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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: April 26, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2011 – 4:15 PM

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. Mrs. Lisa Ann Mosehera-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 MAY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the April 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. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Eric Nelson
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. State Officer Candidates – Rachel Layton
 - B. Nominating Committee – Hanna Toft
 - C. State Applications Judging (April 7, 2011) – Keely Weinberger
 - D. National Officer Candidates – Jessica McCosker
 - E. State Convention Planning
 - a. Timeline – Allison Karr
 - b. Community Service Project – Keely Weinberger
 - F. Delegate Issue for SPC 2011 – Eric Nelson
 - G. Program Affiliation – Jessica McCosker
 - H. Retiring Addresses – Brianne Scholl
 - I. Potential State Officers – Rachel Layton
 - J. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Keely Weinberger
 - K. Spring CDEs (April 14, 2011) – Rachel Layton
 - L. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs – Brianne Scholl
 - M. Agriscience Fair (May 3, 2011) – Hanna Toft
 - N. Chapter Visits – Julianne Robinson
 - O. Association/Team Goal Updates – Keely Weinberger
- XI. New Business**
 - A. H.O Sampson Chapter Recognition – Jimmie Ferguson
 - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Alec McAlarnen
 - C. Summer CDEs – Julianne Robinson
 - D. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Hanna Toft
 - E. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
 - F. State Officer Mileage
- XII. End of the Year Reflection**
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting –Monday June 6, 2011
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association
Minutes of April 4, 2011**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Voting members in attendance were Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Julianne Robinson, Hanna Toft, Brianne Scholl, and Mrs. Guttadora. Mrs. Noble, Ms. Butch and Mrs. Trivette were also in attendance.

II. Minutes from the March State Meeting

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the March minutes as read.

Seconded by Rachel Layton. Motion passes.

III. Treasure's Report

There was no treasurer's report.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Christina McCosker, Salem County Vo-Tech FFA Chapter
Gillian Armstrong, Northern Burlington FFA Chapter

Motion by Rachel Layton to give Allison Karr an unexcused absence for the March State Meeting until we receive a doctor's note.

Second by Jessica McCosker. Motion Passes.

V. Committee Assignments

Keely assumes the Duties of The Chair.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

Committee Agenda was submitted April 4, 2011. The next meeting will be at State Convention.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

Remember to look at Membership and Chapter Data sheets.

C. State Leadership Activities

There was a meeting held on March 25th, to discuss the State Convention Committee Agenda. The next meeting will be at State Convention.

D. State Applications

There was a meeting held on March 25th, to discuss the State Convention Committee Agenda. The next meeting will be held at State Convention.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

There was a brief meeting to discuss the State Convention Committee Agenda, the next meeting will be held at State Convention.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Discussion was based around adding new categories to next years Horticultural Exposition. The next meeting will be held at State Convention.

G. State Convention

Meeting was held to create convention committee agendas.

Eric reassumes the Duties of The Chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee offered help to the State Officers with Retiring Addresses, State Convention Planning, and anything else they might need.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting is April 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

VIII. Alumni Report

There is a meeting on April 13, 2011.

IX. State CTE Advisory Committee

No Report

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

No Report

VI. Unfinished Business

A. National Ag Day

National Ag Day was held March 13-15, in Washington D.C. Julianne was able to meet with New Jersey's U.S. Senators and Representatives, and was able to advocate for New Jersey Agricultural Education and Perkins Funding.

B. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE was held March, 18-20 2011. Students came and set up on Friday at the Princeton Market Fair Mall, and picked up their arrangements on Sunday. Cumberland Regional won the Floral Design event.

C. Delegate Issue for SPC 2011

Eric discussed submitting the Regional Lines as a delegate issue for SPC 2011. He will bring this issue up with his committee at the State FFA Convention.

D. Program Affiliation

We will propose Program Affiliation to the delegates at the 82nd New Jersey FFA Convention. Mrs. Trivette and Mrs. Noble prepared a packet on Program Affiliation, which showed different options with supplemental packages.

E. State Convention Planning

- a. Timeline - A timeline was provided in our meeting folders of due dates. Make sure to keep up with deadlines.
- b. Video Shoot - The Video Shoot was held on March 27 and was a great team bonding experience.
- c. Community Service Project – Eric was working on connecting with the Farm Bureau. Hanna shared the idea of possibly donating to Japan because of our FFA counterpart FFJ. Eric and Alec suggested possibly doing a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Motion by Hanna Toft to refer the Statewide Community Service Project to a

committee of four people, Keely as Chair, Eric, Jess and Brianne.

Motion to Withdrawal of motion by Hanna Toft

Keely volunteered to work on the material for the community service project.

- d. Potential SOC/Nom Com- Nom Com applications were due March 15th, Hanna and Eric will select the Nominating Committee after the April State Meeting. Remember to keep up with Potential State Officer Candidates.

F. Retiring Addresses

The Retiring Address Workshop will be April 13th at 5:00 pm at the Department of Agriculture. The State Officers will receive helpful feedback from the Alumni.

G. Delegate Issues for State Convention

Motion by Keely Weinberger to recommend the approval of all three delegate proposals at the 82nd New Jersey FFA State Convention

Second by Hanna Toft. Motion Passes.

H. Online Career Development Events

Farm Business Management, Forestry, Agronomy, and Meat Evaluation and Technology CDEs were held via MyCAERT on March 23. Newton placed first in Agronomy, Meat Evaluation, and Forestry. Allentown placed first in Farm Business Management.

I. Spring CDEs

Agricultural Mechanics, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, Ag Sales, and Environmental and Natural Resources will be held on April 14 at Rutgers University. Please meet at your locations at 8:00 am. At the conclusion of your event, please meet at the Cook Campus Center.

J. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs

The Livestock and Dairy Judging events are April 16 at Delaware Valley College. Eric and Brianne volunteered to assist with the event. Please meet at Delaware Valley College at the Feldman building at 8:00am.

K. Agriscience Fair

Registration, applications, and 5 copies of the abstract were due March 30, 2011. Only National FFA Agriscience Fair applications will be accepted. The Agriscience Fair will be held May 3rd at the Rutgers EcoComplex. Keely, Hanna, and Rachel will attend.

L. Chapter Visits

The final two chapter visits have been scheduled.

M. Association/Team Goal Updates

The chapter visit team goal is well on its way to be met, and with the possibility of program affiliation we will have met our goal to increase membership in the next school year.

N. State Applications Judging

State applications judging will be April 7, 2011. Eric and Keely will be attending and they will meet at the Department of Agriculture at 8:00am.

VII. New Business

A. *Nominating Committee Candidates*

After the meeting Eric and Hanna will select from the applications who will serve on the State Nominating Committee.

B. *National Officer Candidates*

Mrs. Noble sent out an email to advisors about the National Officer Candidates. Letters of intent are due on April 15, 2011.

C. *Agricultural Issues Discussion*

Raw milk is now allowed to be sold in Sussex, Warren, and Morris Counties. A new produce terminal was opened in Philadelphia. Dr. Nancy Halpern, state veterinarian and director of the NJDA Division of Animal Health, has resigned her position in order to pursue a new career as an attorney with a local law firm.

D. *Member of the Month*

Motion by Hanna Toft to make Anna Lubas of the Allentown FFA Chapter the member of the month.

Seconded by Julianne Robinson. Motion Passes.

E. *State Officer Mileage*

Mileage for the month of April is due no later than 2:00 pm on May 2, 2011.

Motion by Jessica McCosker for the second half of the year mileage reimbursement to come out monthly.

Second by Brianne Scholl. Motion passes.

Motion by Hanna Toft to add any possible funds available to the second half of the year mileage reimbursement.

Second by Julianne Robinson. Motion passes

Motion by Hanna Toft to accept Jimmie Fergusons April's late mileage report.

Second by Keely Weinberger. Motion passes.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: March 25, 2011

Committee: Student Leadership Activities

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

Absent: Advisor

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss possible points for the committee meetings at State Convention

Recommended Action(s):
1. Recommend to explore the idea of starting either a 212 or 360 Conference for the 2011-2012 year
2. It is not recommended to begin a Parli Pro full-day workshop, but rather a workshop at L.E.A.D.

Comments:

Alec McAlarnen
Chairperson

Alec McAlarnen
Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: March 25, 2011

Committee: State Applications Committee

Committee Members Present: Keely Weinberger (Chair), Alec McAlarnen, & Brianne Scholl

Absent: Mr. Rudderow, Jimmie Ferguson, & Rachel Layton

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to review current state applications and to create the State Applications Committee Agenda for the 82nd NJ State FFA Convention.

Recommended Action(s): There are no recommended actions for this committee.

Comments: Mr. Rudderow thought it might be a good idea to review the Honorary State Degree Application because he thought it might be outdated.

Keely Weinberger
Chairperson

Alec McAlarnen
Secretary