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**New Jersey FFA Association**

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

**FROM:** Myranda Bond, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

**DATE:** March 29, 2017

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday April 3, 2017 – 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. Mr. John Neyhart will serve as teacher representative on the Executive Board and will have voting power at each meeting in 2016-2017.

**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 – Myranda Bond
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Renee Stillwell
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Kelsey Stockton
  - D. State Applications – Jeremy Posluszny
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Josh Loew
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Zuri Richmond
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – Morgan Rutar

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Kelsey Stockton
- VII. Executive Committee Report** – Hannah Mann
- VIII. Foundation Report** – Jeremy Posluszny
- IX. Alumni Report** – Morgan Rutar
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Renee Stillwell
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** – Myranda Bond
- XII. New Jersey Association for Agriculture Educators** – Mr. John Neyhart
- XIII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE – Zuri Richmond
  - B. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala – Jeremy Posluszny
  - C. National Ag Day Event – Kelsey Stockton
  - D. Winter (Online) CDEs – Josh Loew
  - E. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2017) – Zuri Richmond
  - F. Application Judging (April 13, 2017) – Renee Stillwell
  - G. Spring CDEs (April 27, 2017) – Jeremy Posluszny
  - H. State Convention Planning
    - a. Timeline – Renee Stillwell
    - b. Video Shoot – Zuri Richmond
    - c. Statewide Community Service Project – Morgan Rutar
    - d. Potential State Officers/Nom Com – Kelsey Stockton
    - e. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jeremy Posluszny
  - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Morgan Rutar
  - J. Chapter Visits – Renee Stilwell
- XIV. New Business**
  - A. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE (April 29, 2017) – Jeremy Posluszny
  - B. Eastern PA Day (May 2, 2017) – Kelsey Stockton
  - C. Agriscience Fair (May 3, 2017) – Josh Loew
  - D. Agricultural Education/Agriculture Issues Discussion – Morgan Rutar
  - E. Member of the Month – Hannah Mann
  - F. State Officer Mileage – Josh Loew
- XV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – May 1, 2017  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from March 6, 2017 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Myranda Bond called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Voting members in attendance were Morgan Rutar, Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Zuri Richmond, Josh Loew, Kelsey Stockton, Hannah Mann, and John Neyhart (Teacher Representative). State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble, Mrs. Nancy Trivette, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from February State Meeting**

**Motion by Renee Stillwell** to accept the Secretary's minutes as read.  
**Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.  
**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

**Motion by Morgan Rutar** to give Alyssa Ferraro an unexcused absence for this meeting.  
**Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passed.**

Tyler's absence was handled at a previous meeting.

*Morgan Rutar assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

**A. Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities**

No report.

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report. Attention was drawn to the membership data sheet.

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**D. State Applications**

No report.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

No report. The Belvidere FFA Chapter submitted a letter to excuse them from the 60% mastery rule for the 2016 Milk Quality and Products CDE and allow them to go to National Convention.

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to uphold the 60% mastery rule for the 2016 Milk Quality and Products CDE and to not grant an exemption to the Belvidere FFA Chapter.

**Seconded by Kelsey Stockton. Motion passed.**

**F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

The committee met on February 9 to create a plan of action for the Statewide Community Service Project and to identify possible keynote speakers for state convention.

**Motion by Hannah Man** to accept the State Convention Evaluation committee report as read.

**Motion had an implied second. Motion passes.**

*Myranda Bond reassumed the duties of the chair.*

**VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Point of order is called to draw attention to a breach in parliamentary law. A member would rise and say "Point of order," without needing recognition from the chair. The chair would respond by saying "please state your point," to which the person who called point of order would explain their reasoning for calling the point. Chair would say "Point well taken" or "Point not well taken" accordingly and would correct the parliamentary law that was out of order.

**VII. Executive Committee Report**

Executive Committee chair, Hannah Mann asked everyone to write down all the things that they are afraid of or worried about moving forward towards the end of our year of service. Everyone shared one thing from their list. Hannah made the point that everyone is afraid and nervous of things, but we have each other to lean on and we need to keep moving forward.

**VIII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting will be held April 11.

**IX. Alumni Report**

The last meeting was held on February 15 to discuss the logistics for the upcoming 5K. They also discussed the golf tournament and the upcoming Retiring address workshop for the state officers. The next alumni meeting will be held on April 12.

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

The agricultural education advisory council met on Wednesday, February 8 during the New Jersey Agricultural Convention & Trade Show. During the meeting articulation agreements through CASE were discussed. Additionally, Mrs. Trivette gave the committee an update on Ag Education in New Jersey, which discussed CASE and the NQPS Online Tool. A special

committee was formed to help in nominating and selecting a NCAE secretary and chair. Ms. Lisa Habrei gave the committee an update from the New Jersey Department of Education Cluster team and the SAE focus group. The committee also spent some time discussing the teach ag recruitment event that was held in December, along with other ways to recruit for agriculture educators. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 24 from 1:00-3:00 pm during State Convention at Monmouth University.

**XI. Agricultural Society Report**

The Ag Society met on February 22 to mostly discuss the upcoming gala. The next meeting will be held on May 22.

**XII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**

The New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators met at ALLD for a workshop and to receive updates on MyCAERT. There will be a meeting held on March 7 to discuss the many concerns about SAEs and how to fulfill the complete three-circle module. The next NJAAE meeting will be March 14.

**XIII. Unfinished Business**

**A. State Agriculture Convention**

The State Agriculture convention was a great event in which all the state officers attended. Miranda Bond addressed the delegates during the business session with her speech, "Be ProAGtive." New Jersey Agriculture Education and the FFA were presented with the New Jersey Agricultural Society's President's Award during the convention. All of the state officers networked with the guests at the convention and also attended the youth reception and delegate dinner.

**B. Fuel Up Retreat**

The state officers spent a weekend in North Wildwood to begin planning for state convention. Many aspects of convention were planned out and finished including session titles, music, parent videos and updating the script.

**C. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day**

The evaluation summary for this event can be found in the meeting folders. We definitely need to have more people to fill out the evaluations moving forward so our numbers are more accurate and we can continue to improve our programs. Overall the event was a success and the new location was a hit.

**D. National FFA Week**

Throughout the week the state officers attended several different chapter events. We did a great job keeping up with social media, especially through the use of our photo challenge. At the end of the week, the state officers had a very successful visit to Washington, D.C.

**E. Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE**

Schedules and responsibilities can be found in the meeting folders. At the conclusion of the meeting, time will be taken to completely review the event and all expectations.

**F. National Ag Day Event**

Jeremy and Kelsey are still preparing for their trip to Washington, D.C. and are confirming meetings with representatives.

**G. Delegate Issues for State Convention**

All committees are reminded to wrap up their final meetings and to submit an agenda for the delegates at state convention by April 15. The national constitutional amendments were read.

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to vote in favor of the National FFA Constitutional amendment A (Removing Collegiate FFA Membership Type).

**Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Kelsey Stockton** to vote in favor of the National FFA Constitutional amendment B (Changing the National FFA Membership Year).

**Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to vote in favor of the National FFA Constitutional amendment C (Adding the Program Affiliation Fee Option to the Constitution & Bylaws).

**Seconded by Zuri Richmond. Motion passes.**

**H. Winter (Online) CDEs**

Winter CDEs will be held on March 29 through myCAERT.com. Participant lists were due already. The success support video created highlighting this event impacted the increase of participation in these events.

**I. Spring CDEs**

All the state officers and executive committee members have been given assignments for the day. More information will be given as we move closer to the event.

**J. Statewide Community Service Event**

A drafted version of the flyers and the anchor house cutouts were provided in the meeting folders. This year's project will be for Anchor House.

**K. Team Goal Action Plan**

Each officer shared their goal and any progress made on their respective goal.

**L. Chapter Visits**

If you haven't scheduled your final chapter visits, please do so immediately and connect with Mrs. Noble for her to record when your visits will be taking place.

#### **XIV. New Business**

##### **A. New Jersey Agriculture Society Gala**

The Gala will be held Saturday, March 11 at the Mercer County Boathouse. All the state officers will be in attendance for this great networking opportunity.

##### **B. Retiring Address Workshop**

The RA Workshop will begin at 5:00 pm on April 12, and will be hosted by the Alumni. Full manuscripts of retiring addresses are due March 15.

##### **C. State Applications Judging**

For this process, we will need lots of judges. This is open to state officers, teachers and others. Judging of applications will be on April 13 starting at 8:30 am.

##### **D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

A recent study by Purdue has shown that consuming red meat in amounts greater than what is recommended has no direct impact on short-term cardiovascular disease risk factors, such as blood pressure and blood cholesterol. Typically, it has been recommended to cut out majority of red meats to have a healthier diet. So in contrast, this research has proven that the red meat should actually be incorporated into having a healthier diet. This misconception about red meat comes from previous studies, which have only shown the relation between people's eating habits, and if that already had a cardiovascular disease, rather than studies if cardiovascular specifically eating red meat causes diseases.

##### **E. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Hannah Mann** to select Allison Finn from the Freehold FFA Chapter as the February member of the month.

**Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passes.**

##### **F. State Officer Mileage**

The mileage report was provided in the folders. State Officers are reminded that miles are due by 2:00 pm prior to each State Board Meeting in order to be eligible for compensation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

## NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary February 2017

	Feb 17	Jul 16 - Feb 17	\$ Under/Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Deposit	0.00	29,508.91		
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	913.00	40,243.00	-9,757.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	224.00	1,681.00	-2,819.00	4,500.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	15.00	211.97	-893.03	1,105.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	280.00	16,479.00	-471.00	16,950.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	14,345.18	-51,431.82	65,777.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	550.00	4,141.40	-973.60	5,115.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (Income)	0.00	180.00	-5,030.00	5,210.00
P9 NLC SO (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 Leadership Event (Income)	2,359.06	6,164.31	2,424.31	3,740.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,341.06</b>	<b>112,954.77</b>	<b>-39,442.23</b>	<b>152,397.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,448.16	-986.84	14,435.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	1,659.92	-6,883.58	8,543.50
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,024.52	-1,050.48	2,075.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	7,867.31	-1,073.19	8,940.50
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	16,731.94	-2,843.06	19,575.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	65,973.09	-3,694.91	69,668.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	6,107.83	-4,787.17	10,895.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-7,535.00	7,535.00
P9 (NLC SO - Expense)	0.00	2,833.00	0.00	2,833.00
P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	0.00	3,458.25	-4,438.75	7,897.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>119,104.02</b>	<b>-33,292.98</b>	<b>152,397.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,341.06</b>	<b>-6,149.25</b>	<b>-6,149.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>



3:16 PM

March 3, 2017

Cash Basis

# NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger As of February 28, 2017

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							37,565.16
Deposit	02/06/2017				1,764.00	1,764.00	39,329.16
Deposit	02/13/2017			-SPLIT-	1,357.00	1,357.00	40,686.16
Deposit	02/22/2017			-SPLIT-	922.50	922.50	41,608.66
Total FFA					4,043.50	4,043.50	41,608.66
TOTAL					4,043.50	4,043.50	41,608.66

**Committee Report**  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: February 9, 2017

Committee: State Convention Evaluation

Committee Members Present:

Myranda Bond, State FFA President  
Zuri Richmond, State FFA Reporter  
Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President

Absent:

Tyler Kohlhaas, Executive Committee

Purpose of Meeting:

To define a clear path of action for the Statewide Community Service Project and identify possible keynote speakers for State Convention.

Recommended Action(s):

- The committee recommends the following actions:
- Draft and Approve a Media Plan to engage members in the Statewide Community Service Project
  - Identify opportunities to serve the Statewide Community Service Project as the following:
    - o Hold drives of the Anchor House's identified needs
    - o Create and sell cutouts (similar to the Ronald McDonald House)
    - o Participate in the Anchor House's Amazon Smile link
    - o Create a "Public Service Announcement" Challenge to raise awareness
  - Review and select one of the following Keynote Speakers:
    - o Caleb Gustin
    - o Hoan Do
    - o Eric Moss
    - o Gary Guller
    - o Jon Petz

Comments:

NOTE AS OF 2/17: Caleb Gustin was selected by the State Officer Team to be the 2017 Keynote Speaker/

Morgan Rutar, State FFA Vice President  
Chairperson

Zuri Richmond, State FFA Reporter  
Secretary

