

**Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors Meeting
February 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin**

The meeting was called to order by Ciera Ballmer at 6:39 p.m.

Attendance: Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman, Mr. Jeff Hicken, 11 State FFA Officers and 11 FFA Advisors.

Liz Grady presented the minutes from the January board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes stand approved as printed.

State Officer Reports:

Morgan Fitzsimmons shares about CTSO Legislative Day at the Capital. Amelia Hayden shares about the state officer team's involvement in workshops and during the auction at the Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention.

District Leadership Development Events:

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that there were no rule violations during the District Leadership Development Events. Mrs. Zimmerman reminded the board of the change in the Employment Skills competition that a job description is required or contestant will be disqualified. Mrs. Konkel clarified that a job description in the resume does not count; it must be a separate document. Mr. Markhardt shared that with online registration, paper registration for Leadership Development Events is not needed. Mrs. Zimmerman will check with Mrs. Bernick to see if paper registration is needed at the sectional contest. Mrs. D'Angelo suggested to have one form for all substitutions.

Mrs. Konkel asked the board if salient points are needed for the Parliamentary Procedure contest. Mr. Meyers adds that if salient points are stated it adds time which reduces the time to develop a productive discussion. This will need to be clarified with judges before the sectional contest. Mr. Hicken suggested to keep one time for the contest; not to give the option of more time, if the chair says the salient points. The salient points are not on the rubric and therefore, not scored if there are or are not said. Sam Pinchart moved to recommend to Dr. Graham not including salient points at the sectional or state contest. This motion was seconded by Elisha Riley. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors. It is noted that a separate room is needed for the chair and secretary to write minutes during the contest.

Morgan Fitzsimmons recommended to clarify with District LDE hosts about the color-coded tally sheets. Ciara Koboski suggested to send the color-coded tally sheets to the district hosts with the confidential materials.

Mrs. Zimmerman distributed a sectional LDE host binder to each section and explains the enclosed materials. Mrs. D'Angelo suggested to add page numbers to eliminate confusion when making copies.

Amelia Hayden shared that there are two different tie-breakers listed in the Extemporaneous Speaking contest rules.

Kathryn Lampi shared that on the Prepared Public Speaking contest rubric there is not a place to score if a contestant goes off script.

Mrs. Zimmerman handed out the District LDE results to each section.

State FFA Executive Director & State Advisor Reports:

Mrs. Zimmerman shared that she is looking for ideas for the 10th anniversary of the Day of Service and the State Band and Chorus is using a new application this year. *See Handout*

Mr. Hicken shared about his experience with Dr. Tony Evers at Winneconne FFA Chapter during Career and Technical Education Week. Also, he shares that the Racine area is looking to start a new agricultural education program.

Mrs. Zimmerman presented changes from the National FFA Board of Directors. *See Handout* She noted the new inclusion statement, alumni name change, changes to New Horizons, and that the board is looking towards 100% affiliation.

Mrs. Zimmerman shares that hotels are available for Star and Proficiency Judging.

Committee Reports:

In January, the board narrowed the options for State FFA Convention speakers to Wiley Bailey and Train2BClutch. Elisha Riley presented a review of Train2BClutch. Ciera Ballmer presented a review of Wiley Bailey. Wiley Bailey receive six votes and Train2BClutch received four votes. Kathryn Lampi moved to select Wiley Bailey as the state convention speaker. This motion was seconded by Sam Pinchart. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors. State FFA Convention entertainment, Al Schneider, is working up a contract.

Old Business:

Mr. Hicken reported the membership total is currently at 17,655. Reminder that March 1st is the final membership deadline. There are five chapters that have yet to pay fees. No chapters are on probation this year. Mr. Hicken provided the Wisconsin Association of FFA balance sheet. *See handout* The budget will be coming soon. The audit has been processed.

New Business:

Star Mission Grant Applications *See handouts*

- 1) SAE For All Strategic Planning Meeting. Kathryn Lampi moved to request \$3,000 in the Star Mission Grant application. This motion was seconded by Ciara Koboski. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors. Amelia Hayden moved to submit Star Mission Grant application as printed. Ciara Koboski seconded this motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors.
- 2) State FFA Officer Summit – Washington D.C. Morgan Fitzsimmons moved to submit the application as printed. Sam Pinchart seconded this motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors.

- 3) Conduct of Meetings Leadership Development Event. Kathryn Lampi moved to submit the application as printed. Sam Jesse seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors. Mrs. Konkel suggested there be a change regarding the number of chapters allowed to participate. Kathryn Lampi moved to establish a \$50 deposit for teams when registered to compete in the Conduct of Chapter Meetings Leadership Development Event which will be refunded if the team backs out by May 1st or if competed. This motion was seconded by Sam Pinchart. Meikah Dado suggested that instead of a fee, teams who back out are not allowed to compete in the contest the following year. This motion failed.
- 4) Wisconsin FFA Agriscience Fair Expansion. Kathryn Lampi moved to submit this application as printed. Sam Jesse seconded this motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman opened the floor to nominations for recipients of State and American Honorary Degree. Ms. Konkel nominated Rick Henningfeld. Mr. Nowak nominated Mike Austin and Nicole Nelson.

Mr. Hicken passed out the ballot for the 2018 FFA Hall of Fame. Recessed was called at 8:57pm for state officers to discussion nominees with their advisors. The meeting resumed at 9:06pm. The board voted to nominate Gordon Gasch, Ken Natzke, and Dr. John Thompson to the FFA Hall of Fame.

Darlene Arneson reached out to the board regarding the Food For America Award application. She asked what percent of the score should be based off of the application and what percent from the interview. Elisha Riley suggested that the score should consist more off the application rather than the interview because this award is for the chapter not, the individual. Ms. Lehman suggested that the application be shortened. Elisha Riley moved to recommend to Mrs. Arneson that the Food For America Award score 25% from the interview and 75% from the application. Kathryn Lampi seconded this motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action from the advisors.

State FFA Convention Update:

Morgan Fitzsimmons asked the board about expanding the state convention logo apparel to consist of more than just T-Shirts. Morgan will discuss with Mr. Talford.

Mrs. Zimmerman reported about the State President Election process. *See handout* State officers must submit their name by Wednesday, April 18th. Names can be dropped after this date but, not added.

Mrs. Zimmerman needs to know about state convention housing registration for Board of Directors and officer's parents by the March Board Meeting. Be sure to include arrival and departure dates.

Announcements:

March Board Meeting will be at the Clarion Suites in Madison, Wisconsin. Dinner will be provided Thursday, March 15 at 5 pm. The board meeting will begin at 7pm. The meeting will resume at 8:30am on Friday, March 16th. State Officers will stay until 5pm.

State Officer Candidate Kick-Off (SOCK) will be hosted at Amery High School and University of Wisconsin – Madison campus on Saturday, April 7th, 2018.

Kathryn Lampi moved to adjourn. Sam Pinchart seconded this motion. There was no discussion. Motion passed with sustaining action by the advisors. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Grady
State Secretary
Wisconsin Association of FFA