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New Jersey FFA Association
"Timeless Traditions. *Endless Possibilities.*"

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

FROM: Renée Stillwell, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 29, 2018

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2018 – 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 fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2017-2018.

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 – Renee Stillwell
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Allison Finn
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Kelsey Stockton
 - D. State Applications – Jeremy Posluszny
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Ariel Norbeck
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – McKenna Moore
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Sarah Kelly
- VI. **Parliamentary Procedure Report – Allison Finn**
- VII. **Constitution and Bylaws Report – Jeremy Posluszny**

- VIII. Executive Committee Report – Morgan Rutar**
- IX. Foundation Report – Jeremy Posluszny**
- X. Alumni Report – McKenna Moore**
- XI. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Ariel Norbeck**
- XII. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Kelsey Stockton**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – John Neyhart**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 9-10, 2018) – Jeremy Posluszny
 - B. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 17, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
 - C. National Ag Day Event (March 20, 2018) – McKenna Moore
 - D. Winter (Online) CDEs – Allison Finn
 - E. Retiring Address Workshop (April 11, 2018) – McKenna Moore
 - F. State Applications Judging (April 12, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
 - G. Horse Evaluation CDE (April 15, 2018) – McKenna Moore
 - H. Spring CDEs (April 19, 2018) – Sarah Kelly
 - I. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE (April 21, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
 - J. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2018) – Jeremy Posluszny
 - K. State Convention Planning
 - a. Timeline – Allison Finn
 - b. Video Shoot – Ariel Norbeck
 - c. Statewide Community Service Project – Sarah Kelly
 - d. Potential State Officers/Nom Com – Kelsey Stockton
 - e. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jeremy Posluszny
 - L. Chapter Visits – Allison Finn
 - M. Team Goal Action Plan – Jeremy Posluszny
- XV. New Business**
 - A. Eastern PA FFA Day (May 1, 2018) – Sarah Kelly
 - B. Nominating Committee Selection – Morgan Rutar
 - C. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Allison Finn
 - D. Member of the Month – Morgan Rutar
 - E. State Officer Mileage – McKenna Moore

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

*Next State Meeting – May 7, 2018
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the March 5, 2018 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Renee Stillwell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Voting members in attendance were Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Sarah Kelly, Ariel Norbeck, McKenna Moore, Allison Finn, Morgan Rutar, and Mr. John Neyhart. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from January/February State Meeting

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Ariel Norbeck. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Sarah Kelly to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

No guests were in attendance.

Jeremy Posluszny assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

The committee met on February 27 to discuss final recommendations for the delegate body from the association.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept Constitutional Amendment A.

Seconded by Allison Finn. Motion fails.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept Constitutional Amendment B with combined sections as necessary.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept Constitutional Amendment C.

Motion not seconded. Motion fails.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept Bylaws Amendment F.

Motion not seconded. Motion fails.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities

The committee members met on February 25 to discuss the evaluations from 212, SOCS, and ALLD. They drafted up the COLT teacher survey.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to accept the COLT Teacher Survey as presented.
Seconded by McKenna Moore. Motion passes.

D. State Applications

No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review

There is a meeting scheduled for March 12.

G. State Convention Evaluation

A meeting was held on February 11, 2018 to determine the keynote speaker and create a promotional plan for the statewide community service project.

Motion by Sarah Kelly to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Renee Stillwell reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

The motion to postpone indefinitely prevents further action on the motion currently on the floor during the current session. It requires a second and can be debated. This must be done during discussion of a motion.

VII. Constitution and Bylaws Report

Earlier in the meeting there was discussion on delegate recommendations.

VIII. Executive Committee Report

Morgan Rutar reminds the officers to stay motivated throughout the rest of the year by finishing out the year strong!

IX. Foundation Report

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on April 10 while the Sponsor Board will meet on March 13 at 6:00 pm in the board room.

X. Alumni Report

The alumni met on February 14 in the Board Room to discuss all the recent changes made to the Alumni Association. These changes include a name change to Alumni & Supporters Association and the alumni being represented by the FFA Emblem instead of their past shield.

XI. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The council met on February 7 during the New Jersey Agriculture Convention. The Council discussed the trends in the agriculture industry and the affect they have. Industry leaders and representatives covered how food, agriculture, and natural resources education can evolve to better prepare students to enter the industry with the skill sets needed.

XII. New Jersey Agricultural Society

The next meeting is on March 14, 2018 at the EcoComplex.

XIII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators

Mr. Neyhart shared with the board that the NJAAE were present at ALLD with their new display board. There has been discussion on the creation of a new teacher mentor. The National Policy Seminar is this week in Washington, D.C. where they have two representatives. Copies of the Agriculture Teacher Loan Redemption Program were distributed. The next meeting is on March 13 at the Monmouth County Career Center.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. State Agricultural Convention

On February 7 in Atlantic City, NJ, Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Morgan Rutar, and Ariel Norbeck attended the convention. Renee delivered her speech titled "Timeless Traditions. Endless Possibilities." All the officers participated in the networking and dinner function that night.

B. Fuel Up Retreat

Fuel Up Retreat was February 15-18 in North Wildwood. The officers had a productive weekend of making parent videos, writing session scripts, and creating story boards of the session videos.

C. National FFA Week

National FFA Week was February 17-24. A handful of members participated in the state photo challenge. This week was full of chapters conducting their own celebratory events and the state officers were able to partake in many of them! Each officer shared their FFA Week experiences.

D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

This conference was during National FFA Week on February 22 at The College of New Jersey. The theme was "Find Your Path." The evaluation tally was provided in the folders.

E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

The Horticultural Exposition is from March 9 to the 10th at Mercer Community College. The Floral Design CDE is on March 9. Logistics for the event was shared.

F. National Ag Day

National Agriculture Day is March 20. Renee Stillwell and McKenna Moore will be participating with the National Agriculture Day event in Washington, D.C. from March 19 to 20 where they will receive a training on forming key messages and then meet with members of congress. They are scheduling their visits at the moment.

G. Winter (Online) CDEs

On March 21, Winter CDEs will be online through MyCAERT. CDEs include Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation.

H. Spring CDEs

Spring CDEs is at Rutgers University on April 19. The board members have already defined what CDEs they will be assisting with on this day.

I. Delegate Issues for State Convention

Reminder that the delegate committee meeting agenda is due on April 1.

Motion by Jeremy Polusuzny to recommend that the 2018 National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal A be voted in favor by the delegates at state convention.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Motion by Jeremy Polusuzny to recommend that the 2018 National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal B be voted in favor by the delegates at state convention.

Seconded by Sarah Kelly. Motion passes.

Motion by Jeremy Polusuzny to recommend that the 2018 National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal C be voted against by the delegates at state convention.

Seconded by Allison Finn. Motion passes.

Motion by Jeremy Polusuzny to recommend that the 2018 National FFA Constitutional Amendment Proposal D be voted in favor by the delegates at state convention.

Seconded by McKenna Moore. Motion passes.

Motion by Jeremy Polusuzny to recommend that the National FFA Dues and Program Affiliation Fee Recommendation be voted in favor by the delegates at state convention.

Seconded by McKenna Moore. Motion passes.

J. Statewide Community Service Project

This year's community service project supports the Bridge of Books Foundation. A promotional plan along with promotional materials have been crafted and will be shared.

K. Chapter Visits

Good job to the officers for completing all of their chapter visits! Only a few are outstanding for reasons outside of the association's control.

L. Team Goal Action Plan

The goals were shared.

XV. New Business

A. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala

The gala is March 17 at The Boathouse at Mercer Lake starting at 5:30 p.m. Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey Stockton, Allison Finn, and Morgan Rutar will be attending as volunteers for the fundraising activities.

B. Retiring Address Workshop

The retiring address workshop is April 11 at 5:00 pm at the NJDA. This event is hosted by the alumni that allows the officers to "try on" their RA and gain feedback.

C. State Applications Judging

State Applications Judging is on April 12 at the department starting at 8:30 am. Renee Stillwell, Kelsey Stockton, and Ariel Norbeck will be attending this event.

D. Horse Evaluation

Horse Evaluation will be held alongside the 4-H competition on April 15 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. McKenna Moore and Morgan Rutar will be attending this event.

E. Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Dairy Cattle Evaluation is on April 21 at Cedar Lane Farms. Ariel Norbeck and McKenna Moore will be attending.

F. Agriscience Fair

Allison Finn, Renee Stillwell and Jeremy Posluszny will be assisting with this event, which is on April 25 at the Rutgers EcoComplex.

G. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

The process for the 2018 Farm Bill has been finally picked up as legislators hope to pass a bill before the November elections. Both sides of the aisle are eager to please farmers in their constituencies, especially as the administration has taken to the principle of cutting funding across all programs. SNAP, which is ~80% of the farm bill will be reduced to about \$71 B this year. Other programs either getting cuts or staying the same include the USDA's foreign development projects.

H. Member of the Month

Motion by Morgan Rutar to select Meredith Dauphars from the Allentown FFA Chapter as the March Member of the Month.

Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passes.

I. State Officer Mileage

The updated mileage report was provided in the folders.

XVI. Any Other Business

A. National Officer Candidate

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept intent materials from Renee Stillwell and Kaitlyn Tallamy as candidates for New Jersey FFA's 2018 National Officer Candidate.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Both candidates have received training materials. The process to select the 2018 National Officer Candidate will place in June 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,
Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary

NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary January through February 2018

	Jan - Feb 18	Jul '17 - Feb 18	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	23,525.00	42,011.00	-5,989.00	48,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	415.00	2,059.00	684.00	1,375.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	140.90	-134.10	275.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	0.00	13,910.00	-2,190.00	16,100.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-54.00	6,592.54	-51,687.46	56,280.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	475.00	1,731.70	821.70	910.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (Income)	229.00	229.00	-5,221.00	5,450.00
P10 Leadership Event (Income)	2,113.94	5,286.71	786.71	4,500.00
Total Income	26,703.94	71,960.85	-62,929.15	134,890.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,656.50	-13,843.50	27,500.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	600.00	4,409.26	2,183.26	2,226.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,735.70	-1,090.30	2,826.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	490.73	8,835.94	-232.06	9,068.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	14,840.76	-1,083.24	15,924.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	48.75	61,049.43	3,159.43	57,890.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	7,900.80	1,003.00	6,897.80
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	1,357.36	1,357.36	-2,822.64	4,180.00
P9 (NLCSO - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,250.20	3,250.20
P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	1,299.00	3,642.75	-1,485.25	5,128.00
Total Expense	3,795.84	117,428.50	-17,461.50	134,890.00
Net Income	22,908.10	-45,467.65	-45,467.65	0.00

11:36 AM

March 1, 2018

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger As of February 28, 2018

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA					19,692.41		19,692.41
Deposit	01/04/2018		Deposit	-SPLIT-	4,069.00	4,069.00	23,761.41
Check	01/04/2018	Staats	ribbons for Hort Expo	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-133.36	-133.36	23,628.05
Check	01/04/2018	National FFA Organiz...	award plaques for Hort Expo	P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	-1,224.00	-1,224.00	22,404.05
Check	01/04/2018	Rutgers University	212 and Teach Ag Recruitment Event	P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	-1,339.00	-1,339.00	21,065.05
Check	01/05/2018	Vegetable Growers A...	2018 NJ State Ag Convention Delegate ...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-240.00	-240.00	20,825.05
Deposit	01/22/2018		Deposit	-SPLIT-	9,775.00	9,775.00	30,600.05
Deposit	01/24/2018		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,059.00	2,059.00	32,659.05
Check	01/24/2018	National FFA Organiz...	paper certificate holders	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-48.75	-48.75	32,610.30
Check	01/30/2018	Phils 2	SOC'S - pizza lunch	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-221.00	-221.00	32,389.30
Check	01/30/2018	Shoprite	SOC'S - lunch items	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-29.73	-29.73	32,359.57
Deposit	01/31/2018		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,063.00	1,063.00	33,422.57
Check	02/01/2018	Rutgers Gardens	ENR space rental	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-600.00	-600.00	32,822.57
Deposit	02/01/2018		Deposit	P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	40.00	40.00	32,862.57
Deposit	02/15/2018		Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,656.00	3,656.00	36,518.57
Deposit	02/23/2018		Deposit	-SPLIT-	4,787.00	4,787.00	41,305.57
Total FFA					21,613.16	21,613.16	41,305.57
TOTAL					41,305.57	41,305.57	41,305.57