

Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors Meeting
February 17th, 2022 – From All Corners of Wisconsin - Wisconsin Rapids
Opened: 6:46 p.m.

Call the Meeting to Order: The meeting was opened at 6:46 PM by State FFA President Ben Styer.

Attendance:

Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman..... Wisconsin FFA Association Executive Director
Mrs. Sally Ladsten.....Wisconsin FFA State Advisor/ DPI Advisor
Ben Styer..... State President
Ms. Jean D'Angelo.....Menomonie Advisor
Katie Zimmer..... State Vice President
Mrs. Carol Kazmierkoski.....Flambeau Advisor
Casey Denk..... State Vice President
Ms. Shauna White.....Mondovi Advisor
Amara LivingstonState Parliamentarian
Ms. Deanna Wiersgalla.....Cochrane Fountain City Advisor
Mia Hillebrand.....State Secretary
Mrs. Shari Graffunder.....River Valley FFA Advisor
Aubrey Schlimgen.....State Sentinel
Ms. Paula Bakken.....Marshall Advisor
Emily Dahlke..... State Treasurer
Ms. Becky Grabarski.....Adams-Friendship Advisor
Mr. Cedric Pettis..... Pulaski Advisor
Lashawna Vogel..... State Reporter
Ms. Mary Handrich.....Denmark Advisor
Sydney Bender..... State Vice President
Mrs. Lisa Konkel..... Big Foot FFA Advisor

Purpose of Meeting:

This meeting served as a recap about District Leadership Developments. This meeting gave the opportunity for the state officers to give recaps for District LDEs and preparation for Sectional LDEs. We received reports on behalf of the State Executive Director, Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman, & State Advisor reports by Mrs. Ladsten. Mrs. Zimmerman led a discussion about questions on the year to come for the future of Wisconsin FFA.

Review of Past Months:

Alumni Convention happened on February 4th and 5th and Wisconsin State Officers hosted workshops about recruitment and social media. State officers participated in CTSO Legislative Day on February 10th meeting with senators and representatives about the importance of CTE & CTSOs in education. FFA Week preparation is in full swing with State Officers planning a baking night on Monday hosted by Sydney Bender, Katie Zimmer hosting a game night, and Give FFA Day post will be posted by Wisconsin FFA State Officers.

Plan for What Is to Come:

Sectional Leadership Development Events coming up with Section State Officer hosting. Plan to watch emails from hosts for updates. If a unique situation on competing in a Leadership Development Event at the Sectional level is to be consulted and considered by Mrs. Ladsten and Mrs. Zimmerman. Aubrey Schlimgen had made the motion and Katie Zimmer made a second. Motion passed.

The Mayor of Washington DC has lifted vaccination card requirements for attendance for the Washington Leadership Conference. Mission/Impact is now online for registration due March 1st with hotel reservations for February 24th. The rule does not stop FFA members from exhibiting. Wisconsin FFA Foundation has hired a new executive director Abigail Quinlan. National Council has proposed Agriculture Food, Renewable Resources, and Environment instead of removing agriculture from Career and Technical Education Career Clusters.

Sally Ladsten, State FFA Advisor, had updated the board on the year of 2021-2022's budget and has been revising the past fiscal year's budget to prepare a 2022-2023 budget to be passed in at the 2022 convention. Membership numbers are currently 19,607 locally and Wisconsin State FFA Officers' goal is 21,000 State members. Emily Dahlke and Aubrey Schlimgen will be leading and research keynote speakers and entertainment for Wisconsin FFA State Convention.

Honorary Degrees and Hall of Fame are to be followed by nomination requirements. Honorary Degree nominations are required to fill the form. Hall of Fame requirement of the age of 55, retired

from the primary job, and/or deceased. The current criteria is a verbal nomination. The rationale for the nominee list was moved by Katie Zimmer and second by Casey Denk. Motion passed. Inductees to be a minimum of 2 and no more than 5 each year into the Hall of Fame. Moved by Sydney Bender and was seconded by Lashawna Vogel. Motion passed. ProSound Productions, Inc. will be providing lighting and technology for the 2022 Wisconsin State Convention. Moved by Amara Livingston and was seconded by Sydney Bender. Motion passed.

Upcoming Leadership Training for Members:

Wisconsin State FFA Officers preparing for Mission/Impact/Edge will be held on the days of March 18th and 19th. Mission/Impact is now online for registration due March 1st with hotel reservations for February 24th. Proficiencies are due February 22nd and are to be judged March 4th and 5th in the Wisconsin Dells.

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Closing Statements:

Meet together on March 11th at the Clarion in Madison, Wisconsin for further discussion. Wisconsin Association of FFA Board adjourned meeting at 10:03 p.m.. Aubrey Schlimgen moved to adjourn the meeting and Katie Zimmer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mia Hillebrand".

Mia Hillebrand

State Secretary

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