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New Jersey FFA “Soar to New Heights”

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

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

DATE: March 26, 2013

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.
1st Floor NJDA Auditorium, 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 will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2012-2013

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 – Ernie Arians
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Anne Poinsett
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. State Applications – Gaspar Hernandez
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Kyle Clement
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Delaney Gray
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Joe Goodenough

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** – James Ferguson
- VII. Foundation Report** – Kyle Clement
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Anne Poinsett
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Ernie Arians
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. National Ag Day (March 17-19, 2013) – Delaney Gray
 - B. Online Career Development Events (March 20, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - C. Livestock Evaluation CDE (April 20, 2013) – Anne Poinsett
 - D. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE (April 21, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - E. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 30, 2013) – Kyle Clement
 - F. Spring CDEs (April 18, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - G. State Convention Planning
 - a) Time Line – Kyle Clement
 - b) Video Shoot (March 23, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - c) Statewide Community Service Project – Lauren Fillebrown
 - d) Potential SOCs – Anne Poinsett
 - H. State Applications (April 11, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - I. Agriscience Fair (April 24, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - J. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Lauren Fillebrown
 - K. Retiring Address – Jimmie Ferguson
 - L. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2013) – Delaney Gray
 - M. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
 - N. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Nominating Committee Candidates – Jimmie Ferguson
 - B. New Jersey Ag Society Gala (April 5, 2013) – Sam Rubinstein
 - C. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Kyle Clement
 - D. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
 - E. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – May 1, 2013
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium.
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the March 4, 2013 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Ernie Arians called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Kyle Clement, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Delaney Gray, Joseph Goodenough, Lauren Fillebrown, Jimmie Ferguson and Samuel Rubinstein. State Staff in attendance was Mrs. Noble. Guests in attendance were Kristianne Dowd, Hope Cahill, and Alex Feltwater.

II. Minutes from the February State Meeting

Motion by Delaney Gray to accept the minutes as corrected.

Lauren Fillebrown seconds. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Gaspar Hernandez to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Kristiane and Alex introduced themselves and told everyone what they did during FFA Week. Alex visited his chapter and Kristianne held a Greenhand conference and presented them freshman with their degrees.

Anne assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

No Report.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

No Report

C. State Leadership Activities

No Report.

D. State Applications.

No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report. The next meeting will be on March 9th via go to meeting.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report

Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Sam handed each of the officers either a twig or match. Alone, they don't do much, but together they can start a fire that will keep burning. The officers need to work together to inspire the members and start the fire in their hearts; especially at State Convention. This symbolizes sparking the passion in FFA members.

VII. Foundation Report.

No report. The next meeting will be on April 9.

VIII. Alumni Report

The last meeting was on February 14. The alumni discussed the Bunny Hop, which is on March 23rd as well as the Retiring Address Workshop, which is on April 10 at 5 pm. The next meeting is April 10 following the Retiring Address Workshop.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The Ag Ed Advisory Council met at the State Agriculture Convention on February 6. They talked about the farm to school initiative, what type of impact does Ag Ed make and how New Jersey was visited by a Chinese delegation of agriculture teachers.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients

The executive board selected 10 Honorary FFA Degree recipients and 4 distinguished service award recipients. Letters have been sent to the recipients.

B. State Agriculture Convention

Ernie, Kyle, Sam, Lauren, Gill, and Jimmie attended the State Ag Convention on February 6. Ernie addressed the delegates with his speech. The group visited with vendors in the Youth Reception. They heard Governor Christie speak at the delegate dinner as well as served as escorts for the commodity ambassadors.

C. National FFA Week

a) Chapter events

No request was unanswered we all the State Officers had a great time celebrating FFA Week with the members!

D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

275 members and guests attended ALLD at the College of New Jersey on February 28 where we heard from different speakers about the importance of advocating for agriculture in our state and country. We also heard from Anne and Kyle about the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers and from Lauren about the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute. It was a success!

E. State Convention Planning

a) Fuel Up Retreat

The State Officers spent a weekend planning for the 84th NJ State Convention. The team got 3 months of planning done in about 3 days.

b) Timeline

Half of convention planning is complete! As a reminder, retiring addresses are due March 18! Continue to reference the pink timeline.

c) Video Shoot

Video shoot march 23 immediately after the Bunny Hop.

d) Potential Community Service Project

Lauren and Delaney are working on the final steps of planning the community service project.

e) Potential SOC/Nom Com

The executive board refined the list of State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee members.

F. Delegate Issues for State Convention

Motion by Delaney Gray to accept National FFA Amendment Proposal.

Second by Anne Poinsett. Motion Passes.

G. Ceremony Practice Schedule

State Officers should memorize blue jackets by the March work session.

H. Retiring Addresses

The first draft is due on March 18.

I. American FFA Degree Workshop

American Degrees are due on March 15. Mrs. Noble has been working with people on an individual basis.

J. National Ag Day

Lauren and Delaney will be going to Washington DC March 17-19, 2013 to advocate for agriculture in New Jersey. They have meetings with their members of congress.

K. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design

Horticultural Exposition will be from March 15-17 at Mercer County College. The Floral Design CDE will be March 15. Mrs. Noble shared more details with the group regarding their responsibilities throughout the day and weekend.

L. Online Career Development Events

The Farm Business Management, Meat Evaluation, Forestry, and Agronomy CDEs will be on March 20 via MyCAERT.

M. Spring CDEs

The Floriculture, Environmental and Natural Resources, Nursery and Landscape, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Sales, and Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDEs will take place on April 18 at Rutgers University's Cook Campus. Events start at 10:00am. More information will be provided at the April State Meeting

N. Livestock Evaluation

Livestock Evaluation will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Delaware Valley College. Anne has volunteered to attend.

O. Agriscience Fair

The Agriscience Fair will take place on April, 24 at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. Joe, Ernie, Sam, and Kyle have volunteered to attend.

P. Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Dairy Cattle Evaluation will be on April, 27 at the Cedar Lane Farm in Hunterdon County. Lauren and Kyle volunteered to attend.

Q. Eastern PA FFA Day

The Food Science and Technology CDE and the Poultry Evaluation CDE will be held at the Manheim Fairgrounds on April 30 at 9am. Sam and Anne volunteered to assist.

R. Chapter Visits

All visits are scheduled!

S. Team Goal Action Plan

The team has been working on the goals outlined in the action plan.

XI. New Business

A. State Applications

Gaspar, Ernie, and Jimmie will join the committee to evaluate the State Applications at the Department of Agriculture on April 11.

B. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Gaspar spoke about multiple items including Tractor Supply's donation to National FFA scholarships, WLC registration, NAAE Science teacher academies, and Webinars for FFA recruitment.

C. National Officer Candidate Selection

Motion by Joseph Goodenough to accept Sam Rubinstein as New Jersey's national officer candidate

Gaspar Hernandez seconds. Motion passes.

D. Member of the Month

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to make Ben Wainwright from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter as March's member of the month!

Joe Goodenough seconds. Motion passes.

E. State Officer Mileage

April's mileage will be due on April 1st

F. Honorary FFA Degree

Motion by Anne Poinsett to present chapter advisors of a State Officer a Certificate of Recognition instead of the Honorary State FFA Degree at State Convention.

Seconded by Kyle Clement. Motion Passes.

Amendment by Kyle Clement to include "as of the 84th New Jersey State FFA Convention" at the end of the original motion.

Seconded by Lauren Fillebrown. Amendment Passes. Motion as amended passes.

XII. Closing

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
February 2013

BEGINNING BALANCE: | February 1, 2013

\$43,401.68

Deposits:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 47,017.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 22,000.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 367.00	\$ 1,134.00
	3	General Supplies			\$ 270.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,083.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 15,625.00		\$ 11,474.90
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 60,850.00		\$ 7,709.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 650.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 488.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			\$ 4,006.13
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 8,242.00	\$ 48,815.03

Expenses:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,845.00	\$ 12,930.00	\$ 13,729.10
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,179.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 305.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,208.00		\$ 3,188.66
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,749.91	\$ 180.00	\$ 4,804.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,031.00		\$ 18,611.70
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 66,317.73	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,511.00		\$ 3,876.61
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,314.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,920.36		\$ 16,719.95
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,016.00		\$ 1,225.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 13,665.00	\$ 62,710.76

Ending Balance: February 28, 2012

\$37,978.68

FY13
FFA Deposits

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
February				
1	Board of Monmouth	81633	\$ 1,200.00	
	Delsea Regional HS	015324	\$ 1,200.00	
	Camden Co Tech Schools	4029	\$ 600.00	
	Newton Bd of Education	37755	\$ 2,400.00	
	Belvidere Bd of Education	37755	\$ 1,500.00	
				\$ 6,900.00
2	N. Warren Reg. Bd of Education	031946	\$ 144.00	
	Warren Hills	019012	\$ 9.00	
	Cumberland Reg High School	28681	\$ 70.00	
	Newton Bd of Education	37755	\$ 144.00	
				\$ 367.00
4	Salem Co/Bd for Voc. Education	1255	\$ 200.00	
	NJ Ag Ed Association	1143	\$ 25.00	
	BCIT Medford	2511	\$ 225.00	
	BCIT Westampton	3789	\$ 225.00	
	Warren Hills	019615	\$ 300.00	
				\$ 975.00
			\$ 8,242.00	
				\$ 97,551.63

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2013				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
Dues/Memberships				
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - 2012-2013 Official Manuals		\$ 799.10	
01/27/13	Nat. FFA Program Affiliation Fees		\$ 12,930.00	
	Contests			\$ 13,729.10
02/14/13	Rutgers-Cook College room rental		\$ 305.00	
General Supplies				
				\$ 305.00
09/27/12	American Income Life - SO insurance		\$ 90.00	
08/10/12	Selective Insurance - Liability Ins		\$ 641.00	
12/17/12	Vista Print - wall calendars		\$ 1,501.32	
01/10/13	Drawing Board - FFA Invoices		\$ 198.19	
01/10/13	Ewell Education Service - scantron cards		\$ 347.50	
01/18/13	First Coast Promo- Mugs		\$ 410.65	
State Officers				
				\$ 3,188.66
08/23/12	Trenton Marriott - Lodging for SO's BLAST OFF		\$ 1,071.00	
10/15/12	AAA - State Officers		\$ 317.00	
12/07/12	Joe Goodenough mileage July-Nov		\$ 93.56	
12/07/12	S.Tarlowe- july-nov mileage		\$ 123.57	
12/07/12	J.Ferguson- july-nov mileage		\$ 104.78	
12/07/12	L.Fillebrown- july-nov mileage		\$ 550.56	
12/07/12	K.Clement - July-nov mileage		\$ 647.22	
12/07/12	G.Hernandez-July-nov mileage		\$ 255.63	
12/07/12	D.Gray july-nov mileage		\$ 125.05	
12/07/12	E.Arians - july-nov mileage		\$ 688.88	
12/07/12	A.Poinsett July-nov mileage		\$ 47.49	
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - SPC regis E Arains, A.Poinsett		\$ 600.00	
02/20/13	Veg Growers/Ag Conv. Non Delegate meals for L.Fillebrown, J. Ferguson and S.Rubinstein		\$ 180.00	
				\$ 4,804.74
Leadership Experience and Development				
09/20/12	Partycrashers - DJ		\$ 300.00	
10/17/12	Crowne Plaza		\$ 17,182.97	
10/17/12	First Coast - T Shirts		\$ 1,128.73	\$ 18,611.70
State Convention				
02/20/13	Partycrashers - DJ Dance		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
National Convention				
11/28/12	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 784.00	
10/23/12	Hyatt Regency- Breakfast		\$ 1,549.61	
09/21/12	Citibank - Airfare for SO's		\$ 1,543.00	
				\$ 3,876.61
Hort Expo				
Leadership Event				
11/28/12	Twin Oaks catering for 212 conference		\$ 1,225.00	
				\$ 1,225.00
National Leadership Conference				
08/08/12	S.R Butch reimbursment for Extra Spirit of NJ tickets and discount		\$ 382.54	
08/23/12	Crowne Plaza Hotel		\$ 16,337.41	
				\$ 16,719.95
	Grand Total		\$ 62,710.76	\$ 62,710.76