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New Jersey FFA "Soar to New Heights"

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

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

DATE: February 26, 2013

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2013 – 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. Mrs. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2012-2013

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 – Ernie Arians
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Anne Poinsett
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. State Applications – Gaspar Hernandez
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Kyle Clement
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Delaney Gray
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Joe Goodenough
- VI. **Executive Committee Report – James Ferguson**
- VII. **Foundation Report – Kyle Clement**

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.

VIII. Alumni Report – Anne Poinsett

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Ernie Arians

X. Unfinished Business

- A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Kyle Clement
- B. State Agricultural Convention (February 6, 2013) – Sam Rubinstein
- C. National FFA Week
 - a. Chapter Events- Kyle Clement
- D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 28, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
- E. State Convention Planning
 - a) Fuel Up Retreat (February 28-March 3, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - b) Timeline – Kyle Clement
 - c) Video Shoot (March 23, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - d) Statewide Community Service Project – Lauren Fillebrown
 - e) Potential SOC/Nom Com – Anne Poinsett
- F. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Anne Poinsett
- G. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Lauren Fillebrown
- H. Retiring Address – Jimmie Ferguson
- I. American FFA Degree Workshop – Ernie Arians
- J. National Ag Day (March 6-8, 2013) – Delaney Gray
- K. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2013) – Delaney Gray
- L. Online Career Development Events (March 20, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
- M. Spring CDEs (April 18, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
- N. Livestock Evaluation CDE (April 20, 2013) – Anne Poinsett
- O. Agriscience Fair (April 24, 2013) – Kyle Clement
- P. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE (April 27, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
- Q. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 30, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
- R. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
- S. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough

XI. New Business

- A. State Applications (April 11, 2013) – Delaney Gray
- B. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion – Gaspar Hernandez
- C. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
- D. State Officer Mileage

XII. Closing Ceremonies

*Next State Meeting – April 1, 2013
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium.
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the February 4, 2013 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Ernie Arians called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Kyle Clement, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Delaney Gray, Lauren Fillebrown, Joseph Goodenough, Jimmie Ferguson, Samuel Rubinstein, and Mrs. Moschera Chernigovets. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette. Guests in attendance were Hope Cahill, Kristianne Dowd, and Alex Feltwater

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

Motion by Delaney Gray to accept the minutes as corrected.

Lauren Fillebrown seconds. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Gaspar Hernandez to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

The guests introduced themselves and shared a hobby. Kristianne Dowd from the Freehold FFA enjoys reading, Hope Cahill from Monmouth County likes to go fishing, and Alex from Newton FFA enjoys going to classes.

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to give Alec McAlarnen and Gill Armstrong excused absences for the remaining State Association meetings due to academic reasons.

Sam Rubenstein seconds. Motion passes.

Annie assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

No Report.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

No Report

C. State Leadership Activities

No Report.

D. State Applications.

No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

Motion by Kyle Clement to accept the committee report as read.
Implied second. Motion passes.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report. Next meeting will be on March, Saturday 23 via go to meeting.

G. State Convention Evaluation

The committee talked about creating an incentive for the members to get signatures from other chapters as well as discussing the agenda for the next committee meeting.

Motion by Joseph Goodenough to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Sam encouraged the officers to use their critical thinking skills when planning for State Convention.

VII. Foundation Report.

No report. The next meeting is April 9.

VIII. Alumni Report

No report. The next meeting is February 13.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

No report. The next meeting is February 6.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 18, 2013)

The state officers practiced their banquet speeches in front of parents, advisors, and alumni.

B. State Officer Candidate School (January 26, 2013)

FFA members came to the Department of Agriculture to learn about running for State Office and serving on the Nominating Committee. They learned about the 8 competencies of an effective state officer through workshops lead by the 2012-2013 State FFA Officers.

C. State Agriculture Convention (February 6-7, 2013)

The State Ag Convention will be held at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. Anne will be attending the convention as an alumni delegate and Ernie was invited to speak. There will be an Ag Ed Advisory Council meeting, a youth reception, and a delegate dinner that Lauren, Ernie, Sam, Jimmie, Annie, and Kyle will attend.

D. National FFA Week

a. ALLD (February 28, 2013)

This year's theme is Domestic Agriculture: Issues that affect US. ALLD will be held at TCNJ. There will be workshops on Telling Your Story, Ag Issues, and the Legislative Process as well as a trip to the State House for chapter presidents.

b. Chapter Events

State Officers are encouraged to keep their calendars open to attend FFA week events.

E. Fuel Up Retreat (February 28-March 3, 2013)

The Fuel Up Retreat will happen right after ALLD. State officers will be going to the Poconos to start planning for State Convention.

F. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2013)

Horticultural Exposition will take place at Mercer County College. The Floral Design CDE will take place on Friday, March 15. State Officers are expected to be there on Friday as well as serve on a shift over the weekend.

G. National Ag Day (March 17th-19th)

Lauren and Delaney will be visiting Washington DC to speak to their local and state legislators. They'll be staying at the National 4-H Center and are very excited about this great opportunity!

H. State FFA Convention

a. Cost analysis

Motion by Joe Goodenough to set convention fees at \$145
Gaspar Hernandez seconds. Motion passes.

b. Video Shoot

The video shoot may take place after the Bunny Hop on March 23rd.

I. Ceremony Practice Schedule

State Officers should have the Installation Ceremony memorized by the February work session.

J. Potential State Officers

The executive board looked at members who might be potential State Officers after their interactions with members at SOCS.

K. Retiring Address

Outlines are due on February 25th.

L. Statewide Community Service Project

Lauren created a flyer for the gift card collection for Hurricane Sandy victims. She will also be working with Delaney to find a place to donate them.

M. American FFA Degree Workshop

There will be a webinar via go to meeting. The date and time are yet to be determined.

N. Chapter Visits

All visits have been scheduled!

O. Team Goal Action Plan

Motion by Anne Poinsett to accept social media policy as edited.

Joe Goodenough seconds. Motion passes.

XI. New Business

A. Selection of Honorary Degree and Distinguished Service recipients

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to accept applications c-k and Dr. McLean receive the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Seconded by Mrs. Moschera Chernigovets. Motion passes.

Motion by Lauren Fillebrown to accept applications c,e,d,f, for State Distinguished Awards.

Seconded by Anne Poinsett. Motion passes.

B. Delegates Issues at State Convention

National FFA amendments have not been sent yet.

C. Online Career Development Events

Online CDEs will be on March 20 from 10am to 4:30pm. These CDEs include Meat Evaluation, Agronomy, Farm Business Management, and Forestry.

D. Spring CDEs

Spring CDEs will be on April 18 at Rutgers University Cook Campus. These events include Floriculture, Agricultural Sales, Nursery/Landscape, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, Environmental and Natural Resources, and Veterinary Science. CDEs start promptly at 10 am.

E. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs

The Livestock CDE will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Delaware Valley College. The Dairy Judging CDE will be held on Saturday April 27 at Cedar Lane Farm in Hunterdon County. Preregistration is required and should be completed by April 1.

F. Agriscience Fair

The Agriscience Fair will be held on April 24 at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. Please register and submit materials by April 3.

G. Eastern PA FFA Day

The Food Science and Technology CDE and the Poultry Evaluation CDE will be held at the Manheim Fairgrounds in Pennsylvania during Eastern PA FFA Day on

April 30 at 9 am. Please pre-register your teams by March 15.

H. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Gaspar talked about the Dodge Ram commercial from the Super Bowl and how this is impacting FFA and agriculture all over the country.

I. Member of the Month

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to make Catherine Cincotta from the Northern Burlington FFA as February's member of the month!

Joe seconds. Motion passes.

J. State Officer Mileage

February's mileage will be due on March 4.

XII. Closing

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
January 2013

BEGINNING BALANCE: | January 1, 2013

\$45,757.12

Deposits:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 47,017.00		\$ 15,100.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 400.00
	3	General Supplies			\$ 270.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 108.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 15,625.00		\$ 11,474.90
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 60,850.00		\$ 7,709.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 650.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 488.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			\$ 4,006.13
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 141,092.00	\$ -	\$ 40,206.03
 Expenses:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,845.00	\$ 799.10	\$ 799.10
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,179.00		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,208.00	\$ 956.34	\$ 3,188.66
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,749.91	\$ 600.00	\$ 4,624.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,031.00		\$ 18,611.70
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 66,317.73		
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,511.00		\$ 3,876.61
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,314.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,920.36		\$ 16,719.95
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,016.00		\$ 1,225.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 2,355.44	\$ 49,045.76

Ending Balance: ^{January} December 31, 2012

\$43,401.68

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2013				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
Dues/Memberships				
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - 2012-2013 Official Manuals		\$ 799.10	
				\$ 799.00
Contests				
General Supplies				
09/27/12	American Income Life - SO insurance		\$ 90.00	
08/10/12	Selective Insurance - Liability Ins		\$ 641.00	
12/17/12	Vista Print - wall calendars		\$ 1,501.32	
01/10/13	Drawing Board - FFA Invoices		\$ 198.19	
01/10/13	Ewell Education Service - scantron cards		\$ 347.50	
01/18/13	First Coast Promo- Mugs		\$ 410.65	
State Officers				
				\$ 3,188.66
08/23/12	Trenton Marriott - Lodging for SO's BLAST OFF		\$ 1,071.00	
10/15/12	AAA - State Officers		\$ 317.00	
12/07/12	Joe Goodenough mileage July-Nov		\$ 93.58	
12/07/12	S. Tarlowe- july-nov mileage		\$ 123.57	
12/07/12	J. Ferguson- july-nov mileage		\$ 104.78	
12/07/12	L. Fillebrown- july-nov mileage		\$ 550.56	
12/07/12	K. Clement - July-nov mileage		\$ 647.22	
12/07/12	G. Hernandez-July-nov mileage		\$ 255.63	
12/07/12	D. Gray july-nov mileage		\$ 125.05	
12/07/12	E. Arians - july-nov mileage		\$ 688.88	
12/07/12	A. Poinsett July-nov mileage		\$ 47.49	
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - SPC regis E. Arains, A. Poinsett		\$ 600.00	
				\$ 4,624.74
Leadership Experience and Development				
09/20/12	Partycrashers - DJ		\$ 300.00	
10/17/12	Crowne Plaza		\$ 17,182.97	
10/17/12	First Coast - T Shirts		\$ 1,128.73	\$ 18,611.70
State Convention				
National Convention				
				\$ -
11/28/12	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 784.00	
10/23/12	Hyatt Regency- Breakfast		\$ 1,549.61	
09/21/12	Citibank -Airfare for SO's		\$ 1,543.00	
				\$ 3,876.61
Hort Expo				
Leadership Event				
11/28/12	Twin Oaks catering for 212 conference		\$ 1,225.00	
				\$ 1,225.00
National Leadership Conference				
08/08/12	S. R. Butch reimbursement for Extra Spirit of NJ tickets and discount		\$ 382.54	
08/23/12	Crowne Plaza Hotel		\$ 16,337.41	
				\$ 16,719.95
Grand Total			\$ 49,045.76	\$ 49,045.76

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: January 16, 2013

Committee: State Convention Review and Evaluation

Committee Members Present:

Joe Goodenough, Ernie Ariens, Kyle Clement, Sam Rubenstein

Absent:

Gill Armstrong, Gaspar Hernandez, Anne Poinsett Lisa Ann MC

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss recommended actions for the 2013 State Convention, in order to make it a more enjoyable experience for all members, guests, advisors, and participants.

Recommended Action(s):

A proposed idea to do a "chance" incentive for the signature page in the back of the convention programs. If you receive a minimum of 30 signatures from other chapter's members, you are eligible to put your name in for a chance to win a \$25 gift card for the national FFA store. A courtesy corp., or executive committee member would need to be present or the members putting their names in to ensure authenticity of signatures, and that minimum qualifications are met. The ice-cream social was discussed with suggestions of keeping the photo booth. Also, opening the rest of the rec. center so students aren't crammed into the gym, for more activities while still remaining in the facility. Possible activity ideas could be ultimate ball, racket ball, or a team building exercise, conducted by an executive committee member, or past executive committee member. Announcements concerning these events would be made in the further business part of closing ceremonies. Discussion on the dance resulted in keeping the dance, and the same DJ. Discussion was made to revise the convention evaluations and was tabled to the next meeting to provide time to look at current evaluations. The Agenda for the State Convention committee meeting was discussed and assembled.

Comments:

All proposed ideas will be brought up to the executive board at the February State meeting, allowing for all proposed ideas to be discussed and voted on. Next committee meeting set to February 4th, immediately following the State Association Meeting at Little Antonio's Restaurant.

Joe Goodenough
Chairperson

Anne Poinsett
Secretary