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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: Renée Stillwell, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 1, 2018

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018 – 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 2017-2018.

AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the January/February combined State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Renee Stillwell
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Allison Finn
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Kelsey Stockton
 - D. State Applications – Jeremy Posluszny
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Ariel Norbeck
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – McKenna Moore
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Sarah Kelly

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Allison Finn**
- VII. Constitution and Bylaws Report – Jeremy Posluszny**
- VIII. Executive Committee Report – Morgan Rutar**
- IX. Foundation Report – Jeremy Posluszny**
- X. Alumni Report – McKenna Moore**
- XI. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Ariel Norbeck**
- XII. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Kelsey Stockton**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – John Neyhart**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Agricultural Convention (February 6-7, 2018) – Jeremy Posluszny
 - B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 15-18, 2018) – Allison Finn
 - C. National FFA Week (February 17-24, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
 - D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 22, 2018) – Sarah Kelly
 - E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 9-10, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
 - F. National Ag Day Event (March 20, 2018) – McKenna Moore
 - G. Winter (Online) CDEs (March 21, 2018) – Allison Finn
 - H. Spring CDEs (April 19) – Ariel Norbeck
 - I. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jeremy Posluszny
 - J. Statewide Community Service Project – Sarah Kelly
 - K. Chapter Visits – Allison Finn
 - L. Team Goal Action Plan – Jeremy Posluszny
- XV. New Business**
 - A. New Jersey Agriculture Society Gala (March 17, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
 - B. Retiring Address Workshop (April 11, 2018) – McKenna Moore
 - C. State Applications Judging (April 12, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
 - D. Horse Evaluation (April 15, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
 - E. Dairy Cattle Evaluation (April 21, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
 - F. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2018) – Allison Finn
 - G. Agricultural Education/Agriculture Issues Discussion – Jeremy Posluszny
 - H. Member of the Month – Morgan Rutar
 - I. State Officer Mileage – McKenna Moore
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- April 2, 2018
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the January 29, 2018 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Renee Stillwell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Voting members in attendance were Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Sarah Kelly, Ariel Norbeck, McKenna Moore, Allison Finn, Morgan Rutar, and Mr. John Neyhart. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from December State Meeting

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Sarah Kelly.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to amend the minutes from the December State Meeting by striking out “January 17” and replacing it with “January 27” under State Officer Candidates’ School.

Seconded by Allison Finn. Amendment passes.

Minutes as amended passes.

III. Treasurer’s Report

Motion by Sarah Kelly to accept the treasurer’s report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Mr. Bill Carney: Representative of the Allentown Alumni FFA Chapter.

Jeremy Posluszny assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The committee met on January 17 with all committee members present. There were several recommendations to amend the constitution in addition to possibly adding an additional component to the nominating committee process for rerunning state officers.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to recommend amending the constitution by striking out “Agricultural Career Network” in Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 2, and inserting “the official FFA Roster program,” and inserting “through the Agricultural Experience Tracker” after “December 1” in Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 4.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to recommend amending the constitution by striking out, “concurrently reenrolled”, and inserting “enrolled,” in Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4, and striking out, “in any way a Career Development Event which purpose or objective would give a State Officer leverage in any unfair way through officer training conducted by the Association itself,” and inserting “as a contestant in the 6-8

Minute Public Speaking LDE, extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE, Employment Skills LDE, Official Ceremonies Event, Parliamentary Procedure LDE, Agricultural Issues LDE, Agricultural Sales CDE, or the Teach Agriculture Event” in Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to recommend amending the constitution by striking out “collegiate members and advisor”, and inserting “Advisors” in article 5, Section B, Clause 3.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

The committee met on December 12 to discuss expectations for FFA Week and explore having an FFA Chapter Jacket Set program.

Motion by Allison Finn to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Allison Finn to have an FFA Photo Challenge across social media platforms during FFA Week; create a geo-filter for snapchat during ALLD; and for agriculture and/or food, agriculture, and natural resource education facts to be posted on social media.

Seconded by Kelsey Stockton.

Motion by Allison Finn to amend the main motion by striking out “create a geo-filter for snapchat during FFA Week”.

Seconded by Renee Stillwell. Amendment failed.

Motion passes.

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.

Renee Stillwell reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

The motion to rescind requires a second, is amendable, and requires a 2/3 vote with no previous notice or majority vote with previous notice. The purpose of rescind is to cancel a motion altogether.

VII. Constitution and Bylaws Report

Earlier in the meeting there were three recommended amendments to our constitution that will be added into the delegate packets for state convention.

VIII. Executive Committee Report

Morgan Rutar had the officers reflect on their first convention experience, and what role a state officer may have had in creating that kind of experience. Morgan reminded them to keep these thoughts in mind as they start state convention planning tonight.

IX. Foundation Report

The Foundation met on January 9. The Board discussed their financial standing. The 2016-2017 year was on track with the goals and reflected growth. The Board also discussed the creation of a Sponsors' Board and an event will be held at ALLD. The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on April 10. A Sponsors' Board meeting may be held in March.

X. Alumni Report

At their last meeting, the alumni discussed details for the Banquet Speech Workshop and possibly a new fundraising event such as a dinner function. Delaney Gray will be attending the NJ Agricultural Convention as their delegate. Their next meeting is on February 14.

XI. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be at the Agricultural Convention on February 7, 2018.

XII. New Jersey Agricultural Society

The Ag Society had a meeting on January 17. They discussed details and sponsorship of their upcoming Gala, which is on March 17. Morgan Rutar, Allison Finn, Jeremy Posluszny, Renee Stillwell, and Kelsey Stockton will assist with the fundraising activities that night. The next meeting is on March 14th.

XIII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators

Mr. Neyhart shared that there have been greater initiatives for teacher recruitment. The association will have a booth at the New Jersey Agriculture Convention next week to showcase the alternative route of becoming certified to teach agriculture. Other events coming up are the ACTE Policy Seminar and representing at ALLD during FFA Week. They are discussing how they could possibly recognize teachers at state convention, which will be solidified at their March Meeting.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. 212° Conference

The 212° Conference was held on December 9 at Rutgers University. The evaluation tally was provided on the folders. Besides the inopportune snow fall that day, the members still enjoyed the conference overall.

B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Sarah Kelly and McKenna Moore enjoyed their trip to South Africa! They will be giving a presentation on their experience to the New Jersey Alumni. Each of them shared their favorite part of the international experience.

C. Banquet Speech Workshop

The workshop was hosted by the New Jersey Alumni on January 19 at The EcoComplex in Bordentown, NJ. The tally of each officer's speech and delivery reviews will be compiled shortly.

D. State Officer Candidates School

SOCS was this past weekend on January 27 at the Stone Bridge Middle School. A total of 34 students joined the association on this day to learn about the process of running for state office or becoming a nominating committee member. The officers are reminded to keep in touch with these potential candidates.

E. State Agriculture Convention

On February 7 in Atlantic City, NJ, Renee Stillwell will deliver a speech to the delegates of the State Agriculture Convention in Atlantic City. That night, Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Morgan Rutar, and Ariel Norbeck, along with Renee, will partake in the dinner and networking program.

F. Fuel Up Retreat

The Fuel Up Retreat will be February 15-18 in North Wildwood. Throughout the weekend, the officers will film their support system thank you videos, write session scripts, and more. Additional information to follow.

G. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

ALLD will be on February 22 during National FFA Week at The College of New Jersey. This year's theme is "Find Your Path." Four out of five symposium speakers have confirmed. Additional preparation will happen at the February Work Session.

H. National FFA Week

National FFA Week is February 17-24. All officer requests have been fulfilled. Mrs. Noble will keep in touch with the officers if any others are submitted.

I. Statewide Community Service Project

This year's community service project supports the Bridge of Books Foundation. A promotional plan along with promotional materials will be crafted and submitted.

J. Ceremony Practice Schedule

The practice schedule was shared.

K. Chapter Visits

Most of all chapter visits have been conducted! Only a select few are outstanding for special circumstances.

L. Team Goal Action Plan

The goals were shared.

XV. New Business

A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients

Submitted chapter nominations were read to the board. The state executive board submitted their list of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award nominations.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept the five chapter nominations as the recipients of the Honorary State Degree.

Seconded by Allison Finn. Motion passes.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept Grown in Monmouth and the Union County Board of Agriculture as the Distinguished Service recipients.

Seconded by Sarah Kelly. Motion passes.

B. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

Horticultural Exposition is from March 9-10 with the Floral Design CDE being on March 9 at Mercer County Community College. Shifts will be scheduled so the expo is manned at all times throughout the two days.

C. National Agriculture Day Event

National Agriculture Day is on March 20. Renee Stillwell and McKenna Moore will participate in the National Agriculture Day event in Washington, D.C. from March 19 to 20. They will receive a training on forming key messages and then meet with U.S. Senators and Representatives.

D. Winter (Online) CDEs

On March 21, Winter CDEs will be online through MyCAERT. CDEs include Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation.

E. Spring CDEs

Spring CDEs are on April 19 at Rutgers University. Agricultural Technical and Mechanical Systems, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Ag Sales, Environmental and Natural Resources, and Veterinary Science Career Development Events will be conducted on this day.

F. Delegate Issues for State Convention

The National FFA Board of Directors are meeting this week, so discussion on the delegate issues they submit will happen at the March Meeting.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to approve the cost for the 2018 State Convention to \$168, a \$3 increase, for the full package and maintaining the partial package cost of \$48.

Seconded by Allison Finn. Motion passes.

G. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

Congress has made progress on drafting the 2018 Farm Bill. One challenge is keeping the same amount of funding that was provided through the 2014 Farm Bill because of the new tax cuts and decision to not increase funds overall. A few of the principles guiding the new farm

bill includes encouraging youth to enter farming through increased access to land and capital; strengthen the integrity and efficiency of the nutrition assistance programs; and prioritize investments in education, training and development of human capital to ensure that the nation's workforce can meet the growing demand for food and agriculture science.

H. Member of the Month

Due to having a combined January/February state meeting, the January Member of the Month was selected by the board scoring through email and voting through text message. The motion was moved and passed on January 16. February Member of the Month was selected the same way with a motion on February 5.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to select Nicole Sicker from the Woodstown FFA Chapter as the January Member of the Month.

Seconded by McKenna Moore. Motion passes.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to select Kass Wojcik from the Newton FFA Chapter as the February Member of the Month.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

I. State Officer Mileage

The updated mileage report was provided in the folders.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
 As of December 31, 2017

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							23,460.45 1
Check	12/04/2017	Vista Print	SO holiday cards	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-135.71	-135.71	23,324.74
Check	12/04/2017	NASCO	re-agent for MQ&P CDE	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-12.95	-12.95	23,311.79
Check	12/06/2017	Renee Stillwell	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-429.72	-429.72	22,882.07
Check	12/06/2017	Jeremy Posluszny	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-321.94	-321.94	22,560.13
Check	12/06/2017	Kelsey Stockton	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-820.88	-820.88	21,739.25
Check	12/06/2017	Sarah Kelly	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-771.90	-771.90	20,967.35
Check	12/06/2017	Ariel Norbeck	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-963.17	-963.17	20,004.18
Check	12/06/2017	Allison Finn	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-550.56	-550.56	19,453.62
Check	12/06/2017	McKenna Moore	Mileage reim Jul - Dec	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-151.96	-151.96	19,301.66
Deposit	12/08/2017		Deposit	-SPLIT-	444.00	444.00	19,745.66
Check	12/12/2017	Rutgers University	space rental for Fall CDEs	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-2,205.50	-2,205.50	17,540.16
Check	12/12/2017	National FFA Organiz...	lodging for Posluszny	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-343.98	-343.98	17,196.18
Check	12/13/2017	American Income Life...	accident ins. for final 2017 events	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-250.50	-250.50	16,945.68
Check	12/13/2017	Twin Oaks Caterer	212 & Teach Ag am snack & lunch	P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	-2,343.75	-2,343.75	14,601.93
Check	12/19/2017	National FFA Organiz...	National Officer Candidate lodging at Nati...	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-873.99	-873.99	13,727.94
Deposit	12/19/2017		Deposit	-SPLIT-	5,964.47	5,964.47	19,692.41
Total FFA					-3,768.04	-3,768.04	19,692.41
TOTAL					-3,768.04	-3,768.04	19,692.41

NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary December 2017

	Dec 17	Jul - Dec 17	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
Deposit	0.00	0.00		0.00
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	2,101.00	18,486.00	-29,514.00	48,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	88.00	1,644.00	269.00	1,375.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	140.90	-134.10	275.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	900.00	13,910.00	-2,190.00	16,100.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	6,646.54	-51,633.46	58,280.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	146.70	1,256.70	346.70	910.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	0.00	0.00	-5,450.00	5,450.00
P10 Leadership Event (Income)	3,172.77	3,172.77	-1,327.23	4,500.00
Total Income	6,408.47	45,256.91	-89,633.09	134,890.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,656.50	-13,843.50	27,500.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	2,218.45	3,809.26	1,583.26	2,226.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	250.50	1,735.70	-1,090.30	2,826.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	4,145.84	8,345.21	-722.79	9,068.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	14,840.76	-1,083.24	15,924.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	61,000.68	3,110.68	57,890.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	1,217.97	7,900.80	1,003.00	6,897.80
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-4,180.00	4,180.00
P9 (NLC SO - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,250.20	3,250.20
P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	2,343.75	2,343.75	-2,784.25	5,128.00
Total Expense	10,176.51	113,632.66	-21,257.34	134,890.00
Net Income	-3,768.04	-68,375.75	-68,375.75	0.00

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 12, 2017

Committee: Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Members Present:

Allison Finn, Renee Stillwell, McKenna Moore, Morgan Rutar, Mrs. Kline

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting:

To create expectations for FFA Week and to look into the possibility of having an FFA Chapter Jacket Set Program.

Recommended Action(s):

The committee recommends: (I) To have an FFA Photo Challenge across social media platforms during FFA Week; (II) To create a geofilter for snapchat during ALLD; (III) To have agrculture, agricultural education, or FFA facts posted on the association social media accounts; (IV) To create a program for chapters to apply for a set of chapter jackets.

Comments:

It is recommended that the state officers fully participate in the FFA Week photo challenge.

Allison Finn
Chairperson

Renee Stillwell
Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: January 17, 2018

Committee: Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

Committee Members Present: Renée Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Ariel Norbeck, Morgan Rutar, Mrs. Thorn

Absent: None

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this committee meeting was to go over discussion points from the last meeting and to update the committee on items that were voted upon at the November Executive Board meeting. The committee also began screening the constitution and bylaws to make appropriate recommendations.

Recommended Action(s):
 Update Chapter Membership Requirements (Bylaws, Article 1, Section C):
 -Strike out "Agricultural Career Network" in Paragraph 2, and inserting "the Official FFA Roster program", and
 -Insert "through the Agricultural Experience Tracker" after "December 1" in Paragraph 4.
 Clarify State Officer CDE Participation (Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4):
 -Strike out "concurrently reenrolled", and insert "enrolled," and
 -Strike out, "in any way a Career Development Event which purpose or objective would give a State Officer leverage in any unfair way through direct training conducted by the Association itself," and inserting "as a contestant in the 3-5 Minute Public Speaking LDE, 6-8 Minute Public Speaking LDE, Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE, Employment Skills LDE, Official Ceremonies competition, Parliamentary Procedure LDE, Agricultural Issues LDE, Agricultural Sales CDE, or the Teach Ag CDE."

Comments: Look into adding a component to the Nom Com process for rerunning state officers. Look into the potential for adding into our constitution the nominating committee process for all members to use as a reference. Look into the possibility of inputting our calendar of events into the AET and sharing that calendar with the chapters in the states. Ensure that the due date for submitting the chapter's constitution and bylaws by December 1 is on the calendar of events.

Chairperson

Secretary