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New Jersey FFA Association "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: December 19, 2014

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
1st Floor NJDA Auditorium, Trenton, NJ

- 4:00 – 6:30 pm – State FFA Association Meeting
- 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Working Dinner & 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 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 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 – 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 Report** – Kristianne Dowd
- XII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. 2015 Calendars – Hope Cahill
 - B. 212° Conference (December 13, 2014) – Kyle Fisher
 - C. Holiday Party (December 15, 2014) – Sean Hamner
 - D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-17, 2015) – Benjamin Wainwright
 - E. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 23, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - F. State Officer Candidates' School (January 31, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - G. State Agriculture Convention (February 3-5, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - H. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 26, 2015) – Hope Cahill
 - b. Chapter Events & National Officer Visit – Sean Hamner
 - I. Fuel Up Retreat (February 26 -March 1, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
 - J. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 13-15, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
 - K. National Ag Day Event (March 16-18, 2014) – Benjamin Wainwright
 - L. State Officer Challenge – Benjamin Wainwright
 - M. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Sean Hamner
 - N. Assembly Resolution – Stuart Faunce
 - O. Team Goal Action Plan – Jenna Pinhas
 - P. Chapter Visits – Hope Cahill
- XIII. New Business**
 - A. Potential State Officers – Jenna Pinhas
 - B. Retiring Address – Delaney Gray
 - C. Statewide Community Service Project – Ben Wainwright
 - D. American FFA Degree Workshop – Kelly Gangel
 - E. Agriculture/Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Kyle Fisher
 - F. Member of the Month – Kyle Clement
 - G. State Officer Mileage – Sean Hamner
- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- February 2, 2015
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes of the December 1, 2014 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremony

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm. Voting members in attendance were Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner, Kyle Fisher, Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Catherine Cincotta, David Watts and Stuart Faunce. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette. Guest in attendance was Kaitlyn Tallamy from the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter.

II. Minutes from November State Meeting

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

Seconded by Stuart Faunce.

Motion by Delaney Gray to amend the minutes by striking out "July" and adding "October" under Section II.

Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Amendment passes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Ben Wainwright to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Kaitlyn Tallamy of the Phillipsburg FFA Chapter explained that chapter is currently working on a winter project and the members are excited about the project's outcome.

Kelly Gangel assumes the duties of the chair

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

The next meeting will be held on December 1 at Antonio's following the state meeting.

C. State Leadership Activities

The next meeting will be held before the New Year to discuss the LEAD evaluations.

D. State Applications

The State Applications committee is currently working on an application that can be found via Google Docs. Committee members will be granted access.

- E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**
The next meeting will be coming up to evaluate Fall CDEs and the written exam portion of the Fruit & Vegetable Identification CDE.
- F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**
Motion by Kyle Clement to accept the committee report as read.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.
Motion by Kristianne Dowd to enact the committee's recommendations and pending discussion regarding changes of classes.
Seconded by David Watts. Motion passes.
- G. State Convention Evaluation**
No report.

Kristianne Dowd reassumes the duties of the chair

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**
Abstaining from a Vote is the third option while voting as opposed to voting "aye" or "nay" on a motion. This may occur whenever a voting member has an interest in the outcome that directly affects that member personally in a manner not shared by the other members of the group.
- VII. Executive Committee Report**
The state officers were encouraged to reflect on their previous experiences through state office and identify which of those experiences left the biggest impact.
- VIII. Foundation Report**
No report. The next meeting is January 13, 2015.
- IX. Alumni Report**
A committee meeting was held on November 30 regarding the Alumni Development Conference. The next Alumni meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm in the first floor board room of the NJDA.
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**
The next meeting will be at the New Jersey State Agriculture Convention in February.
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society**
The NJ Ag Society held a meeting in November at the Rutgers Eco Complex. Topics at the meeting included Farm to School grants and Farmers Against Hunger. The New Jersey Ag Society Gala will be held at the Hamilton Manor on March 13, 2015. The theme this year is "Night at the Races."

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

The Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was held on November 17-18. Kristianne Dowd had the opportunity to speak at the Farm Bureau Convention, as well as sit in on the policy discussions.

B. Fall Career Development Events Results

Fall CDEs were held on November 20 at Rutgers University. The Allentown FFA Chapter placed 1st for Fruits and Vegetables Identification, Land Judging, and Milk Quality & Products. Monmouth County FFA received 1st place in Turf Grass Management. Renee Stillwell, Allentown FFA, placed first individually in Fruit & Veggie ID. Alexis Daesener, Allentown FFA, placed first individually in Land Judging. Madison Lofgren, Allentown FFA, placed first individually in Milk Quality & Products. Chris Rodermann, Monmouth County FFA, placed first individually in Turf. Congratulations to all participants!

C. 2015 Calendars

The State FFA Executive Board will be delivering the 2015 FFA calendars on December 15 before the work session.

D. 212° Conference

The 212° Conference will be held on December 13 at the Cook Student Center at Rutgers University. The executive board will be meeting at the Cook Student Center at 8 am. National FFA members will be facilitating the conference.

E. Holiday Party

The State FFA holiday party will be held at Mrs. Trivette's house. The executive board members are encouraged to participate in a Secret Santa event and to bring their favorite covered dish.

F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

ILSSO will be held in South Africa from January 3-17. Hope Cahill and Ben Wainwright will be attending. Both officers have been conducting fundraisers for their trip expenses and are excited to embark on this experience.

G. Banquet Speech Workshop

The Banquet Speech Workshop will be held on January 23 at the Rutgers Eco Complex in Columbus. The state officers will present their potential banquet speeches to family, advisors and guests. Guests will critique the speeches and dinner will be served.

H. State Officer Candidate School

SOCS will be held on January 31 at the NJDA. Members interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or running for a State Office are encouraged to attend. Letters will be sent to individuals identified by the executive board.

- I. State Agriculture Convention**
The New Jersey State Agriculture Convention will be held on February 3-5 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Kristianne Dowd will be addressing the delegates, and the officers will have the opportunity to attend delegate meetings and dinner.
- J. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day**
ALLD will be held on February 26 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. The theme for the day will be “My Ag Story.”
- K. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE**
The Horticultural Exposition will be held at the Mercer County Community College on March 13-15. The Floral Design CDE and judging of prepared arrangements will occur on Friday, March 13. Each of the officers will take shifts to watch over the arrangements during the remaining days of the exposition.
- L. National Ag Day**
The National Ag Day will be held on March 16-18 in Washington DC. Kyle Fisher and Ben Wainwright will be attending the three day event, while the remaining officers will have the opportunity to attend for a day.
- M. Assembly Resolution Update**
There is no update so far. The executive board will have the opportunity to attend the update meeting with Assemblymen Ronald Dancer next week.
- N. State Officer Challenge**
The state officers are working on different parts of the state officer challenge.
- O. Team Goal Action Plan**
The officers are currently working on their piece of the team goal action plan.
- P. Chapter Visits**
The officers are excited to have been given the chance to attend chapter visits and meet with the members. Some visits are still being completed.

XIII. New Business

- A. National FFA Week**
 - a. Chapter Events**
State officers are encouraged to keep their schedules open during FFA Week as chapter visit requests will be coming in.
 - b. National Officer Visit**
A National Officer will be spending the week with New Jersey FFA for the duration of FFA Week. The officer will be conducting a workshop for all members attending ALLD, and will visit various schools and industries throughout the week.

B. Fuel Up Retreat

The state officers will be attending a Fuel Up Retreat to get a head start on State Convention planning. The retreat will be held in North Wildwood from February 26 - March 1.

C. Ceremony Practice Schedule

The state officers are encouraged to memorize a new official ceremony for each month leading up to State Convention. The schedule is as follows. November: Honorary Membership; December: State Degree Ceremony; January: Officer Installation; February: "Blue Jacket. Bright Futures." Ceremony.

D. Agricultural Education/Issues Discussion

The bill A2807 sets in motion a freeze in college tuition for the students' duration of college from their freshmen year for 9 semesters. The bill has passed through the state assembly and is currently in the state senate.

E. Member of the Month

Motion by Kyle Clement to announce Chase Nelson of the Woodstown FFA Chapter as the December Member of the Month.

Seconded by Catherine Cincotta. Motion passes.
Congratulations Chase!

F. State Officer Mileage

The mileage report is provided in the meeting folders.

XIV. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

NJ FFA Association
Monthly Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE: October 1, 2014

\$8,011.10

Deposits:										
Date	Project#	Project Description	Annual Budget	June	July	August	September	October	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
1		Affiliation	\$ 49,000.00			\$ 442.00			\$ 29,797.00	\$ (19,203.00)
2		CDE's	\$ 4,725.00			\$ 118.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 767.00	\$ (3,958.00)
3		General Supplies	\$ -			\$ -		\$ 717.00	\$ 717.00	\$ 717.00
4		State Officers	\$ 1,015.00			\$ -		\$ 118.00	\$ 208.00	\$ (807.00)
5		LEAD	\$ 17,540.00	\$22,914.63		\$ -	\$ 742.05		\$ 28,686.93	\$ 11,146.93
6		State Convention - Regis.	\$ 65,000.00			\$ 609.95	\$1,988.50		\$ 9,876.05	\$ (55,123.95)
7		National Convention	\$ 4,495.00			\$ 1,300.00			\$ 1,420.00	\$ (3,075.00)
8		Hort Expo	\$ 5,500.00			\$ 72.00	\$ 635.00		\$ 2,780.24	\$ (2,719.76)
9		National Leadership Conf.	\$ -			\$ -			\$ -	\$ -
10		State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00			\$ -	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ (4,975.00)
		Budgeted Income	\$ 152,275.00						\$ -	\$ (152,275.00)
Total Deposits			\$ -	\$23,858.63	\$3,498.55	\$ 2,541.95	\$10,056.60	\$ 74,277.22	\$ (77,997.78)	

Expenses:

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1		Affiliation	\$ 14,895.00	\$10,250.00	\$ 908.00	\$ -		\$ 11,158.00	\$ 3,737.00
2		CDE's	\$ 5,148.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 39.00		\$ 517.00	\$ 4,631.00
3		General Supplies	\$ 5,230.00			\$ -	\$ 1,678.00	\$ 1,678.00	\$ 3,552.00
4		State Officers	\$ 10,037.00			\$ 1,625.00	\$ 705.00	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 7,707.00
5		LEAD	\$ 21,821.00	\$15,126.26	\$ 275.00			\$ 15,901.26	\$ 5,919.74
6		State Convention - Regis.	\$ 69,171.00	\$ 340.00		\$ -	\$63,020.57	\$ 63,360.57	\$ 5,810.43
7		National Convention	\$ 9,656.00		\$1,778.50	\$ 665.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,003.50	\$ 4,652.50
8		Hort Expo	\$ 7,459.00	\$ 1,795.00				\$ 1,795.00	\$ 5,664.00
9		National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,027.00	\$ 695.00		\$ -	\$ 2,498.72	\$ 3,193.72	\$ (1,166.72)
10		State Leadership Event	\$ 6,831.00					\$ 500.00	\$ 6,331.00
		Budgeted Expenses	\$ 152,275.00					\$ -	\$ 152,275.00
Total Expenses				\$28,206.26	\$3,111.50	\$ 2,329.00	\$70,402.29	\$105,437.05	\$ (105,437.05)

Ending Balance: October 30, 2014

\$ 3,663.47

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		Budgeted Expenses	\$ 152,275.00						\$ -	\$ 152,275.00
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		Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 28,206.26	\$ 3,111.50	\$ 2,329.00	\$ 70,402.29	\$ 105,437.05	\$ (105,437.05)

Ending Balance: November 30, 2014

\$ 36,596.96

**FY15
FFA Deposits**

<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>MonthlyTotal</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
November				
Frankford Regional HS	437344	\$ 2,550.00		
Franklin Burlington County Reg.	40678	\$ 6,050.00		
Warren Hills Regional	40960	\$ 1,500.00		
Essex County Vocational Schools	74821	\$ 550.00		
Allentown HS	1189	\$ 4,050.00		
N. Warren Regional	3145	\$ 1,550.00		
Cape May County Tech	12255	\$ 1,605.00		
County of Monmouth - Biotechnology	89344	\$ 1,200.00		
Burlington Co Institute of Technology	91372	\$ 900.00		
Union County Voc-Tech	326514	\$ 1,050.00		
Pemberton Twp.	29933	\$ 1,500.00		
Hackettstown	51471	\$ 900.00		
Salem County Voc-Tech	30257	\$ 2,050.00		
Cumberland Regional HS	31976	\$ 2,700.00		
P1 total			\$ 28,155.00	
S. Hunterdon Regional	121	\$ 36.00		
Warren Hills Regional	21918	\$ 36.00		
Gloucester County Special Services	113201	\$ 36.00		
Bryan Leh	1223	\$ 108.00		
Cumberland Regional HA	31980	\$ 144.00		
total			\$ 360.00	
National FFA Foundation	192124	\$ 90.00		
P4 total			\$ 90.00	
Somerset County Voc Tech	2907	\$ 599.75		
N. Burlington County Regional	12817	\$ 1,727.75		
Camden County Technical Schools	5236	\$ 1,832.75		
Union County Voc-Tech Schools	326514	\$ 870.00		
P5 total			\$ 5,030.25	
Oceant County Vocational	30369	\$ 20.00		
Cape May County Technical School	1061	\$ 75.00		
P6 total			\$ 95.00	
Pemberton Township	29933	\$ 35.00		
Cape May County Tech	1061	\$ 35.00		
Thomas & Antoinette Sansevero	5909	\$ 50.00		
P7 total			\$ 120.00	
Delaware FFA Association	1702	\$ 471.24		
total			\$ 471.24	
November Total			\$ 34,321.49	\$ 78,624.85

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2015					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Order #'s</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>MTD Total</i>	<i>YTD Total</i>
	November				
	Contests (P2)				
11/21/14	Clay Ewell - Judging Cards	2680912	\$ 328.50		
				\$ 328.50	
	Leadership Experience and Development (P5)				
11/01/14	Reimburse Dept Acct. for Lead 2014 Deposit		\$ 500.00		
				\$ 500.00	
	National Convention (P7)				
11/21/14	Big E FFA CDE's		\$ 60.00		
				\$ 60.00	
	State Legislative Leadship Activity (P10)				
11/20/14	Welcome Hotel Group - ALLD Deposit	BEO#5641-21700	\$ 500.00		
				\$ 500.00	
	November Total			\$ 1,388.50	\$ 101,089.92

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date:	November 12, 2014
Committee:	Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review
Committee Members Present:	Kelly Gangel, Kyle Clement, Hope Cahill, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Danucci
Absent:	Jenna Pinhas, Catherine Cincotta
Purpose of Meeting:	To decide any rule changes and/or class changes for the Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE.
Recommended Action(s):	1. Rename the "Dried Delights" class to "Country Delights" which will be an arrangement using dried and silk materials that are country themed. 2. Change Class 119 "Flower Holiday" to "Miniature Landscape Garden" including a minimum of six different plants species with miniature accessories to scale, natural or artificial and a size limit of inside dimensions not to exceed 12" for any shape container. 3. Add the words "No plug in electricity" into the notes on the top of each page of class descriptions. 4. Change Class 430 "Formal Affair" to "State Officers/FFA Alumni Folly" where Alumni will pay an entry fee as a fundraiser for the association. Other 400 classes may be taken away if there is more interest. 5. Expand the description of Class 209 and 309 to include body flowers/atypical corsages, all entries must still be packaged. 6. Reword Category 113a to state "If needed, wiring must be performed successfully without damaging of branches. Indicate which of the three forms of bonsai is intended." 7. Include "one entry per chapter" in class 112 description, and make only one block available on registration and sign in sheet. 8. Change the wording in the Topiary description to say "topiary grown as a standard tree topiary or with a frame". 9. Change wording of Class 103 description to include "plants can either be deciduous, evergreen trees, shrubs, or New Jersey hardy perennials. 10. Indicate in description for Geraniums that the class may include scented geraniums, and plants will be judged on overall appearance, not solely the flowering. 11. Change Floral Design rubric to state "Black Dress Slacks" for female official dress. 12. Change wording in class 108 and 109 from "mixed foliage" to "different species of".
Comments:	Next meeting date to be announced.
	Kelly Gangel Chairperson
	Kelly Gangel Secretary