

# Wisconsin Association of FFA January Board of Directors Meeting-Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Friday, January 13, 2017 12:58 PM

The meeting was called to order by Brenna Bays at 1:08 pm on Friday, January 13th.

## **Attendance:**

Cheryl Zimmerman.....Executive Director  
Jeff Hicken.....State Advisor  
Brenna Bays.....State President  
Becky Grabarski.....Adams-Friendship Advisor  
Travis Cadman.....State Sentinel  
Ryan Holle.....East Troy Advisor  
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  
Marlina Jackson.....Clinton Advisor  
Kari Fischer.....State Parliamentarian  
JoAnn Peterson.....Argyle Advisor  
Laura Munger.....State Secretary  
Roger King.....Holmen Advisor  
Caleb Green.....State Vice President  
Jordan Donabaur.....Stanley-Boyd Advisor  
Rylee Black.....State Treasurer  
Derrick Meyer.....Amery Advisor

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

## **Reports:**

### **State officer Report-Brenna**

Brenna gave a report for the state officers on the very busy past six months. This included FIRE Conference, Sectional Leadership Workshops, and Chapter Visits. The state officers have set a 22,000 membership goal. Brenna also touched on the upcoming state officer events. Sarah spoke on behalf of the membership and recruitment committee and brought forth the idea of a "New Advisor FFA Kit." Laura and Sarah were assigned to write a Star Mission Grant to present to the Board.

### **Wisconsin FFA Center Report-Mrs. Zimmerman**

Mrs. Zimmerman gave an update on the events of the FFA Center. The FFA and FFA Foundation Annual Reports were distributed at the Halftime Conference. Thank you for everything that you do!

### **DPI Update -Mr. Hicken**

Mr. Hicken gave an update on the events at the DPI. The State of WI will be discussing the next biennial budget for the 2017-19 years. Two positions are now open at DPI.

### **State Officer Committee Report**

Brenna presented the information on the State Convention speakers and entertainment the state officers contacted. Our budget is \$5,000.

The following are the top three choices for speakers:

- Amberley Snyder (\$3,000 + Travel)
- Tasha Schuh (\$3,000)
- Aaron Thomas (\$3,250 + Travel)

Continue to research workshop information from speakers, and how they can alter their speech to a high school audience.

- For entertainment: Continue to research new options. Possible cover bands, escape rooms, etc.

## **Old Business:**

### **SAE Committee Recommendation**

Caleb moved to approve the SAE committee proposal, seconded by Sarah. Motion passed.

## **State FFA Degree Requirements**

The Board reviewed the activities above the chapter level accepted for State Degrees. It was discussed to amend 15.f to add "State or National FFA Grant or Scholarship Applicant" to be reworded by Mrs. Zimmerman to add specifics and clarification.

Caleb moved this motion to the SAE committee, seconded by Laura. Referral passed.

## **Easter Seals Project**

Mr. Hicken spoke on behalf of the Easter Seals Project. Can be used as a fundraiser or a donation. Information is needed from the state officers for participation.

## **New Business:**

### **Membership**

All rosters have been submitted. Not all chapter payments are in. Payments must be submitted to avoid probation. The current membership total is 16,110 members.

Probation and prohibited chapters. Letter will be sent out, and a conversation will be held before any action is taken. Decision to revoke charters has been postponed. There is a possibility for a new parochial school FFA chapter.

### **State Officer Election Process**

Looking for evaluation of the state officer election process. Including test, interviews, and delegate round. Also looking for new financial support and internship opportunities for state officers.

### **Contest Updates**

Potential changes to the Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event to correlate with the national competition. Final proposal addressed in March. Changes would potentially happen during the 2017-2018 school year. A presentation about the potential changes will be given at the advisor workshop during Halftime Conference.

Changes to the Conduct of Meetings Leadership Development Event. Ashley moved to accept the Conduct of Meeting to replace the opening and closing ceremonies contest for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students, seconded by Caleb. Aligned with the national competition for students. Motion passed. This also means there will no longer be the opening and closing ceremonies contest for high school students.

## Sectional Leadership Development Events

Please note the changes in the rule book and rubrics.

- Minimal changes to Creed.
- Prepared rubric have changed. Bond paper has been eliminated.
- Extemporaneous topic areas has changed. There are now eighteen topics in six different categories. National competition is allowing ten minutes of internet research.
- Parliamentary Procedure, Discussion Meet and Quiz Bowl have not changed.
- Job Interview is now Employment Skills. State competition rules and rubrics have changed but not everything matched the changes to the national competition. It is too difficult to conduct all portion of the event currently at the district and sectional level.

## Announcements

- Next Board of Directors meeting is on February 16-17 at Wisconsin Rapids
- Thursday evening:
  - 5:00 pm -Dinner
  - 6:30 pm -FFA Board Meeting
  - 9:30 pm -State Degree Orientation
- Friday morning:
  - 8:00 am Review state degrees
- Review Halftime Conference

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm by Brenna Bays.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Munger  
State FFA Secretary  
Wisconsin Association of FFA

