

**Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors Meeting  
January 12, 2018 at 1 p.m.  
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order by State President, Ciera Ballmer, at 1:00 p.m. She provided a brief welcome. Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman explained the process and procedures of the meeting.

Attendance: Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman, Mr. Jeff Hicken, Mr. John Hromyak, 11 State FFA Officers and 11 FFA Advisors. Mr. Pinchart and Ms. Grabarski arrived later to provide a committee report.

Ciera Ballmer provided an update of the state officer team and FFA activities. She said that there was great attendance at the Sectional Leadership Workshops and FIRE Conferences and overall went very well. She also mentioned National FFA Convention; saying that the Wisconsin Delegates did a great job voicing opinions and representing Wisconsin FFA throughout the delegate process.

Mrs. Zimmerman provided an update from the Wisconsin FFA Center. \*See Handout\* She expressed excitement for chapter fee payments being received as well as the new chapter, Union Grove. She asked to note and keep in mind the new Parliamentary Procedure changes with Leadership Development Events coming up. Mr. Meyer asked for samples of the new changes because he noticed a discrepancy in the rules and the outline provided by the National Secretary. Mrs. Zimmerman suggested to contact Dr. Graham. Mr. Hicken suggested to include a Parliamentary Procedure to the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) Conference. Other things to note: there is a new band/chorus application, a change to the state degree application, and there is conference call set up to review the state officer election process.

Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Update was provided by Mr. Hicken. He noted updates of teaching positions and asked to keep a few teachers in mind as they are suffering from injuries or losses. Plum City and Durand schools have an open teaching position. He shared that there about 25 teachers in Wisconsin that have an experience-based license or alternative training.

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Update was provided by Mr. Hromyak. \*See 2017 annual report\* He noted page 25 as a reference of what sponsorship money can support. The Foundation is working on updating publications to have more consistency in the brand. The Foundation would like to expand golf outings with the goal of 120 golfers. The Foundation is about \$200,000 in on their campaign goal but, need new business in order to reach the goal. Things to note: February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Star Mission Grants and there are 5 new members on the Foundation Board this year.

State Officers provided a committee report of their research on speakers and entertainment for the State FFA Convention. Potential speakers are Amberley Snyder, VJ Smith, Rachel's Challenge, Train2BClutch, Wiley Bailey, and Peterson Farm Brothers. There was a vote to narrow down the options. Train2BClutch and Wiley Bailey received the most votes. The final vote between the two will come at the February Board Meeting. Potential Entertainers are: Al

Snyder, Brian Imbus, and Mandy Harvey. Morgan Fitzsimmons suggested to bring to a final vote. Receiving the most votes was Al Snyder.

Mrs. Zimmerman shared that Wisconsin FFA received funding from the Star Mission Grant to cover the costs of state officer events.

Mr. Hicken announced the new membership total at 16, 677 members that are registered at the state level. He provided a handout with affiliation records, showing that it is growing. Also, the audit is finished and went well. There is a possibility of opening another CD account.

Mrs. Zimmerman provided the Career Development Event (CDE) Recommendations from the committee. \*See handout\* Amelia Hayden moved to accept the CDE recommendations as written. Kathryn Lampi seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors.

Mr. Pinchart and Ms. Grabarski came to present the Agriscience Fair Committee report. \*See Handout\* The committee recommends changes for Wisconsin's Agriscience Fair to follow the National Guidelines as well as change to a simpler application. Morgan Fitzsimmons moved to approve the changes to the Agriscience Fair as written. Motion was seconded by Ciara Koboski. Kathryn Lampi moved to amend the motion, adding "effective for 2018". Amendment was seconded by Amelia Hayden. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman provided information for the Sectional Leadership Development Event and additional information is posted on the website.

Kathryn Lampi moved to adjourn the meeting. Sam Pinchart seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Grady  
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Wisconsin Association of FFA