

Wisconsin Association of FFA February Board of Directors Meeting-Mead Hotel, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Thursday, February 16, 2017 6:26 PM

The meeting was called to order by Brenna Bays at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Attendance:

Cheryl Zimmerman.....Executive Director
Jeff Hicken.....State Advisor
Brenna Bays.....State President
Becky Grabarski.....Adams-Friendship Advisor
Travis Cadman.....State Sentinel
Sarah Van Asten.....State Vice President
Brian Pinchart.....Wrightstown Advisor
Dani Angotti.....State Vice President
Paul Larson.....Freedom Advisor
Kevin Champaeu.....Freedom Advisor
Ashley Zimmerman.....State Vice President
Mark Zimmerman.....Spencer Advisor
Hannah Taylor.....State Reporter
Kessa LaBlanc.....Poynette Advisor
Ciera Ballmer.....State Vice President
Kari Fischer.....State Parliamentarian
JoAnn Peterson.....Argyle Advisor
Laura Munger.....State Secretary
Roger King.....Holmen Advisor
Caleb Green.....State Vice President
Jordan Donnerbauer.....Stanley-Boyd Advisor
Rylee Black.....State Treasurer

Mrs. Zimmerman gave a welcome to everyone and reviewed the meeting agenda.

Secretary minutes were reviewed from the January Board meeting.

State Officer Reports

Caleb, Kari, Hannah, Dani, and Travis reported on the State FFA Alumni Convention in Green Lake. State officers assisted in registration, the auction, and presented two workshops to the Alumni members.

The state officers decided on collecting watering cans for the 2018 State FFA Alumni convention.

Laura, Ashley, Rylee, Ciera, and Sarah reported on the CTSO Legislative Day. All state officers were able to meet directly with their legislators or with their staffers.

District Leadership Development Events

All Leadership Development Events are complete, only one was rescheduled due to weather. Discussion was held over the length of the Employment Skills LDE. Wisconsin follows the rubrics and guidelines for the National competition, therefore, few changes can be made.

State FFA Executive Director and State Advisor Reports- Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken

Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken traveled to the National FFA Summit. Changes to the project grants at a local and state level. New organization for the state officer experience. This includes a trip to Washington DC for the team, and a trainer working with the officers three times a year. The national officer nomination process will also change.

Supervised Agricultural Experiences will also be revised. Changes to the Exploratory SAE to become a 'Foundational' SAE. Changes are still in development and expected to continue into the next year.

More judges needed for the Star and Proficiency judging on March 3-4. Hotels will not be able to be booked after Monday, February 20th.

The FFA Conference late fee is currently \$20. Possibility of eliminating the late fee completely and not allowing late entrees. Ciera moved to eliminate the late fee for conferences and instead use the strict deadline. Motion passed.

Kerry Company skype is scheduled for March 7 from 4-5 pm. More information will be sent out. New sponsor, excited to partner with the FFA. Thank you for your support!

World food prize is currently looking for more competitors. Scheduled for April 10th in Madison. Ashley, Laura, Caleb and Rylee interested in attending this event.

Mrs. Zimmerman has researched the history of the FFA Center for the 25th Anniversary. The information was taken directly from recorded minutes of the Wisconsin FFA Center Management Team and the Wisconsin FFA Center.

Committee Report

The final three options for the convention speaker are Amberley Snyder, Tasha Schuh, and Aaron Thomas. The final decision for the convention speaker will be Aaron Thomas for \$3,250 + travel.

The final choice for the entertainment was comedy sports.

Mr. Hicken reported on the Easter Seals Project. Checks will be made out to one chapter, where decision will be made how to split the money.

Old Business

Sarah moved to put Almond-Bancroft, Belmont, Blair-Taylor, Boyceville, Colby, Elkhart Lake, Flambeau, Independence, Milwaukee Vincent, Plymouth, Sheboygan Falls, and West Salem on probation for lack of membership fees paid. Caleb seconded. It was discussed to amend the motion by adding the words "and set a March 1st deadline for payment." Ciera moved this amendment, Caleb seconded. West Salem was eliminated from this list. Amendment passed.

Current motion is "To put the list of chapters on probation and set March 1st as a deadline for payment." Hannah moved to amend the motion by striking out "March 1st deadline" and adding "Suspend participation in Wisconsin Association of FFA events above the chapter level until payment is received." Caleb seconded. Amendment passed.

The motion now reads "To put the list of chapters on probation and suspend participation in Wisconsin Association of FFA events above the chapter level until payment is received." Motion passed.

Kari moved to take a 5 minute recess at 8:57. Caleb seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting called back to order at 9:02 pm.

Revoking chapter charters has been postponed to the March Board Meeting. Union Grove working to start an agriculture program at 2018-2019 school year.

SAE Recommendation for Scholarship/Grants toward State Degree. The SAE committee suggested one activity above the chapter level on the state degree to be a state or national grant or scholarship recipient for 2018. Dani moved to ratify the recommendation from the SAE committee. Caleb Seconded. Ratification passed.

New Business

Several Star Mission Grants were purposed to the Board. These grants included:

- 2017 Day of Service and Rally to Fight Hunger for \$5,000.00

The grant will be utilized to provide financial support for the annual Day of Service and Rally to Fight Hunger. Ashley moved to accept the Star Mission Grant for the 2017 Day of Service and Rally to Fight Hunger for \$5,000.00. Rylee Seconded. Motion passed.

- Conduct of Meetings Leadership Development Event for \$1,835.00

A Conduct of Meeting LDE will replace the Opening and Closing ceremonies contest. This grant will assist in purchasing new equipment necessary for this competition. Ashley moved to accept the Start Mission Grant for the Conduct of Meetings Leadership Development Event. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

-Wisconsin FFA Agriscience Fair Expansion for \$4,520.00

There is new opportunities for student participation and recognition for Agriscience fair. This grant would supply the Association with the funds necessary to recognize the students. Caleb moved to accept the motion to accept the Star Mission Grant for Wisconsin FFA Agriscience Fair Expansion. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

-Equipment for Wisconsin FFA Honors Chorus for \$389.00

The Westby School District does not charge the FFA to use their piano at State Convention and State Fair. Due to the constant travel each year, a new case is needed for the piano. Ciera moved to accept the motion for the Star Mission Grant for Equipment for Wisconsin FFA Honors Chorus. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

-Agricultural Education and FFA Guide Book for \$3,000.00

Sarah spoke on behalf of the membership committee to explain the Star Mission Grant for \$3,000.00 to construct the Advisor and Student Guide Book. Caleb moved to accept the motion to accept the Star Mission Grant for the Advisor and Student Guide Book. Rylee seconded. Motion passed.

Nominations for the Honorary Degree Nomination and Hall of Fame are now open. Nominees must be active on the state level and directly impacted students. Previous recipients are listed online.

State Degree accommodations for students enrolled in trimesters will be discussed at the March Board meeting.

State FFA Convention Update

Procedure for State President Election process was addressed. Bring any questions to the March Board meeting.

Housing for convention is available for state officer families and home chapters.

The March Board meeting will be held at the Clarion Suites Hotel in Madison on March 16-17.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm by Sarah and was seconded by Travis.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Munger".

Laura Munger
2016-2017 State FFA Secretary
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