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New Jersey FFA “Unlock the Possibilities”

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

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

DATE: December 20, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012 – 9:00 am
1st Floor NJDA Boardroom, Trenton, NJ

- 9:00 – 11:30 AM – State FFA Association Meeting
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM- Lunch
- 12:30 – 4:00 PM - State Convention Planning

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 2011-2012.

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 – Alec McAlarnen
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Ernie Arians
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Jimmie Ferguson
 - D. State Applications – Stephanie Tarlowe

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.

- E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Sam Rubenstein
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Gillian Armstrong
 - G. State Convention Evaluation- Anna Lubas
 - H. Special Committee: Hall of States Event – Sam Rubenstein
- VI. Executive Committee Report – Eric Nelson**
- VII. Foundation Report – James Ferguson**
- VIII. Alumni Report – Sam Rubenstein**
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Alec McAlarnen**
- X. Unfinished Business**
- A. International Leadership Conference for State Officers – Julianne Robinson
 - B. 2012 Calendars – Ernie Arians
 - C. Holiday Party – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2012) – Sam Rubenstein
 - E. State Officer Candidates' School (January 28, 2012) – Anna Lubas
 - F. State Agriculture Convention (January 18, 2012) – Alec McAlarnen
 - G. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 16-18, 2012) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - H. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 23, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - b. Chapter Activities – Anna Lubas
 - I. State Convention Retreat (February 24-26, 2012) – Anna Lubas
 - J. National Ag Day – Sam Rubenstein
 - K. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Jimmie Ferguson
 - L. Association/Team Goal Updates – Jimmie Ferguson
 - M. Chapter Visits- Ernie Arians
- XI. New Business**
- A. Potential State Officers – Sam Rubenstein
 - B. State Convention Planning – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - C. Retiring Addresses – Rachel Layton
 - D. Statewide Community Service Project – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - E. American FFA Degree Workshop – Alec McAlarnen
 - F. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion – Eric Nelson
 - G. Member of the Month – Eric Nelson
 - H. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – February 6, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:15 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the December 5, 2011 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Anna Lubas, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Eric Nelson, Rachel Layton, Julianne Robinson, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Ms. Butch. Mrs. Szulecki was also in attendance as a guest.

II. Minutes from the November State Meeting

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept the November minutes as read.
Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Anna Lubas to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.
Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Mrs. Szulecki was glad to attend.

Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

The next meeting will be held on December 17th.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

A Google Doc for comments will be posted on December 7th. Chapters missing required documents should be reminded of their necessity for their charters.

C. State Leadership Activities

A Google Doc will be posted for suggestions about LEAD.

D. State Applications

Stephanie will check with Mrs. Noble about making changes.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report.

G. State Convention Evaluation

A Google Doc will be posted on December 8th.

H. Hall of States Special Committee

A more finalized application and rules were presented. The Executive Board will utilize the Google Doc version to comment and make changes. A finalized version will be made in Excel similar to other state forms and finalized at the January State Meeting.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

This month's key is critical thinking. January is the start of State Convention planning, and we will be deciding how this year's convention will be run.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting will be held on January 10 at 6 pm.

VIII. Alumni Report

The December 14 meeting will be held via webinar. Topics include associate membership, the 5K and possibilities for the spring, and planning for the banquet speech workshop.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be at the State Agriculture Convention on January 18.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Turkey Trot FFA 5K

The Turkey Trot was held Saturday, November 19. Over 100 participants helped the Alumni to raise about \$1,000. Fun was had by all, and there is the possibility of a similar "Bunny Hop" in the spring.

B. Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be held following the work session on December 19. Names have been drawn for the "Pollyanna" gift exchange (\$20 limit) and everyone should bring the dish that they signed up for. The Executive Committee should RSVP and is welcome to meet at the department at 6 pm.

Motion by Gillian Armstrong to be excused from the Holiday Party and work session for a final.

Second by Eric Nelson. Motion passes.

C. State Agriculture Convention

The convention will be held in Atlantic City in conjunction with the Vegetable Growers Convention from January 17 to January 19. On the 18th, the Ag Ed Advisory Council has its meeting and the Delegate Dinner is held. Stephanie, Alec, Ernie, Sam, and Jimmie will attend the dinner, and Alec will present a speech that afternoon.

D. Banquet Speech Workshop

The Banquet Speech Workshop will be hosted by the NJ FFA Alumni on January 20, 2012. State officers will present their speeches at the EcoComplex to family members, alumni, and others. Formal invitations will be mailed.

E. State Officer Candidates' School

State Officer Candidates' School is January 28. This conference reviews the State Officer competencies and Nominating Committee process. State officers have selected which of the eight competencies they will present and have received an outline with suggested activities.

F. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE

The Hort Expo is March 16-18, 2012. Time slots for State Officer shifts have been assigned as follows:

- Friday, 5-8 pm: Stephanie and Eric
- Saturday, 9 am-1 pm: Alec and Julianne
- Saturday, 1-4 pm: Ernie and Sam
- Sunday, 1-5 pm and cleanup: Anna and Gillian

G. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Gill's excitement for her trip to China is growing as it approaches! She is getting her last donations and continuing to learn about Chinese agriculture. ILSSO will be held January 4-16, 2012.

Motion by Gillian Armstrong to receive a \$500 contribution from the Association for her ILSSO trip.

Second by Ernest Arians. Last year, ILSSO participants received \$750 on the condition that they would give three presentations.

Amendment by James Ferguson to amend the main motion to add that she will present three workshops about her trip.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Amendment passes.

Amendment by James Ferguson to amend the main motion by striking the word "\$500" and replacing it with "\$750." **Second by Anna Lubas.** This will be verified in the bylaws. **Amendment passes. Motion passes.**

Motion by Gillian Armstrong to be excused from the January State Meeting and January Work Session due to ILSSO.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

H. Fall Career Development Events

Career Development Events were held November 17, 2011. Over 250 FFA members participated in Land Judging, Fruits and Vegetables ID, Turf Management, and Milk Quality and Products. The events were held on Cook Campus, and results were posted on Judging Card. Allentown FFA placed first in Land Judging and Fruits and Vegetables ID. Northern Burlington FFA placed first in Turf Management. Belvidere

FFA placed first in Milk Quality and Products.

I. 2012 Calendars

The date for distribution has been changed; Alec, Ernie, and Sam will still be distributing starting at 1 pm on December 19. Jimmie will check if he can help.

J. Chapter Visits

The State Officers are doing well and making good progress with chapter visits. Ernie had car trouble so had to reschedule one. Jimmie visited Buena and presented to several classes. Alec went to Warren Hills with a workshop on state activities, conducted leadership activities at BCIT-Westhampton, and presented a teamwork workshop at West Essex. The BCIT-West Vet was chartered on November 18th, and that night North Warren held a bonfire that Warren Hills members, Stephanie, and Alec also attended.

K. Association/ Team Goal Updates

All goals have been written, so now is the time to put them in action! Progress on each goal was reviewed.

XI. New Business

A. New Jersey Nursery Landscape Association Dinner

On December 1, Stephanie and Sam attended the NJNLA Dinner. Mrs. Noble, Stephanie, and Sam assisted with registration and sold raffle tickets at this dinner for one of our partnering organizations. Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets and three chapter members also attended. Stephanie brought greetings from the Association and was given a job offer by one of the attending landscapers.

B. Christmas Tree Cutting Event

The annual Christmas Tree Cutting Event took place at Wyckoff's Christmas Tree Farm in Belvidere on December 1. The tree was donated to the Trees for Troops program to celebrate the start of the choose-and-cut Christmas tree season. Stephanie attended and spoke on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Association. State and local legislators, Secretary Fisher, the North Warren FFA officers, Brig. Gen. James J. Grant and other soldiers, and three generations of Wyckoffs were present for the event.

C. National FFA Week

I. ALLD

Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day is February 23, 2012. A college and career fair will be held before speeches and presentations at the brunch. This year's theme is hunger; State Officers have paired up for workshops while Alec takes the chapter presidents to the State House. Workshop outlines are due by the work session. Stephanie will deliver the keynote and Sam will give the member challenge. It was recommended to maintain last year's registration fee.

Motion by James Ferguson to set the ALLD registration fee at \$25.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

2. Chapter Activities

To celebrate, many chapters hold activities for guests including state officers. We have already had a request from Penns Grove and expect more from others across the state. State officers are reminded to keep that week clear; requests will be in by February 1 for scheduling.

D. State Convention Retreat

A State Convention Retreat will be held February 24-26, 2012 Alec found a location in the Jack Frost/ Big Boulder area with everything we need but needs confirmation before payment. This cell phone-free weekend will allow the team to focus on their convention preparations.

*Addendum to the minutes (took place on Tuesday, December 20):

Motion by Anna Lubas to hold a state convention planning and development meeting in the Pocono's on February 24-26, 2012. Funding will be requested from the NJ FFA Foundation using the CSX fund granted for leadership opportunities.

Seconded by Sam Rubinstein. Motion passes.

E. National Ag Day

A National Ag Day event will be held March 6-8 in Washington, D.C. This conference offers a chance to meet with state legislators and staff in Washington D.C. along with representatives from other agricultural leadership groups. Meals and lodging will be paid for; mileage and metro cards can be reimbursed. Sam's name has been submitted and we will know by January if Ernie will also attend.

F. Agricultural/ Education Issues Discussion

Today is the beginning of the six-day buck and bear shotgun season, which brings in revenue from licenses and lawsuits in addition to controlling the population. The USDA proposed a law to make it illegal for children under the age of 16 to work on farms. This would prevent youth from building important skills and continuing their family's heritage in addition to limiting those under 18 from operating machinery. This impacts CDEs, 4-H events, livestock shows, and other similar activities that are an integral part of county farmers' fairs. The period for comments closed on December 1st but it wouldn't hurt to reach out to legislators through online petitions or letters. The ban on horse slaughter in the US has been lifted.

G. Ceremony Practice Schedule

Ceremonies are to be memorized for the work sessions as follows:

- December – Honorary
- January – State Degree
- February – Installation of State Officers
- March – Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.

H. Member of the Month

Motion by Eric Nelson to make Mary Watts of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter the December Member of the Month.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

I. State Officer Mileage

December mileage is due by 2pm on January 6th.

XII. Other Business

- Mrs. Moschera Chernigovets discussed the community garden program run by Rutgers and the Rotary.
- A letter from the NJ Agricultural Society was read promoting their agricultural endeavors and cooperation with students and Farmers Against Hunger. Membership renewal is \$50.

Motion by James Ferguson to renew our NJ Agricultural Society membership.

Second by Julianne Robinson. Motion passes.

- After the meeting, the state officers finished preparing holiday cards.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association Treasurer's Report for
November 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: November 1, 2011

\$33,270.24

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	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 15,137.00	\$ 20,492.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,503.90
	3	General Supplies			\$ 806.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 7,242.00	\$ 11,699.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 4,694.00	\$ 25,153.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 499.00	\$ 687.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 200.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 28,917.00	\$ 62,090.90
 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	\$ 15,320.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,425.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00		\$ 628.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 1,770.61	\$ 7,313.07
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00	\$ 12,887.00	\$ 13,137.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00		\$ 3,655.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00		\$ 9,184.53
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		\$ 1,853.51
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 14,782.61	\$ 37,196.11

Ending Balance: November 30, 2011

\$47,404.63

**FY12
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	November			
1	BCIT - Westampton	83642	\$ 1,500.00	
	Allentown High School	604	\$ 4,050.00	
	Buena Regional School District	24494	\$ 1,050.00	
	Gloucester Co. Special Services	100717	\$ 300.00	
	Penns Grove Carneys Point	59906	\$ 2,680.00	
	Salem Co. Bd for Vocational Ed	1196	\$ 260.00	
	Northern Burlington Co. Reg.	7927	\$ 2,067.00	
	Warren Hills Regional Bd of Ed	034665	\$ 1,230.00	
	Ocean Co Bd of Education	19759	\$ 550.00	
	Union Co Voc	319533	\$ 550.00	
	Middlesex Co. Voc. Schools	2065	\$ 600.00	
	The Calais School	12337	\$ 300.00	
				\$ 15,137.00
2	Bryan Leh	2964	\$ 108.00	
	Gloucester Co. Special Services	100573	\$ 36.00	
	BCIT - Westampton	2234	\$ 36.00	
	Hackettstown Bd. Of Education	044022	\$ 72.00	
	Camden Co. Tech Schools	4684	\$ 36.00	
	BCIT- Medford	1752	\$ 36.00	
	Warren Hills Regional School	017322	\$ 36.00	
	Salem Co. Bd for Vocational Ed	1204	\$ 36.00	
	North Warren Regional Bd of Ed	030006	\$ 252.00	
	Northern Burlington Co. Reg	2560	\$ 399.00	
	Allentown High School	618	\$ 36.00	
	South Hunterdon Reg. Bd of Ed	009611	\$ 177.00	
				\$ 1,260.00
5	Ocean Bd of Education	19420	\$ 738.00	
	Union Co Voc Tech Schools	1471	\$ 30.00	
	Northern Burlington Co Regional	8147	\$ 1,476.00	
	Cape May	549	\$ 2,337.00	
	North Warren Regional Bd of Ed	030188	\$ 861.00	
	Union Co Voc Tech Schools	319533	\$ 984.00	
	Allentown High School	618	\$ 816.00	
				\$ 7,242.00
6	North Warren Regional Bd of Ed	03006	\$ 1,415.00	
	Northern Burlington Co Reg School	2560	\$ 630.00	
	South Hunterdon Reg. Bd of Ed	009611	\$ 2,649.00	
				\$ 4,694.00
7	Cape May	006880	\$ 85.00	
				\$ 85.00
8	Salem Co. Bd of Voc. Ed	1192	\$ 44.00	
	Northern Burlington Co Reg. School	2560	\$ 32.00	
	South Hunterdon	009611	\$ 148.00	
	North Warren Regional	030006	\$ 275.00	
				\$ 499.00
			\$ 28,917.00	\$ 62,090.90

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2012				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
				\$ -
	Contests			
07/07/11	NJ FFA Foundation-to increase awards for CDE's at Convention		\$ 1,300.00	
11/16/11	Big E registrations		\$ 50.00	
11/16/11	Delaware FFA -		\$ 75.00	
				\$ 1,425.00
	General Supplies			
08/04/11	Selective Insurance Liability		\$ 628.00	
				\$ 628.00
	State Officers			
07/27/11	National FFA - SPC Regis for McAlamen & Ferguson		\$ 600.00	
07/12/11	Jessica McCosker mileage May & June		\$ 252.46	
07/12/11	Alec McAlamen mileage May & June		\$ 297.41	
07/12/11	Eric Nelson mileage May & June		\$ 120.90	
07/14/11	FFA Alumni for Reimbursement of SO BLAST OFF LODGING		\$ 740.60	
07/12/11	Keely Weinberger mileage May & June		\$ 142.60	
07/06/11	NJ FFA Foundation - pledge to FFA Cares program		\$ 1,755.77	
09/15/11	A. McAlamen, July & August mileage		\$ 435.86	
09/15/11	A. Lubas, July & August mileage		\$ 85.25	
09/15/11	S. Tarlowe, July & August mileage		\$ 197.41	
09/15/11	E. Anans, July & August mileage		\$ 379.05	
09/15/11	S. Rubinstein, July & August mileage		\$ 130.17	
09/15/11	E. Nelson, July & August mileage		\$ 47.86	
09/15/11	J. McCosker, July & August mileage		\$ 99.20	
09/15/11	J. Ferguson, July & August mileage		\$ 257.92	
11/23/11	G. Armstrong July & August mileage reimbursement		\$ 66.91	
11/23/11	A. McAlamen Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 420.95	
11/23/11	J. Ferguson Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 305.66	
11/23/11	S. Tarlowe Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 252.90	
11/23/11	A. Lubas Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 67.58	
11/23/11	E. Anans, Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 274.72	
11/23/11	S. Rubinstein, Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 173.45	
11/23/11	G. Armstrong Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 145.08	
11/23/11	E. Nelson Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 63.36	
				\$ 7,313.07
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/14/11	Partycrashers - DJ service at Camp Bernie		\$ 250.00	
11/29/11	YMCA Camp Bernie		\$ 12,887.00	
				\$ 13,137.00
	State Convention			
07/18/11	Leila Granjaei - Convention Award		\$ 75.00	
07/06/11	Buena Reg. School - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	BCIT - convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Phillipsburg High School - Covention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	Penns Grove - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	N. Burlington Co. Reg -Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Middlesex - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Cape May - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Hackettstown - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Stepahnie Tarlowe - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/15/11	National FFA - SO Business Casual Shirts		\$ 451.00	
08/04/11	Harrah Newman-convention award		\$ 50.00	
08/08/11	Rebecca Shannon-convention award		\$ 100.00	
08/08/11	Jamie Jellife-convention award		\$ 75.00	
08/08/11	Angelina Roslin - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
10/17/11	Phillipsburg High School - over payment of registration Pd 2x's		\$ 1,854.00	
				\$ 3,655.00
	National Convention			
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
10/13/11	Hyatt Regency-Indy - NJ Breakfast		\$ 1,748.46	
10/03/11	Pacers Basketball - rental of suite in Indy		\$ 2,500.00	
10/27/11	Levy suite food		\$ 340.84	
10/30/11	The Westin Hotel		\$ 2,265.23	
	Hort Expo			\$ 9,184.53
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
09/19/11	West Virginia FFA - Lodging & Regis for State Officers		\$ 1,853.52	
				\$ 1,853.51
	Grand Total		\$ 37,196.12	\$ 37,196.11