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

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

DATE: September 30, 2009

RE: State Association Executive Board Meeting, **Monday, October 5, 2009**, 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. Mr. Dave Pede, the Teacher Representative to the Executive Board, will have voting power at each meeting.

AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the September State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities- Hanna Toft
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations-Allison Karr
 - C. State Leadership Activities/State Convention -Brienne Scholl
 - D. State Applications-Skylar Matthews
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review-Eric Nelson
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review-Jessica Voll

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** – Keely Weinberger
- VII. Foundation Report** – Brianne Scholl
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Allison Karr
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Hanna Toft
- X. State CTE Advisory Committee** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Eastern States/Big E (September 18-20, 2009) – Eric Nelson
 - B. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 25) – Brianne Scholl
 - C. LEAD Conference (October 9-10, 2009)
 - a. COLT Report – Brianne Scholl
 - b. SGC Report – Keely Weinberger
 - D. National FFA Convention (October 18-24, 2009)
 - a. Flag Bearer – Jessica Voll
 - b. Delegates – Brianne Scholl
 - c. State Booth – Allison Karr
 - d. Recognition program – Eric Nelson
 - e. State Suite – Skylar Matthews
 - E. Fall Career Development Events (November 12, 2009) – Jessica Voll
 - F. Chapter Visits – Allison Karr
 - G. Association/Team Goal Updates – Eric Nelson
- XII. New Business**
 - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention – Hanna Toft
 - B. 2009 Calendars – Allison Karr
 - C. Art Competition – Jessica Voll
 - D. Chapter Reports – Skylar Matthews
 - E. Member of the Month
 - F. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, November 2, 2009
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:15 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of September 14, 2009

I. Opening Ceremonies

Hanna Toft called the meeting to order at 4:22 pm. Voting members in attendance were Brianne Scholl, Jessica Voll, Eric Nelson, Allison Karr, Skylar Matthews, Annaliese Gancarz, Mark Boyko, Keely Weinberger and Mr. Dave Pede. In addition, Mrs. Erin Noble, Mrs. Nancy Trivette and Ms. Butch from the state staff attended.

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

Motion by Jessica Voll that the secretary's report be accepted as read.

Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Eric Nelson gave the Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

Motion by Annaliese Gancarz to accept Gabby Ritzer's letter of resignation.

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion passes.

Mark Boyko informed the association that he needs to leave early.

Motion by Annaliese Gancarz to accept Marks request to leave early.

Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.

Brianne assumes the duties of the chair

Motion by Hanna Toft to change the start time of the state meetings to 4:15 through (and including) December.

Seconded by Skylar Matthews. Motion passes.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

The meeting was held on September 9, 2009. Allison Karr, Mark Boyko and Jessica Voll were in attendance. The committee wanted to remind the officers about chapter visits.

Officers need to send e-mails to their teachers, and complete at least one visit by the end of October. At the chapter visits the team really needs to push new membership and LEAD. Also, inform the members that there is a Facebook page for the team. In addition,

the committee recommended that all the officers could have the password for our Facebook page so that we keep it updated and live.

Motion by Allison Karr to accept her Membership and Chapter relations report.

There is an implied second.

Amendment by Eric Nelson that there is a sub-committee that develops a Facebook policy.

Seconded by Skylar Matthews. Amendment passes.

Motion as amended passes.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Convention

The last meeting was held on September 8, 2009. Brianne and Allison were in attendance, and they discussed LEAD. They discussed ways to get the advisors more enthused about this experience and ways to communicate with chapters regarding state leadership activities. The committee mentioned a workshop for advisors telling them about what is in store for the year in FFA. In order to engage members and students, the committee came up with some kind of commercial pitch which could raise the interest in conferences.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the State Activities and State Convention report.
There is an implied second. Motion passes.

D. State Applications

No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No Report.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report.

Hanna re-assumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Report

Keely reported that the executive committee is working on the SGC portion of LEAD. There are two members that applied for Member of the Month. In addition, the executive committee is there anytime if the officers need any help for COLT.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting is October 13, 2009.

VIII. Alumni Report

The next meeting is October 14, 2009.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is November 4, 2009 at 2:30 at Monmouth County Career Center.

Mrs. Trivette spoke to the executive committee regarding the opportunity for one of the state officers to serve on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee. Serving in this capacity is an honor and privilege.

Motion by Mr. Pede that Eric Nelson be the student representative at the CTE meetings representing all of the NJ FFA members.

Seconded by Skylar Matthews. **Motion passes.**

X. Unfinished Business

A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Skylar was very interested in this event, but unfortunately had a family event that conflicted with the schedule. Skylar is hoping to attend this event next year.

B. Eastern States/Big E (September 18-20, 2009)

Northern Burlington, Woodstown, and Cumberland are the New Jersey schools that are attending the Big E this upcoming year.

C. Leadership Experience and Development Conference

LEAD is coming up extremely fast, so the association needs to get the word out and get the members pumped up! LEAD is taking place at Camp Mason, in Hardwick, NJ on October 9-10. Officers are trying to get their home chapters to attend as well.

a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

The team has to keep working hard, but overall is doing a good job. The theme for COLT is "Surviving the Shipwreck."

b. Timeline

Continue to get your materials in on time. Some items still need to be handed in, but the officers are working great together to put on a wonderful conference.

c. State Greenhand Conference

The executive committee is working very hard. This year's SGC theme is "Tropical Island" and so far they are organized and ready for the conference.

D. National Convention

a. Flag Bearer

Jessica is the flag bearer. She received an informational email today regarding her duties.

b. Delegates

National FFA Convention delegates are Hanna Toft, Brianne Scholl, and Jessica Voll. Allison Karr is the alternate. Officers need to read each committee issue so that we are updated on everything that is going on. The executive board will address the issues at the October State Meeting.

c. State Booth

Allison Karr presented two different ways that we can design our state booth. One design is The Garden State and the other is Jersey Fresh! The Garden State theme seems to be a hit! Allison will continue to work Mrs. Noble to make the state booth a reality.

d. Recognition Breakfast

Eric Nelson is coordinating the recognition breakfast program. The officers will prepare their speeches following LEAD.

e. State Suite

Skylar is the host of the state suite. He will meet and greet with individuals as they visit.

E. Calendar of Events

Please become familiar with the dates in the calendar of events because if advisors or members have questions, state officers should be able to answer them. Events and dates are found in the green booklet.

F. Chapter Visits

The Membership and Chapter Relations committee assigned each officer 5-6 chapters to visit this year. One visit needs to be completed by October. Allison and Jessica are the

only ones that have e-mailed their teachers. The other officers need to get their e-mails out and visit their schools.

G. Association/Team Goals Update

Each officer went over their individual goals. All officers are on the right track with their goals! Keep up the great work.

XI. New Business

A. Fall Career Development Events (Nov.12)

The Fall CDEs are from 9:30-1:30 pm on November 12 at Rutgers. Officers are assigned to each CDE. CDE assignments are as follows:

Land Judging – Jessica Voll and Mark Boyko

Fruits and Vegetables – Allison Karr and Annaliese

Turf Management – Skylar Matthews and Keely Weinberger

Dairy Foods – Brianne Scholl and Eric Nelson

More information will be discuss as the event gets closer.

B. Fall Ag. Ed Conference

The Fall Ag Ed Conference is on September 25, 2009 at the Rutgers Eco-Complex. Brianne will be representing the FFA Association.

C. Member of the Month

The September Member of the month is Heather Shinn of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

Motion by Keely Weinberger to make Heather Shinn the September Member of the month.

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. **Motion passes.**

D. State Officer Mileage.

Get it in!

XII. Closing Ceremonies

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
August 2009

BEGINNING BALANCE: August 1, 2009

\$81,837.53

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	\$ 20,108.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 946.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 803.00	\$ 1,286.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 225.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 68.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 10,400.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00	\$ 6,575.55	\$ 21,579.80
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 9,521.55	\$ 25,239.80

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	\$ 9,140.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 403.00		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 2,401.00	\$ 830.18	\$ 1,570.82
	4	State Officers	\$ 8,556.00	\$ 734.50	\$7,821.50
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,345.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,365.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 5,427.00		\$ 3,697.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,890.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,015.00		
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 1,564.68	\$ 13,089.32

Ending Balance: August 31, 2009

\$89,794.40

**FY10
FFA Deposits**

<i>Date Rec'd</i>	<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
July					
1		Delsea Regional HS	7452	\$ 33.00	
		Bd of Ed Sussex County	17381	\$ 198.00	
					\$ 231.00
2		Woodstown Regional School District	3866	\$ 144.00	
		N.Burlington Co Reg	4634	\$ 72.00	
		Allentown HS	6631	\$ 135.00	
		Cumberland Regional School District	3941	\$ 24.00	
		Cumberland Regional School District	3868	\$ 72.00	
		N.Warren Regional Bd	26272	\$ 36.00	
					\$ 483.00
6		Northern Burlington Co. Regional	2096	\$ 747.00	
		Bd of Education Ocean Co.	11214	\$ 675.00	
		FFA Alumni Association - T-shirt sale	1223	\$ 905.25	
		cumberland Regional	3906	\$ 2,439.00	
		Freehold Regional High School	385285	\$ 2,349.00	
		BCIT - Westampton (duplicate payment)	9577337	\$ 100.00	
		State of New York (table rental at conventio	76916335	\$ 50.00	
		Woodstown Regional School District	3866	\$ 3,677.00	
		Northern Burlington Co. Regional	4634	\$ 1,434.00	
		Allentown High School	6631	\$ 2,628.00	
					\$ 15,004.25
				\$ 15,718.25	\$ 15,718.25
August					
1		Allentown High School	6695	\$ 655.00	
		North Warren Regional	026461	\$ 11.00	
		Newton	030524	\$ 49.00	
					\$ 715.00
2		Allentown High School	6695	\$ 9.00	
		South Hunterdon	6128	\$ 63.00	
		Allentown High School	6699	\$ 72.00	
		Newton	030524	\$ 659.00	
					\$ 803.00
4		American Income Life	461437	\$ 50.00	
		Newton	030524	\$ 18.00	
					\$ 68.00
6		Delsea Bd of Education	007499	\$ 1,485.00	
		South Hunterdon	006133	\$ 981.00	
		Erin Noble	2304	\$ 254.70	
		Susan Butch	3573	\$ 212.85	
		Nancy Trivette	3866	\$ 159.00	
		Delsea Bd of Education	20232	\$ 90.00	
		North Warren Regional	026461	\$ 945.00	
		Newton	030524	\$ 2,448.00	
					\$ 6,575.55
7		Salem County Bd of Education	21332	\$ 100.00	
		Rutgers the State University	1775834	\$ 1,000.00	
					\$ 1,100.00
8		North Warren Regional	026461	\$ 260.00	
					\$ 260.00
				\$ 9,521.55	\$ 9,521.55

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2010				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Note*</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
				\$ -
	General Supplies			
08/17/09	Color toners, easel pads		\$ 718.57	
08/18/09	Erin Noble - Reimbursement for SO Business Cards		\$ 111.61	
				\$ 830.18
	State Officers			
08/27/09	National FFA - SO Jackets, scrafs, key chains, Thankyou notes		\$ 586.50	
08/21/09	National FFA - SO Jackets- Eric & Hanna redo		\$ 148.00	
				\$ 734.50
	Leadership Experience and Development			
	State Convention			
				\$ -
	State Convention Awards			
				\$ -
	National Convention			
07/07/09	National FFA - CDE registration		\$ 630.00	
07/06/09	National FFA - Lodging Room deposits		\$ 1,100.00	
				\$ 1,730.00
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
				\$ -
				\$ -
	Grand Total		\$ 3,294.68	\$ 3,294.68

State Leadership Activities and State Convention Committee Report

Date: September 8, 2009

Members present: Brianne Scholl, chair
Alison Karr, co-chair

Information that was discussed:

LEAD: LEAD is only a month away and the State Officers has been working hard and getting everything prepared.

How to get advisors more involved and enthused: A workshop for advisors where the State Officers would talk about what is in stored for the FFA School year. This workshop would also serve as a practice run with delegating a workshop.

Communicating with Chapters regarding State Leadership Activities: We talked about if there is a possibility to have a commercial pitch sent out to schools to advertise activities that we host. The commercials could be more engaging to students and members. This could raise interest in conferences.

Comments:

We really hope that everyone is sending in their items for LEAD that they are responsible for so we do not fall behind on planning this conference.

Next meeting: September 25, 2009

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: September 9, 2009

Committee: Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Members Present: Jessica Voll, Mark Boyko, Allison Karr

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting: to discuss membership and chapter relations.

Recommended Action(s):
 _Begin reminders on Chapter Visits (First visits should take place before October!)
 _At Chapter visits be sure to push New Membership, and Lead
 _Also Inform members of internet communications (Facebook!)
 _Assign one or all of the officers to Facebook duty so it is not all on Mrs. Noble and it can be updated on a more regular basis so it will be of more use
 _Post NLCSO photos

Comments:

Allison Karr
Chairperson

Secretary