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New Jersey FFA Association

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

FROM: Myranda Bond, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 2, 2017

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday March 6, 2017 – 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. Mr. John Neyhart will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2016-2017.

AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the February State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Myranda Bond
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Renee Stillwell
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Kelsey Stockton
 - D. State Applications – Jeremy Posluszny
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Josh Loew
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Zuri Richmond
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Morgan Rutar

- VI. **Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Kelsey Stockton
- VII. **Executive Committee Report** – Hannah Mann
- VIII. **Foundation Report** – Jeremy Posluszny
- IX. **Alumni Report** – Morgan Rutar
- X. **Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Renee Stillwell
- XI. **New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** – Myranda Bond
- XII. **New Jersey Association for Agriculture Educators Report** – Mr. Neyhart
- XIII. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Agriculture Convention (February 7- 9, 2017) – Morgan Rutar
 - B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2017) – Josh Loew
 - C. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2017) – Kelsey Stockton
 - D. National FFA Week (February 19-25, 2017) – Kelsey Stockton
 - E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 10-11, 2017) – Zuri Richmond
 - F. National Ag Day Event (March 20-21, 2017) – Kelsey Stockton
 - G. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jeremy Posluszny
 - H. Winter (Online) CDEs (March 29, 2017) – Josh Loew
 - I. Spring CDEs (April, 27, 2017) – Jeremy Posluszny
 - J. Statewide Community Service Project – Morgan Rutar
 - K. Team Goal Action Plan – Morgan Rutar
 - L. Chapter Visits – Renee Stilwell
- XIV. **New Business**
 - A. New Jersey Agriculture Society Gala (March 11, 2017) – Myranda Bond
 - B. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2017) – Zuri Richmond
 - C. State Applications Judging (April 13, 2017) – Jeremy Posluszny
 - D. Agricultural Education/Agriculture Issues Discussion – Renee Stillwell
 - E. Member of the Month – Hannah Mann
 - F. State Officer Mileage – Josh Loew
- XV. **Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – April 3, 2017
1st Floor New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from February 6, 2017 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Myranda Bond called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Voting members in attendance were Morgan Rutar, Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Zuri Richmond, Josh Loew, Kelsey Stockton, Hannah Mann and teacher representative, John Neyhart. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble, Mrs. Nancy Trivette, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from January State Meeting

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept the Secretary's minutes as read.
Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.
Motion passes pending audit.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to approve the \$5.00 increase for the complete package of state convention and the \$3.00 increase for the partial package at state convention, so that the cost of convention is \$165 (complete package) and \$48 (partial package) per person respectively.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

McKenna Moore from the Salem County Vocational FFA chapter was present. McKenna's SAE has several different components to it, but her main project area is working through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension offices, specifically in the area of blueberry production.

Motion by Morgan Rutar to give Alyssa Ferraro an unexcused absence for this meeting.
Seconded by Zuri Richmond. Motion passed.

Tyler's absence was handled at a previous meeting.

Morgan Rutar assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The committee met on February 3, via Google Hangouts to approve and edit the amendments on recommendations on behalf of the committee. The committee finalized the proposals, which will be presented to the executive board. The next meeting will be held before state convention to put together a committee report.

Motion by Myranda Bond to accept the Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities committee report as read.

Motion carried an implied second. Motion passed.

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept amendments 3-6 with needed adjustments.
Seconded by Myranda Bond. Motion passed.**

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report. Attention was drawn to the membership data sheet. We now officially have a new chapter, bringing our number of chapters to 37.

C. State Leadership Activities

No report.

D. State Applications

No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report.

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report.

Myranda Bond reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Division of the question is called to break up a motion into several parts. It divides voting and debates on multiple parts of a motion. This motion would be called by someone rising, getting recognized by the chair and stating "I move that the motion be divided to consider" and state all the individual motions. Chair would call for objections, but no voting or discussion would take place unless there were objections. If an objection is called, then a vote would be taken and it would require a majority vote for the division of the question to take place.

VII. Executive Committee Report

Executive Committee chair, Hannah Mann split the state officers into two groups and requested that they make up an original dance move using either just their legs, or just their arms. Hannah pointed out without both our hands and legs together, the dance move isn't cohesive. This experience serves as a reminder that we must work as a team with all parts to be the most efficient and do our best in the events we have left!

VIII. Foundation Report

The next meeting will be held April 11 at 6 pm at the NJDA.

IX. Alumni Report

The next meeting will be held on February 15 at 6 pm at the NJDA.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is February 8 at 1:30 pm at the State Ag Convention.

XI. Agricultural Society Report

The Ag society met on January 25 to talk about the upcoming Gala and all the sponsors and donations they have received for the event from local farms. The society discussed Learning through Gardening and Farmers Against Hunger and what those two programs are currently doing.

XII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators

The National Ag Ed Summit was held January 31-February 2 and New Jersey had five representatives present. Currently, the NJAAE is preparing workshops to be held during Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day for the other Ag teachers. March 13-15 is the National Agriculture Seminar.

XIII. Unfinished Business

A. Banquet Speech Workshop

The Banquet speech workshop, held at the Rutgers Eco Complex on January 26 and hosted by the Alumni, was a great success and very helpful. The state officers were able to try on their banquet speeches and the feedback from our support system will be returned soon.

B. State Officer Candidate's School

Feedback from the evaluations submitted at the event was found in the meeting folders. The evaluations showed great results from this year's newly designed event, and the feedback will be used to plan the future year's events. The state officers will be making a success support video to recap what learned and covered, along with touching on the topics that we couldn't spend much time on. The success support video will also discuss any concerns that were written on the evaluation.

C. State Agriculture Convention

Myranda will be speaking at the State Ag Convention on Wednesday, February 8. State Officers should arrive by 1:00 in Official Dress to Harrah's for the event.

D. Fuel Up Retreat

Next week is our Fuel Up Retreat and convention planning event. We will discuss and cover all aspects of convention. Officers are reminded to continue thinking about grocery lists and to pack accordingly. Additional information about this event will be revisited at the work session.

E. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

The theme of this event is "ProAGtive", and it is a completely redesigned event. All officers must be preparing their own workshops. The event will be held at The College of New Jersey. We are waiting on more confirmed panelist to sit on our discussion panel.

F. National FFA Week

National FFA Week is February 18-25. Events throughout the week include ALLD, Hill Visits hosted by the American Farm Bureau and the Delaware Valley University Leadership Day. Chapter event

requests have been filtering through and the officers are doing a great job of ensuring that they all get filled.

G. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

The staff schedule was created and sent for approval. The event will be held at Mercer County Community College on March 10 and 11, and registration is due February 15. Please be prepared to help with set up on March 9.

H. Statewide Community Service Project

The Statewide Community Service Project will be supporting Anchor House this year. Myranda reached out to them and found that the most needed items are toiletries and clothing. The committee will meet this month and plan our next move forward.

I. Team Goal Action Plan

Each officer shared their goal and any progress made on their respective goal.

J. Chapter Visits

If you haven't scheduled your final chapter visits, please do so immediately; we are running out of time to complete these visits and are still hoping to reach our goal of attending all chapters.

XIV. New Business

A. Selection of the Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients

Motion by Morgan Rutar to approve the five nominations from the chapters for the Honorary Garden State Degree.

Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passed.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to give the Honorary Garden State Degree to Phil Confalone, Clint Burgher, Brianne Scholl, John Benedik and Steve Makarevich and to Commissioner Herrington at Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day.

Seconded by Kelsey Stockton. Motion passed.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to select The Belvidere Garden Club and Niblock's Pork Store as the recipients for the Distinguished Service Award from the nominations from the chapters.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passed.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to select Delicious Orchards and the Burlington County Farm Fair Board as the Distinguished Service Award nominated by the executive board.

Seconded by Zuri Richmond. Motion passed.

B. Delegates Issues for State Convention

The delegate issues need to be submitted in an agenda form by April 15.

C. National Agriculture Event

Jeremy and Kelsey have been preparing for their attendance at this event by scheduling hill visits and planning for their trip. Once visits are finalized they will begin studying and preparing for those conversations.

D. Winter (Online) CDEs

The announcement for Winter CDEs was provided in the meeting folders. Participant lists are due March 1. A Success Support video was already posted highlighting this event.

E. Spring CDEs

The announcement for Spring CDEs was provided in the folders. State officer and Executive Committee member assignments were made and are as follows: Agriculture Mechanics-Josh Loew, Ag Sales-Hannah Mann, Environmental and Natural Resources-Morgan Rutar and Tyler Kohhaas, Floriculture-Zuri Richmond and Kelsey Stockton, Nursery/Landscape Design-Renee Stillwell and Alyssa Ferraro, and Veterinary Science-Jeremy Posluszny and Myranda Bond.

F. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

While it is still believed that soybeans help prevent cancer, there is now research saying that soybeans could potentially be helping breast cancer spread faster once the cancer has initially formed. There are many contradicting views.

G. Member of the Month

Motion by Hannah Mann to select Julia VanSciver from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter as the February member of the month.

Seconded by Kelsey Stockton. Motion passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

The mileage report was provided in the folders. State Officers are reminded that miles are due by 2:00 pm prior to each State Board Meeting in order to be eligible for compensation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: 3-Feb-17

Committee: Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

Committee Members Present: Hannah Mann, Jeremy Posluszny

Absent: Ms. Heritage and Josh Loew

Purpose of Meeting: To approve and edit the amendments on recommendations on behalf of the committee.

Recommended Action(s): Finalized the proposal's to be able to present to the executive board.

Comments: The next meeting will be before state convention to put together a committee report.

Myranda M. Bond
Chairperson

Hannah Mann
Secretary

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger

As of January 31, 2017

FFA	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Spfit	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
	Deposit	01/04/2017				4,954.00	4,954.00	29,935.35
	Check	01/06/2017	Vegetable Growers A...	2017 State AG Convention meals	-SPLIT- P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-360.00	-360.00	34,889.35
	Deposit	01/19/2017			Undeposited Funds	40.00	40.00	34,529.35
	Check	01/19/2017	National FFA Organiz...	Banquet Speech Workshop supplies	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-84.00	-84.00	34,485.35
	Deposit	01/23/2017			-SPLIT-	3,331.61	3,331.61	37,816.96
	Check	01/30/2017	Eth Noble	SOCs reim for lunch	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-251.80	-251.80	37,565.16
	Total FFA					7,629.81	7,629.81	37,565.16
TOTAL						7,629.81	7,629.81	37,565.16

NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary January 2017

	Jan 17	Jul '16 - Jan 17	\$ Under/Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
Deposit	0.00	29,508.91		
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	4,850.00	39,050.00	-10,950.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	55.00	1,457.00	-3,043.00	4,500.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	196.97	-908.03	1,105.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	0.00	16,479.00	-471.00	16,950.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	14,345.18	-51,431.82	65,777.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	3,591.40	-1,523.60	5,115.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (Income)	0.00	180.00	-5,030.00	5,210.00
P9 NLCSO (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 Leadership Event (Income)	1,007.00	3,805.25	66.25	3,740.00
Total Income	5,912.00	108,613.71	-43,783.29	152,397.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,448.16	-986.84	14,435.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	1,659.92	-6,883.58	8,543.50
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,024.52	-1,050.48	2,075.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	695.80	7,867.31	-1,073.19	8,940.50
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	16,731.94	-2,843.06	19,575.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	65,973.09	-3,694.91	69,668.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	6,107.83	-4,787.17	10,895.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-7,535.00	7,535.00
P9 (NLCSO - Expense)	0.00	2,833.00	0.00	2,833.00
P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	0.00	3,458.25	-4,438.75	7,897.00
Total Expense	695.80	119,104.02	-33,292.98	152,397.00
Net Income	5,216.20	-10,490.31	-10,490.31	0.00