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TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Eric Nelson, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 29, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 4t, 2011 – 4:15 pm
1st Floor NJDA Boardroom, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mrs. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets/Mrs. Kristina Guttadora will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2010-2011.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the March State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Eric Nelson
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlarnen
 - D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson
 - G. State Convention Evaluation- Jessica McCosker

The FFA Mission

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

- VI. Executive Committee Report** – Hanna Toft
- VII. Foundation Report** – Keely Weinberger
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Julianne Robinson
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Eric Nelson
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. National Ag Day (March 13-15 2011) – Julianne Robinson
 - B. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (Mar 18-20, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - C. Delegate Issue for SPC 2011 – Eric Nelson
 - D. Program Affiliation – Jessica McCosker
 - E. State Convention Planning – Hanna Toft
 - a. Timeline – Allison Karr
 - b. Video Shoot – Alec McAlarnen
 - c. Community Service Project – Eric Nelson
 - d. State Officer Candidates – Jimmie Ferguson
 - F. Retiring Addresses – Brianne Scholl
 - G. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Keely Weinberger
 - H. Online Career Development Events – Rachel Layton
 - I. Spring CDEs (April 14, 2011) – Rachel Layton
 - J. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs (April 16) – Brianne Scholl
 - K. Agriscience Fair (May 3, 2011) – Alec McAlarnen
 - L. Chapter Visits – Julianne Robinson
 - M. Association/Team Goal Updates – Keely Weinberger
 - N. State Applications Judging – Keely Weinberger
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Nominating Committee Candidates – Hanna Toft
 - B. National Officer Candidates – Jessica McCosker
 - C. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Rachel Layton
 - D. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
 - E. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, May 2, 2011
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:15 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of March 7, 2011

I. Opening Ceremonies

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm. Voting members in attendance were Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr, Brianne Scholl, and Mrs. Mosehera-Chernigovets. Mrs. Noble, Ms. Butch and Mrs. Trivette were also in attendance.

II. Minutes from the February State Meeting

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the February minutes as read.

Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.

III. Treasure's Report

Rachel Layton gave the Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Rachel Layton to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion Passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Motion by Hanna Toft to give Julianne Robinson an excused absence from the March State Meeting.

Second by Rachel Layton. Motion Passes

Motion by Keely Weinberger to excuse Jessica McCosker's absence from the February State Meeting.

Second by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes

Jessica Voll, Past State Officer, Taylor Tenhoeve, Kristen Callahan, Nick Lavan, and Lindsay McNeill, members of the Middlesex East-Brunswick Chapter were also in attendance.

V. Committee Assignments

Keely assumes the Duties of The Chair.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

No Report

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No Report

C. State Leadership Activities

The next meeting will be at the end of the month to discuss convention committee agendas.

D. State Applications

No Report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No Report

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Meeting will be after the 2011 Horticultural Exposition to discuss convention committee agendas.

G. State Convention

No Report

Eric reassumes the Duties of the Chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee offered help to the State Officers with Retiring Addresses, State Convention Planning, and anything else they might need.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting is April 12, 2011.

Motion by Allison Karr to donate \$200 to the NJ FFA Foundation for the Bill Hilgendorf Memorial Fund.

Second by Keely Weinberger. Motion Passes.

VIII. Alumni Report

The last meeting was February 9, and the alumni spoke about the golf tournament. The alumni spoke about ways to attract high school graduates to join alumni. They also discussed board members, and having three meetings online and three meetings in person.

IX. State CTE Advisory Committee

No Report

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

Meeting at Ag. Convention. Mrs. Barry did a presentation on the new CTE vision. The next meeting will be at State Convention.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients

At the February state meeting we chose the four Honorary State FFA Degree recipients from the chapter nominations. Barry Jesse, Pete Pomper, Fred Schoenagel, Rebecca Lambert, and Colleen Stemme will also receive the Honorary State FFA Degree from the State Executive Board. The board approved the two chapter nominations for the Distinguished Service Recognition, and chose to select the Mercer County Soil District and the NJNLA for the Distinguished Service Recognition.

B. Delegate Issue for SPC 2011

Eric discussed submitting a delegate issue relating to realigning the regional lines for SPC 2011.

C. Program Affiliation

We will propose Program Affiliation to the delegates at the 82nd New Jersey FFA Convention. Mrs. Trivette sat in on a Program Affiliation meeting, where the fees were all inclusive for CDEs and State Activities. Mrs. Noble will work up an affiliation proposal to reflect this idea.

D. State Agriculture Convention

The State Agriculture Convention was held February 8 in Cherry Hill. Eric, Rachel, Jessica, and Jimmie attended the Ag Ed advisory council meeting and presented the Honorary American FFA degree to Secretary Douglas Fisher. Eric, Jess, and Jimmie escorted various ambassadors at the youth reception.

E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE held March, 18-20 2011. Students come and set up on Friday at the Princeton Market Fair Mall, and pick up their arrangements on Sunday. We will have a meeting with the judges prior to the judging process. Jimmie has made a schedule of when the officers will be at the Horticulture Exposition.

F. National FFA Week

a. ALLD

ALLD was held February 24. It was a productive day, Secretary Fisher; Robyn Kay of the NJ Dept. of Education; Al Murray, NJDA; Tom Byrne of the New Jersey Farm Bureau; John Neyhart, President NJAAE, and Assemblyman Gilbert Wilson addressed the audience. Several colleges and ag organizations set up displays for students to visit. Members attended workshops at TCNJ, while chapter presidents visited the state house.

b. Chapter Activities

Rachel attended Cape May's function and delivered her banquet speech. She also visited BCIT Westampton and gave a speech on her FFA experiences. Jess visited Allentown for their visit to Leslie Applegate's grave, and their sponsor's breakfast. Eric visited Hackettstown, and presented leadership workshops. Jimmie was able to visit and speak with South Hunterdon, and Penns Grove. Alec traveled to Northern Burlington for their petting zoo.

G. National Ag Day

National Ag Day will be held March 13-15, 2011. Julianne will be attending for the full conference.

H. Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day

The Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day was March 5. Eric, Keely, Alec, and Brianne attended workshops on Horse Evaluation, Floriculture, Dairy Foods, and Dairy Judging Career Development Events.

I. State Convention Planning

a. Timeline

A timeline was provided in our meeting folders of due dates.

b. Video Shoot

The Video Shoot will be on March 27th.

c. Potential SOC/Nom Com

Nom Com applications are due March 15th, and remember to keep up with Potential State Officer Candidates.

J. Retiring Address Workshop

The Retiring Address Workshop will be April 13 at 5:00 pm at the Department of Agriculture. The State Officers will receive helpful feedback from the Alumni.

K. Delegate Issues for State Convention

National FFA sent out a packet of National delegate issues. The board will discuss its position on these issues at the next state meeting. State Delegate issues will focus on program affiliation.

L. Online Career Development Events

Farm Business Management, Forestry, Agronomy, and Meat Evaluation and Technology CDEs will be held via MyCAERT on March 23. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board.

M. Spring CDEs

Agricultural Mechanics, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, Ag Sales, and Environmental and Natural Resources will be held on April 14 at Rutgers University. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board. Assignments are:

Ag Mechanics – Rachel and Keely

Ag Sales – Julianne and Allison

Floriculture – Brianne and Alec

Environmental/Natural Resources – Eric and Hanna

Nursery/Landscape – Jimmie and Jessica

N. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs

April 16th at Delaware Valley College, the announcement has not yet been released. Eric and Brianne volunteered to assist with the event.

O. Agriscience Fair

Registration, applications, and five copies of the abstract are due March 30, 2011. Only National FFA Agriscience Fair applications will be accepted. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board. The Agriscience Fair will be held May 3rd at the Rutgers EcoComplex.

P. Chapter Visits

We are well on our way to completing all of our chapter visits.

Q. Association/Team Goal Updates

We are well on our way to accomplishing our goal of visiting all chapters.

VII. New Business

A. Request to Rescind Motion on Honorary Degree Policy

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to rescind the motion on Honorary Degree Policy.

Second by Jessica McCosker. Motion passes.

Motion by Hanna Toft that in the future if a chapter or the state does not fill its five allowed spots, for Honorary State Degree recipients, that the open available spots that would not be filled otherwise be allowed to be filled by the excess State or chapter nominees. In the case we would use our pre-existing judging rubric to score the nominees to place them in the unfilled nomination spaces of either the chapter or State Association Honorary Degree Nominations.

Second by Julianne. Motion Passes.

B. State Applications Judging

State Applications Judging will be April 7th at the Department of Agriculture. Eric and Keely volunteered to attend help to judge the state applications.

C. Agricultural Issues Discussion

Many farmers and other supporters of agriculture in New Jersey have expressed concern regarding the proposed budget cuts to Smith-Lever Act funds (Cooperative Extension Services). The proposed cuts were part of a very large funding proposal passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in a continuing resolution bill called H.R. 1.

D. *Member of the Month*

Motion by Hanna Toft to make Gillian Armstrong of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter the member of the month.

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.

E. *State Officer Mileage*

Mileage for the month of March is due no later than 2:00 pm on April 4, 2011.

Motion by Hanna Toft to accept Rachel Layton's late mileage for the month of February.

Second by Keely Weinberger. Motion Passes

Motion by Hanna Toft to accept Jimmie Ferguson's late mileage for the month of February.

Second by Keely Weinberger. Motion Passes.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
February 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: February 1, 2011

\$64,588.01

Deposits:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Dues	\$ 23,530.00	\$ 8,242.50	\$ 10,177.50
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 1,797.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 707.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 1,599.00	\$ 11,154.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00		\$ 10,859.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,601.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 11,445.50	\$ 27,171.65
Expenses:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Dues 1,828 x \$5	\$ 12,670.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 599.78
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00		\$ 1,149.17
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00		\$ 8,249.99
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00		\$ 13,967.47
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00		\$ 250.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00		\$ 7,994.76
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,952.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,065.00		\$ 2,065.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 464.00	\$ 34,276.17

Ending Balance: February 28, 2011

\$75,569.51

**FY10
FFA Deposits**

<i>Date Rec'd</i>	<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
February					
1		Buena Regional	7362	\$ 364.00	
		Saundra Jenkins	114	\$ 29.50	
		Warren Hills Regional	030239	\$ 627.50	
		South Hunterdon Regional HS	001120	\$ 238.00	
		Woodstown Regional	4651	\$ 702.00	
		Monmouth Vocational School	74853	\$ 702.00	
		South Hunterdon Regional HS	001121	\$ 299.00	
		Gloucester Special Services	097825	\$ 234.00	
		Delsea Regional High School	21228	\$ 232.00	
		Belvidere Board of Education	2123	\$ 1,394.00	
		BCIT- Medford	1500	\$ 325.00	
		Cumberland Regional	005449	\$ 11.00	
		Cumberland Regional	005497	\$ 637.00	
		Middlesex Co. Voc School	1650	\$ 341.50	
		Newton Board of ed	033943	\$ 2,106.00	
					\$ 8,242.50
2		penns Grove High School	0759	\$ 72.00	
		Cumberland Regional	005500	\$ 45.00	
					\$ 117.00
4		Union co. Voc Tech School	1420	\$ 27.00	
		Ocean Co. Voc. School	3774	\$ 27.00	
		Warren Hills Reg. School	016279	\$ 18.00	
		Somerset Co. Voc & Tech	1752	\$ 45.00	
					\$ 117.00
5		Salem Co Bd of Voc. Ed	1123	\$ 1,599.00	
					\$ 1,599.00
7		Cumberland Regional	005498	\$ 50.00	
					\$ 50.00
8		BCIT- Medford	1536	\$ 220.00	
		Buena Regional	7373	\$ 84.00	
		Middlesex Co Voc Schools	1647	\$ 216.00	
					\$ 520.00
10		NJ Ag. Ed. Association	1071	\$ 25.00	
		Warren Hills	016287	\$ 25.00	
		BCIT- Westampton	1807	\$ 200.00	
		Monmouth Co. Career Center	592	\$ 175.00	
		BCIT- Medford	1523	\$ 100.00	
		Middlesex Co. Voc. Schools	1648	\$ 100.00	
		Buena Regional	7367	\$ 175.00	
					\$ 800.00
				\$ 11,445.50	
					\$ 38,617.15

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2011				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
08/17/10	Scantron cards		\$ 69.00	
11/29/10	S.Kinsey-reimbursement for Dairy Foods supplies		\$ 66.78	
01/11/11	Scantron Cards		\$ 239.00	
02/22/11	Delaware FFA Association - Poultry & horse judging CDE		\$ 225.00	
				\$ 599.78
	General Supplies			
07/10/10	Selective Insurance - Liability		\$ 485.00	
07/10/10	Day Timers - Covey's		\$ 341.19	
12/13/10	Vista Print - Calendars		\$ 322.98	
				\$ 1,149.17
	State Officers			
09/20/10	National FFA- Jackets/Shirts for SO's		\$ 759.50	
09/20/10	National FFA -Polo's & Navy Long sleeve shirts		\$ 518.00	
11/19/10	NJ Agricultural Society - membership		\$ 50.00	
12/16/10	National FFA-International Payment for E.Nelson, J.Robinson and A. McAlamen		\$ 2,250.00	
01/10/11	NJ Agricultural Society - Dinner for SO		\$ 220.00	
01/19/11	Eric Nelson mileage		\$ 595.91	
01/19/11	Hanna Toft mileage		\$ 248.00	
01/19/11	James Ferguson, III mileage		\$ 430.48	
01/19/11	Keely Weinberger - mileage		\$ 814.70	
01/19/11	Alec McAlamen - mileage		\$ 984.98	
01/19/11	Rachel Layton - mileage		\$ 633.71	
01/19/11	Jessica McCosker - mileage		\$ 744.71	
				\$ 8,249.99
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/30/10	Partycrashers DJ for COLT		\$ 200.00	
11/19/10	Balance to Camp Bernie		\$ 11,358.00	
11/04/10	First Coast Promo- T-shirts		\$ 1,230.95	
02/01/11	First Coast Promo - Blue Padfolios		\$ 1,178.52	
				\$ 13,967.47
	State Convention			
	State Convention Awards			
10/28/10	Partycrashers DJ for State Convention		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
	National Convention			
07/27/10	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 665.00	
07/06/10	National FFA - Lodging Room deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
10/07/10	Susan R. Butch - America Express for SO's Airline tickets to Indy		\$ 1,355.26	
11/04/10	Susan R. Butch-America express for Hyatt, NJ Breakfast		\$ 2,227.00	
11/24/10	The Westin-lodging for Delegates		\$ 2,047.50	
				\$ 7,994.76
	Hort Expo			
	Leadership Event			
	National Leadership Conference			
08/03/10	Virginia FFA - Registration for State Officers		\$ 2,065.00	
				\$ 2,065.00
	Grand Total		\$ 34,276.17	\$ 34,276.17