentown FFA placed first in Dairy Foods, Fruits and Vegetables, and Land Judging. Monmouth County FFA placed first in Turf Management. The State Executive Board thanks all the Career Development Event Coordinators and assistants for making the day successful.

E. 2011 Calendars

Calendars were created with FFA pictures and will be handed out to supporters at the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education and NJ Farm Bureau. Eric, Alec, Julianne, Rachel and Jessica volunteered to hand them out on December 13, 2010 at 1:00pm.

F. Holiday Party

After the December work session, December 13, 2010, we will hold our holiday party at Mrs. Trivette's house. The Executive Board was asked to bring a covered dish/ dessert/ beverage. There is also a "Secret Santa" for the executive board.

G. Banquet Speech Workshop

The Banquet Speech Workshop will be January 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm 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. The December work session will focus on speech delivery.

H. State Officer Candidates' School

State Officer Candidates' School is Saturday, January 29, 2011 for students who are interested in running for State Office or serving on Nominating Committee. At SOCS, state officers review the election process, discuss officer competencies, and explain the roles of state office.

I. State Agriculture Convention

The State Agriculture Convention will be February 8-9, 2011, in Cherry Hill. Eric will speak on behalf of the Association on February 8. Rachel, Jess, Julianne, and Jimmie will be attending the youth reception and delegate dinner that evening.

J. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE is March, 18-20 2011. FFA members bring their arrangements to the Burlington Center Mall on Friday and pick up their arrangements on Sunday. We will make a few changes to the judge's meeting that occurs prior to the judging of the event. If we know of any judges we should forward their contact information to Mrs. Noble. State officers help set up the mall on Thursday night at 9:00 pm. Each officer will work an additional shift throughout the weekend. Jimmie will prepare a schedule for the weekend shifts.

K. Chapter Visits

Eric traveled down to Cape May and met with administrators while learning about their program. Keely went to Buena and had a great time learning about the program. Alec visited Warren Hills, and found it interesting that they can earn biology credit for the course. He also visited North Warren, and enjoyed interacting with the middle school classes. Alec also visited with the Ocean County Chapter and enjoyed meeting with the members. Rachel traveled to South Hunterdon and enjoyed the interaction with both the high school and middle school members. She also went to BCIT Medford, and a great time. Jessica went to Allentown and presented a workshop on leadership and team building. Julianne went to BCIT Westhampton and had an amazing visit.

L. Association/Team Goal Updates

Keely complimented the team for doing well with Chapter Visits, and reminded us to continue working on our team goals.

VII. New Business

A. National FFA Week

a. ALLD

Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day will be held February 24, 2011. We determined workshop topics about ALLD at our work session – Global Agriculture, Advocating of Ag Ed, Key Messages, and Making Decisions through the Delegate Process. This year's overall ALLD theme will be Global Agriculture.

Motion by Allison Karr to maintain current registration fees for ALLD and Horticultural Exposition.

Seconded by Brienne Scholl. Motion passes.

b. Chapter Activities

State Officers will be requested during National FFA Week. Please be prepared to make time in your schedule for these events. Official visits must be submitted through the State Office of Agriculture Education.

B. National Ag Day

A National Ag Day event will be held March 13-15, 2011 in Washington, D.C. Traditionally this event was open to an unlimited number of participants; however, the program is a little different. This year only 25 FFA members will be selected to attend this event. The event will run from Sunday – Tuesday and will include advocacy training. Tentatively, Rachel and Julianne are considering the opportunity.

C. Agricultural Issues Discussion

The state Division of Fish and Wildlife will be conducting a long-awaited bear hunt next week. It will take place in the state's seven northwestern counties and coincides with the six-day firearm season for deer. Some 50,000 pounds of produce were delivered in the Farmers Against Hunger Program, put into small bags and delivered to hundreds of families and individuals.

D. Ceremony Practice Schedule

Don't forget to memorize your ceremonies. The schedule is as follows:

December – Honorary

January – State Degree

February – Installation

March – Blue Jackets

E. Member of the Month

The member of the month for the month of December is Nichole Ondy from the Allentown FFA Chapter.

Motion by Keely Weinberger to make Nichole Ondy of the Allentown FFA Chapter the member of the month.

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.

F. State Officer Mileage

Mileage for the month of December is due on December 31, 2010 no later than 2:00 pm

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 2, 2010

Committee: Student Leadership Activities

Committee Members Present: Alec McAlarnen, Eric Nelson, Keely Weinberger, and Brianne Scholl

Absent: Advisor

Purpose of Meeting: To review evaluations from L.E.A.D.

- Recommended Action(s):
1. Explore the option of adding a Parli Pro Workshop or a whole new Parli Pro Conference
 2. Explore the addition of more Team Building Activities
 3. Explore making the Confidence Course Longer

Comments: Recommend to explore adding a Parli Pro Workshop to the L.E.A.D. Agenda or creating an entirely new conference, adding more team building activities, and to explore the availability of making the confidence course longer.

Alec McAlarnen
Chairperson

Alec McAlarnen
Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 1, 2010

Committee: Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation

Committee Members Present: Jessica McCosker, Julianne Robinson, and James Ferguson

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting: To make changes to the Horticultural Exposition suggested by the delegates.

Recommended Action(s):

1. change Erin Go Brogh to Leprechaun Festival holiday wreaths in permanent division *only* category *as currently stands* for bonsai divisions
 2. keep
 3. keep formal
 4. do not change rules
 5. send a notice letter to
- advisors asking them to make sure there *is horticulture* bonsai entries have been in student's possession and under student's care for at least three months.

Comments:

discuss possible hydroponics category

James Ferguson
Chairperson

Alec McAlarnen
Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 5, 2010

Committee: Program Affiliation Committee

Committee Members Present: Eric Nelson, Jessica McCosker, Alec McAlarnen, Jimmie Ferguson, Brianne Scholl

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting: To review the possible scenarios of implementing program affiliation into the New Jersey FFA Association and determine whether or not it would best serve our association.

Recommended Action(s): This issue will be brought up for discussion to the delegates at the 82nd Annual State FFA Convention, where they will decide whether or not to go forward with affiliation and what other options there might be. The committee recommends to present proposal "B" to the delegate body with the recommendation that it be implemented into the association.

Comments: Option A and Option C are basically doing the same thing that chapters have the opportunity to do now. Option B positively affects 20 chapters and because of that fact, and the membership gain, the committee feels it is the best option for the New Jersey FFA Association at this time. The committee understands that it would greatly negatively affect five chapters and we would work with them to help secure funding.



Chairperson



Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: October 11, 2010

Committee: Minimum Percentage Mastery Committee

Committee Members Present:

Rachel Layton (chair), Eric Nelson, Alison Karr, Jimmie Ferguson

Absent:

n/a

Purpose of Meeting:

To determine a proper minimum percentage of mastery of all Career Development Events at the state level to be implemented in order to advance to the next level of competition.

Recommended Action(s):

1. To not move forward with discussion of a minimum percentage mastery.
2. To allow teams or individuals (if an individual event) to decline the invitation to compete at National Convention if the team or individual wins by default. Therefore allowing the team to compete again the next year.

Comments:

Majority vote ruled to end discussion of minimum percentage mastery, stating that implementation of said percentage will potentially eliminate opportunities from members. Allowing members to compete a second year after winning by default will allow the team or individual to expand upon their knowledge and be a better competitor at the state and national level.

Rachel Layton
Chairperson

Secretary

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
November 2010

BEGINNING BALANCE: November 1, 2010

\$79,683.23

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		\$ 264.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 877.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		\$ 590.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 4,059.00	\$ 9,290.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00	\$ 2,385.00	\$ 10,229.65
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 6,923.00	\$ 21,850.65
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	\$ 66.78	\$ 135.78
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00		\$ 826.19
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,327.50
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00	\$ 12,788.95	\$ 12,788.95
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00	\$ 4,174.50	\$ 7,994.76
	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	\$ 17,330.23	\$ 25,388.18

Ending Balance: November 30, 2010

\$69,276.00

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>	
		November				
	2	Buena Regional	7314	\$ 36.00		
		Allentown High school	373	\$ 72.00		
		Monmouth Co. Career Center	526	\$ 72.00		
		Gloucester Co. Special Services	096899	\$ 36.00		
		BCIT - Medford	1388	\$ 36.00		
		Phillipsburg High School	1109739	\$ 105.00		
		Warren Hills	015846	\$ 36.00		
		BCIT Westampton	1572	\$ 36.00		
					\$ 429.00	
	5	Bd of Ed Voc School Co of Ocean	15876	\$ 1,107.00		
		Northern Burlington	6472	\$ 1,107.00		
		Union Co Voc Tech Schools	316848	\$ 1,230.00		
		Allentown High School	376	\$ 369.00		
		Salem Co Voc Tech	1618	\$ 246.00		
					\$ 4,059.00	
	6	Salem Co. Bd of Voc. Ed	1091	\$ 2,385.00		
					\$ 2,385.00	
	7	FFA-Alumni Association of NJ, Inc.	1260	\$ 50.00		
					\$ 50.00	
				\$ 6,923.00		
					\$ 23,435.65	

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2011				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
08/17/10	Scantron cards		\$ 69.00	
11/29/10	S.Kinsey-reimbursement for Dairy Foods supplies		\$ 66.78	
				\$ 135.78
	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	
11/19/10	NJ Agricultural Society - membership		\$ 50.00	
				\$ 1,327.50
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/30/10	Partycrashers DJ for COLT		\$ 200.00	
11/19/10	Balance to Camp Bernie		\$ 11,358.00	
11/04/10	First Coast Promo- T-shirts		\$ 1,230.95	
	State Convention			\$ 12,788.95
	State Convention Awards			
10/28/10	Partycrashers DJ for State Convention		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
	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	
11/04/10	Susan R. Butch-America express for Hyatt, NJ Breakfast		\$ 2,227.00	
11/24/10	The Westin-lodging for Delegates		\$ 2,047.50	
				\$ 7,994.76
	Hort Expo			
	Leadership Event			
	National Leadership Conference			
08/03/10	Virginia FFA - Registration for State Officers		\$ 2,065.00	
				\$ 2,065.00
	Grand Total		\$ 25,388.18	\$ 25,388.18