Wisconsin FFA Center Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2012 ~ 1:30 p.m. Breakout Room 6B

Meeting was called to order by Marty Nowak at 1:30 p.m. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with flexibility by Glenda Crook. The minutes of the January meeting were approved by Randy Ehrenberg.

Members present: Randy Ehrenberg, Jeff Hicken, Kristin Hanson, Mike Robinson, David Kruse, Marty Nowak, Kim Houser, Glenda Crook, Bridgett Neu.
Members Absent: Clara Hedrich

The financial report was provided by Cheryl Zimmerman and the budget was also reviewed. Handouts were provided to the members of the board. The financial report was moved by Kristin Hanson and seconded by Glenda Crook. Motion passed. The budget was explained and was moved by Kristin Hanson and seconded by David Kruse to approve. Motion passed.

Cheryl Zimmerman provided the FFA Center Update via handout and explained the following points:
Convention went well, attendance was down slightly but last year was a record year. The online registration system worked well but still needs some updates. Proficiencies were all held in session two this year and seemed to work well. Great attendance at the sponsors and award winners’ dinner. The number of exhibitors in the career show has increased and they have a goal of 70 for next year. The tractor display went really well and looked nice. The Vet Science CDE held at convention will only occur this year and will be combined with the state CDE competition in 2013. Wisconsin is now in 8\textsuperscript{th} place for membership losing one place. The FFA Summer Assistant is Jamie Renier and she has been doing a great job.

Old Business
Cheryl Zimmerman and Jeff Zobeck are still planning to work on a rental contract. Since Jeff is no longer on the board it was decided to make a change in this process. The current rate still stands at $3,400. Dave Kruse is now going to work on the rental contract.

New Business
FFA Center Assistant Salary is currently at $14 per hour. This position is currently budgeted at $23,000. Moved by Kim Houser to increase the hourly salary to $14.50 and seconded Mike Robinson. Discussion followed. Moved by Dave Kruse to strike .50 cents and insert .25 increase. Seconded by Kristin Hanson. Discussion followed on amendment. Amendment passed. Motion passed.

Executive Director Contract
The executive director contract was discussed. It was moved by Kim Houser to increase Cheryl’s compensation package by $1410 which is a 2.5% increase. Seconded by Kristin Hanson. Motion passed. Marty Nowak will discuss with Cheryl how to distribute the increase throughout the contract.

Board terms were reviewed and Kristin Hanson was selected for another term on the FFA Center Board. The term will be 2012-2015.

Next meeting will be at 212/360 conference at the Olympia Village in Oconomowoc on November 9\textsuperscript{th} at 7:30 p.m. November will be the 1\textsuperscript{st} meeting for the newly elected board.

\textbf{FFA Center Board Representatives Term}

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Wisconsin FFA Center/Wisconsin Association of FFA

New Ag Career Network, Membership Increase, State Convention revisions….The Wisconsin Association of FFA had another successful year. Thank you FFA advisors for making things happen at the local level. Your hard work and dedication to build and develop your local program is what helps make the entire state of Wisconsin be successful.

State FFA Convention: The 83rd State FFA Convention was a great success. We had 3,381 in attendance. We utilized the new State Convention online registration system….worked well but plans to improve. Thank you to the entire team of people – state officers, advisors, managers, past state officers and all volunteers who helped to bring this convention together and make it the event it is.

Reorganized sessions – All proficiency awards in Session 2 – very positive response. Excellent attendance at Sponsors and Award Winners Dinner….Increased number of exhibitors in Career Show – Sonya Huebner new Career Show manager….Restored Tractor Display expanded….hosted Vet Science CDÉ….UW-River Falls Alumni Reception….FFA painted seats will be auctioned off at the State FFA Alumni Convention in February….Changed the location and flow of registration…service projects for Waterdrops of Hope and Change for Literacy…..State Fair registration forms submitted to DPI before convention started.

Please make sure to share any ideas or suggestions you have for future conventions. We will again be returning to the Alliant Energy Center in 2013 - June 10-13.

State Convention Materials: We have items left from the State FFA Convention for teachers to pick up. Please check your materials so you have received all the correct plaques and applications.

New State Officer Team: This is team 20!!! We have completed the annual BLAST OFF training. The officers arrived here on Sunday evening to begin their training and work sessions. Please introduce yourself to the officers so they have an opportunity to get to know which advisors are from their sections. They are a great group of students and looking forward to another super year for Wisconsin FFA. This year we will travel to Springfield, Illinois next week.

Key Message Training will occur July 16 and August 1 before Farm Technology Days and Wisconsin State Fair. State Officers will conduct Farm Tours at the 2012 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days.

Wisconsin FFA Membership:
We have reached the 18,996 mark!! Wisconsin FFA membership increased again. However, Wisconsin is eighth in membership with North Carolina just passing us. We will again offer the National FFA Affiliation fee option for chapters that wish to utilize this type of membership process. Remember National FFA dues will be $7.00 …so total packages will be $12.50. Membership will also be a part of the new Ag Careers Network from National FFA.

Newly Chartered FFA Chapters: Highland, Southwestern and Owen-Withee. Hope to charter FFA chapter at Milwaukee Vincent next year.

Wisconsin FFA Website: We are continuing discussions about some major revisions with the website as far as coordinating all websites of Wisconsin Team Ag Ed.

Wisconsin FFA Center Affiliation Fee: For 2011-12 247 total chapters paid affiliation fee or fees to participate. The Affiliation Fee will be $350.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. Invoices are being handed out here. Invoices not picked up this week will be sent directly to the schools.
FFA Center Summer Assistant:
Jamie Renier, past state FFA officer has been serving as the Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant.

State FFA Safe Tractor Operators Contest:  The State Contest will be held Tuesday, July 17 at Farm Technology Days in Outagamie County. An email will be sent to all advisors of Sectional Winners the end of this week.

Judges Needed for National CDEs:  Creed, Prepared and Extemp judges needed. Please let me know if you are interested so I can register you online.

State Fair:  Two female chaperones are still needed for State Fair.. The State FFA Officers will again partner with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the Veggie Races. The state officers will also be in charge of the stage presentations in the Discovery Barn. All stage presentations will be done by the officers this year and planning is underway.

State FFA Honors Band & Chorus - Applications Received:  Band – 87; Chorus - 103

State FFA Degree Processing – 359 applications were reviewed. 327 were awarded. New requirement to submit transcripts. A positive move because National FFA is becoming more picky about course requirements for American Degrees also.

State FFA Proficiency Judging – 683 proficiency award applications were received, processed and judged.

American Degree Applications - We had 180 applications submitted to National FFA. Final approval will occur this summer. Teachers need to be more careful in reviewing their student’s applications as we are finding more problems than usual and need to assist teachers in better understanding the importance of proofing before submitting applications.

2012 Sectional Leadership Workshops – Key topics will be the use of the new Ag Career Network, the new online Wisconsin registration system and updates on FFA programs and applications.

National FFA Officer Candidate – McKenzie Baecker is our 2012 National FFA Officer Candidate. If you would like for her to visit with your students or assist your chapter, please contact her.

Thanks for your input. Your ideas and suggestions make our State FFA Association strong. Thank you very much for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your FFA Executive Director. I appreciate the support that you give me and our FFA Center to provide opportunities for FFA members.
## Wisconsin Association of FFA Leadership Conference Attendance Summary

### Summary of Sectional Leadership Workshops 1995-2011

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### Summary of 212 (MFE), 360 (ALD) and EDGE Participation 1992-2012

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Goals for 2012-2013
1. Assist the many new teachers with understanding the FFA programs and activities. Serve as a key resource for them.
2. Review and improve online registration and ticket sales for State FFA Convention through Pat Sternitzky.
3. Develop online registration system for District Speaking Contests.
4. Work with the new National FFA Ag Career Network for membership processing and student portfolio building and chapter program of activities.
5. Review State FFA Officer Election process…concern of lack of candidates in some sections.
6. Update State FFA Officer Candidate Handbook
7. Continue to increase FFA membership and enforce membership as a requirement for participation.
8. Continue to promote the National FFA Affiliation Fee option for chapters. This is still optional for chapters and not required.
9. Work on the website design project.
10. Continue to work with FFA Foundation on their new funding systems – Star Mission Partners and Convention Partners.
11. Continue to improve programs and applications to make them more efficient for teachers and members. Make sure all applications online are up-to-date and ready to use for the upcoming school year.
12. Continue to develop public relations efforts and branding efforts to promote Agricultural Education and FFA. Great partnership with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.
13. Continue to assist advisors in building their FFA chapters and helping the state officers to be even more effective liaisons between the chapter members and the state office.
14. Keep life balanced!!