The meeting was called to order by Sally Albers at 6:54 pm on Thursday, February 18th.

**Attendance:**
- Cheryl Zimmerman..........Executive Director
- Jeff Hicken.......................State Advisor
- Sally Albers..................State President
- Troy Talford..................Sock Prairie Advisor
- Brenna Bays..................State Parliamentarian
- Becky Grabarski...........Adams Friendship Advisor
- Emma Hesser...............Adams Friendship Student Teacher
- Abby Sabel..................State Reporter
- Amy Thielman...........Chilton Advisor
- Taylor Halopka..........State Treasurer
- Aime Long..................Colby Advisor
- Melissa Ploeckelman.....Colby Advisor
- Joelle Liddane...........State Sentinel
- Nelda Bailey............Tomah Advisor
- Kelly Hubert..........Tomah Advisor
- Jared Retzlaff...............State Vice-President
- Keven Busse...............Omro Advisor
- Kaitlin Konder...........State Vice President
- Maddi Colbeth...........State Secretary
- Dani Schott.................Clear Lake Advisor
- Bryce Krull...............State Vice President
- Richard Dykstra..........Lake Mills Advisor
- Jason Roth...............State Vice President
- Ralph Johnson..........Juda Advisor
- Beth Zimmer...............State Vice President
- Bret Iverson...........River Ridge Advisor

**State Officer Reports**

**State Alumni Convention**
- Beth stated it was an awesome experience to see just how much the alumni supports the FFA in a different way
- Kaitlin really enjoyed the opportunity to help out with the auction

**CTSO Day**
- Taylor enjoyed the opportunity to see the capitol and visit with legislators.
District Speaking Contests

Brief Review...Officer Feedback on District Contests
- General Feedback
  - Helpful to receive contestants in a timely manner in able to create member lineup of events
  - Create a link created for each contest that categorizes all guidelines, setups, and judges information
- Quiz Bowl Feedback
  - Check online for quiz bowl room diagram for set up
  - Split up Quiz Bowl teams when creating brackets
- Parliamentary Procedure Feedback
  - Parliamentary Procedure teams should be held in a holding room
  - Discussion about expenses...specifically Parliamentary Procedure Judges from River Falls require funding to attend as a result of budget cuts
- Discussion Meet Feedback
  - Provide moderator script in envelope for Discussion
  - Avoid using State Officer as a moderator
  - Overlooking the discussion meet topics...shy away from social media
  - Place Discussion meet with a lot of contestants as the first contest

State FFA Executive Director & State Advisor Reports

National FFA Summit Update
- Mrs. Zimmerman, Ms. Schoenborn, Mr. Hicken, Mr. Talford attended
- Tech programs receiving more money
- May be receiving phone calls to talk with legislators
- Opportunity to hear about National FFA Programs
  - Job Interview CDE name changed
  - Leadership Development Events instead of CDE
  - Agriscience Fair proposals for 2017-2021 **see handout
  - National Chapter Award proposal 2017-2021 **see handout
Committee Reports

Convention Speakers
Jared moved to have Landen Schaffert for $1,500 and Dave Roever for $4,000 for State Convention. Brenna seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority.

Convention Entertainment
- Madison County...Band for $5,000-$7,500
- Duelling Pianos?
- Hypnotist?
- Comedy Improv. for $500/hr
- Teammates will take ideas and do more research and connecting to check prices.
- Decision must be made by the March meeting!

Service Committee
- Last Easter Seals dates/locations and times are being finalized
- State Convention Day of Service is on the go
- Rally to Fight Hunger is in the air...Beth Reith is working on connections

Old Business

Membership
- Membership is sitting at about 17,582 members
- Continue pushing advisors to put in new students

Chapter Charters
- Mr. Hicken has reached out school districts
- Going to send out letters to Superintendents about revoking charters
- Ozaki has discussed starting a new program
- Peshtigo has reached out for more information to start up a program
- 6 positions open
- 3 confirmed retirements (Mr. Geiger, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Dykstra)
New Business

Honorary Degree Nominations and Hall of Fame Ballot

- **Hall of Fame Ballot**
  - As a board everyone took a tally vote for 2 living and 1 posthumous
    - Rick Daluge and Ken Natzke
    - Victoria Harter

- **Honorary Degree Nominations** (Nominations due March 1st)
  - Kathy Breunig (American Honorary)
  - Matt Anderson
  - Bethany Reith
  - Dan Ziegler

State FFA Convention Update

Ideas/Suggestions

- Sorting Career Fair by careers and clusters...pass on to Foundation
- Brenna and Jared relayed ideas for Constitution/Bylaws
  - Setting rule for State Officer Candidates to have a GED or Diploma
  - Counting both semesters for hours of Ag Ed towards state degree instead of just fall
- Send music ideas to Bryce
- Ideas to get delegates more involved
  - Offset time of Courtesy Corps and Delegate meetings

Procedures for State President Election

- Let Mrs. Zimmerman know if you are interested by Friday, April 15th

March Meeting

- Thursday, March 10 – Friday, March 11
- Country Inn and Suites in Madison

Bryce moved to adjourn the meeting, Brenna seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned by Sally Albers at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddi Colbeth
2015-2016 State Secretary
Wisconsin Association of FFA