

FFA Center Board  
November 14, 2008 7:00 p.m.  
Olympia Village Resort – Oconomowoc

Meeting was called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by President Ralph Johnson. Agenda approved.

Approval of June Minutes - Whalen/Ehrenberg. Motion passed

FFA Center Office Operations--Cheryl Zimmerman

- Activities since July Meeting – (See handout of activities) Cheryl also provided the Board with the feedback from the surveys she handed out at Sectional Leadership Workshops asking teachers what resources they were missing that state staff could provide and what state staff could do better. Will use as a guide in working with advisors.
- Hanson/Gefvert moved to approve the FFA Center Funding Sheet with the changes as noted on the sheet. Items charged under Option 2 payment were updated. This will be posted on the Wisconsin FFA Website.
- Leadership role with NASAE – Cheryl was elected president-elect of this organization
- Crisis Intervention Update – Cheryl briefly has looked into this and will continue to work on obtaining more information on this
- Review of Summer Assistant – Worked out well. Trista did a great job
- Summer Assistant for 2009 - \$2800 is the amount that has been allocated for this position. Position announcement attached. Hanson/Whalen. Amended to add option for internship credit. Motion passed
- Office Assistant Salaries in Central Wisconsin – working on this project. Cheryl will check with workforce development to see if they have data on this
- Insurance – FFA Center has \$1 million liability that covers employees of the FFA Center and \$5,000 personal property and \$5300 on computers

Financial Report--Cheryl Zimmerman

- Affiliation Fees - reviewed handout and schools that still owe
- Review Financial Statements - The 2007-08 end of the year fiscal reports were presented to the Board. Health and dental costs were \$116.80 over budget and contracted amount. Moved by Ehrenberg/Whalen to adjust future contracts to state actual costs instead of a projected dollar amount. Cheryl does not need to repay the FFA Center for this as past practice has been to accommodate increases. GPR Funding from DPI – hand out – Documents were provided as to how the GPR funding was spent last year and also a budget was presented for the GPR funding for 2008-09.
- Contracted Services for 2007-08—Cheryl Zimmerman - A review of how the GPR funds were used for contracted services was presented to the Board.
- Contracted Services for 2008-09—Cheryl Zimmerman – A proposed budget was reviewed by the Board for 2008-09. Additional GPR money has been provided to the Wisconsin FFA Center to pay Bridgett Neu for her services with the Honored Adult projects.

Equipment Update

- Quote for upgrading computers, printer and software – It was decided that board members will review the quotes provided with school IT personnel and others and bring this information back to the January meeting.
- Upgrade for Sprint cell phone service – moved Ehrenberg/Whalen to go to the 900 minute plan for \$59.99 with no text messaging package and a Motorola phone. Motion passed.
- LCD Projector – Jeff Zobeck will research and report in January
- QuickBooks – Plan to upgrade accounting. Cheryl will be getting this with her computer upgrade.
- Office Furniture – nothing at this point

Approval of 2008-09 Budget - Change health and disability to dental and disability. Adjust this amount from \$1,750 to \$2,000. Reduce the fax column from \$1,000 to \$750. Moved by Whalen/Ehrenberg to approve the budget.

Election of FFA Center Board Vice-Chairperson

Schedule of meetings for FFA Center Board

January 9, 2009- Stevens Point, Half-Time Conference at 10:00 a.m.

Kristin Hanson was nominated as Vice Chair by Whalen. Moved to cast unanimous ballot by Whalen/Ehrenberg. Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by Gefvert/Hanson. Motion Passed.

<b>FFA Center</b>	<b>Board Representatives</b>	<b>Term</b>
Sections 1&2	Kristin Hanson	2006-2009
Sections 3&4	Kevin Whalen	2007-2010
Sections 5&10	Randy Ehrenberg	2007-2010
Sections 6&7	Brad Gefvert	2008-2011
Sections 8&9	Renee Lehman	2008-2011
WAAE	David Laatsch	2007-2010
WAAE	Ralph Johnson	2006-2009
WAAE	Jeff Zobeck	2008-2011

# Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc. and Wisconsin Association of FFA

## NOVEMBER 2008

### What's Happening In FFA

Weekly FFA Updates and Website continue as key communication tool to advisors.

State Officer Blogs, G.A.S. Station, Weekly Updates on FFA Activities, Programs and Awards

Online FFA Membership Rosters – Working with teachers in submitting membership.

Membership goal set at 18,250 – Continue membership recruitment and 10+ PRIDE banners.

Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Conference - Over 500 students scheduled to attend.

Half-Time Leadership Conference and State Convention Planning underway – State officers meeting in December.

### FFA & FFA Center Activities

July: Wisconsin CDE Certification for National Convention  
Final preparation and mailing of National Award forms  
Safe Tractor Operators Contest - July 15 - FTD  
State Fair Band and Chorus entries, housing and chaperones  
Follow-up from State Convention  
State Staff Annual Review Meeting – July 23

August: State Officers Partnered with DATCP during State Fair  
State Officer Partnered for State Fair with Discovery Barn Activities  
Attended Wisconsin State Fair – August 4-7  
Jag Lake State Officer Retreat – August 25-29

September: Interviews for Foundation Executive Director  
Sectional Leadership Workshops - Sept. 15-18  
Sectional Leadership Workshops - Sept. 22-25  
FIRE Conference – UW-Madison – September 27  
Sectional Leadership Workshops – September 29-October 2  
World Dairy Expo – September 30

October: FFA Foundation Board Meeting – October 3  
FIRE Conference - Oct. 4 – FVTC- Appleton  
FIRE Conference – Oct. 11 - UW-River Falls  
National FFA Convention – Oct. 19-25

November: Follow Up from National Convention  
DPI Inservice – November 11  
Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development – Oconomowoc - Nov. 14-15  
Membership Roster Assistance  
Half-Time Conference Registration Materials  
Prep Materials for District Speaking Contests  
December Meeting Planning

### Current Projects Underway

Receiving and Processing FFA Center Affiliation Fees  
Assistance with Online FFA Membership Rosters  
Reviewing Evaluations and Reports of State FFA Officers' Chapter Visits  
December Meeting Planning  
Half-Time Conference Planning  
Speaking Contest Material Development  
Working to develop State Committee Work with State Officers  
State Convention Planning Begins

### Upcoming Events

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – Dec. 6-7 – Wisconsin Dells - State Officers in Attendance  
State FFA Officer December Meeting - December 8-11 – Marshfield  
FFA Half-Time Conference – January 9-10 – Stevens Point  
First District Speaking Contest – January 19  
National Ag Ed Inservice – February 5-7 – Indianapolis  
CTSO Legislative Day – February 12 - Madison  
State FFA Alumni Convention – February 13-15 - Baraboo  
State FFA Board Meeting – February 19-20 – Wisconsin Rapids  
FFA Farm Forum – February 20-21 – Wisconsin Rapids  
State FFA Proficiency Award Judging – March 6-7 – Wisconsin Dells  
National Council Meeting – March 6-8 – Alexandria, VA  
State FFA Board Meeting – March 12-13  
MFE/EDGE Conferences - March 27-28 – Manitowoc  
State FFA Convention – June 8-11 - Madison

### National Activities

NASAE – National President-elect – helped conduct meetings at National Convention

<b><u>Leadership Conference Attendance</u></b>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Sectional Leadership Workshops	1919	2103	2173	2086	2028
FIRE (Greenhand) Conferences	635	755	677	663	703
Fall Made For Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development	376	361	339	503	511

**2008 Business and Industry Visits**

Common Harvest Farm - Osceola	Emerald Dairy - Emerald
Shell Lake Woodcrafters – Shell Lake	Jennie-O Turkey Store - Barron
Abbyland Meats – Abbotsford	Hawkeye Dairy Store - Abbotsford
ThyssenKrupp, Inc – Waupaca	Presto Products Company - Waupaca
Natural Beauty Growers – Denmark	Salm’s Meat Processing - Denmark
Renew Energy – Jefferson	Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters – Johnson Creek
Wollersheim Winery – Prairie du Sac	Culver’s Franchising – Prairie du Sac
Harley Davidson – Sauk City	McFarlane’s – Sauk City
SkipperLiner – LaCrosse	Cal-West Seeds – West Salem
Klondike Cheese – Monroe	Russell Brothers Ag - Shullsburg
Kuhn North America, Inc. – Brodhead	Spring Grove Dairy, Inc. – Brodhead
Arhens Acres - Brodhead	

## **2008 NATIONAL FFA AWARD RESULTS**

**American Star in Agribusiness** - Jason Hanstedt, Pulaski FFA

**National FFA Officer Candidate Finalist** - Kaleb Santy, Pulaski FFA. Only the top half of the National FFA Officer Candidates continued on to the second phase of the National Officer Selection process after Tuesday evening of the National Convention. Kaleb was one of the top half to move on to the final rounds of competition.

### **National FFA Proficiency Award Winners**

Agricultural Sales (E) - Dylan A. Minnig, Randolph-Cambria-Friesland FFA

Forage Production - Curtis Horsens, Gillett FFA

### **National Agriscience Fair**

Botany - Division Three - Kyle Herman and Aaron Zimmerman, Spencer FFA - 1st Gold

Engineering - Division Four - Megan Hurlburt and Hannah LaDuke, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA - 1st Gold

Microbiology/BioChemistry/Food Science - Division Four - Amy Kringle and Nikki Rukamp, Barron FFA - 2nd Gold

### **Hall of States Booth**

Thank you to the Spencer FFA Chapter for hosting the Wisconsin Association of FFA Booth in the Hall of States.

### **National Career Development Event (Speaking) Results**

Prepared Speaking - Kaley Bockhop, Belmont FFA – Silver

Job Interview - Cara Robinson, Manawa FFA - Silver

Creed Speaking - Michelle Pehler, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA – Bronze

Parliamentary Procedure - Mayville FFA - Bronze

Extemporaneous Speaking - Chris Hiebel, Edgar FFA - Bronze

### **Gold Rated CDE Teams**

Nursery and Landscape - Oconto Falls FFA - 3rd Place Gold Team

Holly Carlson - Gold Individual

Michael Poradek - Gold Individual

Brian Sparrow - Gold Individual

Dairy Cattle Evaluation - Southern Door FFA - 8th Place Gold

Jacob Brey - 10th Place Gold Individual

Ben Kinnard - Gold Individual

Poultry Evaluation - Plymouth FFA - 9th Place Gold Team

John Malone - Gold Individual

Breanna Wimmeler - Gold Individual

Floriculture - Elkhart Lake FFA - 10th Place Gold Team

Adam Ruechel - 10th Place Gold Individual

Agricultural Mechanics - River Ridge FFA - Gold Team

Matthew Martin - 6th Place Gold Individual

Devon Steiger - Gold Individual

### **Silver CDE Teams**

Agricultural Communications - Colby FFA

Joseph Becker - Gold Individual

Agronomy - Arcadia FFA

Forestry - Marshfield FFA

Dairy Cattle Handling - Brett Hildebrandt - Hustisford FFA

Environmental Science and Natural Resources - Cochrane-Fountain City FFA

Jesse Scheel - Gold Individual

Farm Business Management - Belleville FFA

Ethan Schmaling - Gold Individual

Horse Evaluation - Reedsburg FFA

Cody Meister - Placed in top 10 for Performance Placing

### **Bronze CDE Teams**

Agricultural Issues Forum - Big Foot FFA

Dairy Foods - Hillsboro FFA

Food Science and Technology - Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau FFA

Livestock Evaluation - Belmont FFA

Agricultural Sales - Pulaski FFA

Marketing Plan - Brillion FFA

Meats Evaluation - Brillion FFA