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

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

DATE: November 28, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2011 – 4:00 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. Mr. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2011-2012.

AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the November State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Alec McAlarnen
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Ernie Arians
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Jimmie Ferguson
 - D. State Applications – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Sam Rubinstein
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Gillian Armstrong
 - G. State Convention Evaluation- Anna Lubas

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** – Eric Nelson
- VII. Foundation Report** – Jimmie Ferguson
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Sam Rubinstein
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Alec McAlarnen
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Turkey Trot FFA 5K (November 19, 2011) – Anna Lubas
 - B. Holiday Party (December 19, 2011) – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - C. State Agriculture Convention (January 17-19, 2012) – Alec McAlarnen
 - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - E. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 28, 2012) – Anna Lubas
 - F. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (Mar 16-18, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - G. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 4-16, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - H. Fall Career Development Events (November 17, 2011) – Sam Rubinstein
 - I. 2012 Calendars (December 19, 2011) – Ernie Arians
 - J. Chapter Visits – Ernie Arians
 - K. Association/Team Goal Updates – Jimmie Ferguson

XI. New Business

- A. NJ Nursery Landscape Association Dinner (December 1, 2011) – Sam Rubinstein
- B. Christmas Tree Cutting Event (December 1, 2011) – Stephanie Tarlowe
- C. National FFA Week-
 - a. ALLD (February 23, 2012) – Jimmie Ferguson
 - b. Chapter Activities – Stephanie Tarlowe
- D. State Convention Retreat (February 24-26, 2012) - Gillian Armstrong
- E. National Ag Day- (March 6-8, 2012) – Julianne Robinson
- F. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Sam Rubinstein
- G. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Jimmie Ferguson
- H. Member of the Month – Eric Nelson
- I. State Officer Mileage

XII. Closing Ceremonies

*Next State Meeting - Monday, January 9, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
9:00 a.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the November 7, 2011 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Eric Nelson, Rachel Layton, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Trivette and Mrs. Noble. Alex Feltwater and Margaret Pedersen were also in attendance as guests.

II. Minutes from the October State Meeting

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept the October minutes as read.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Alex Feltwater from the Newton FFA Chapter came to see what a state meeting is like since he plans to run for state office next year. Margaret from Brick came to support Ernie.

Motion by James Ferguson to give Anna Lubas an unexcused absence until we receive a doctor's note.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

Motion by Eric Nelson to give Julianne Robinson an unexcused absence.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

Motion by James Ferguson to move the start time of February through May's state meetings to 4:15 pm.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

See attached committee reports for full details.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

No report.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities

Evaluations from COLT and SGC were provided in our folders.

D. State Applications

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept committee recommendations as presented.

Second by Gillian Armstrong. Stephanie will work with Mrs. Noble to determine what changes are practical to make and what suggestions will be further reviewed. **Motion passes.**

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report, but there will be a meeting soon. Changes must be made quickly if they are to be ready for when the announcement goes out in December.

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report.

H. Hall of States Special Committee

Sam has been working on a rubric, guidelines, and eligibility rules based on the National FFA's judging system for the Hall of States for a competition at this year's State Convention. It will be put in a Google doc for review. Plans must be finalized by the January state meeting to be included in February's State Convention announcement.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

This month's key is focus. The state officers have entered the post-National Convention lull but must not forget about building and maintaining member relations.

VII. Foundation Report

The last meeting was October 11th. Account changes and investment plans were discussed, as well as the creation of a recruitment breakfast for new sponsors or donors. The next meeting is January 11.

VIII. Alumni Report

The October 26th webinar discussed the 5K and National FFA Alumni Convention business. Associate Membership (a free, five-year membership for college-aged past FFA members that will not count in WLC scholarship calculation) was passed and two new members at large and a president-elect were chosen. Another webinar about the 5K will be held on November 14th at 6 pm. The next official meeting is December 14.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The November meeting will not happen, so the next meeting will be in January at the State Ag Convention.

X. Unfinished Business

A. State Grange Convention (October 14, 2011)

Jimmie attended and enjoyed the speakers. He gave a speech about how FFA and the Grange can work together, since they have similar interests and traditions. A list of all NJ FFA chapters was given to the State Grange Master to share with local granges for possible community service projects or other cooperation. Suggestions for the future are to bring chapter members to the Grange convention and recognize granges that are Foundation supporters or have worked with chapters to encourage others to get involved. Jimmie will bring his thoughts to the next meeting for more ideas.

B. National Convention Review

1. Delegate Report

The delegates worked hard at Nationals but were proud to have been one of only a handful of states to have presented written and oral testimony in all committees. The Reconstruction of the Delegate process committee seemed to have not accomplished as much as was hoped. The constitutional amendment failed but gained more votes than last year and debate was heard.

2. State Booth Report

Gill, Ernie, Sam, and student helpers worked the booth to talk about our state's agricultural diversity and promote Jersey Fresh. It was fun to meet and educate others through games and handouts. The National FFA rated our booth 43/50.

3. State Suite Report

Gill managed the suite. Everyone who stayed there for sessions enjoyed it, and some members even took turns on the delegate floor. The Honorary American Degree reception was held there with a breakfast attended by the Penns Grove chapter, whose advisor received the honor.

C. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 14-15, 2011)

Alec will attend this convention at the Westin Hotel and speak to the delegates in attendance.

D. Fall Career Development Events (November 17, 2011)

State officers received their parking passes and will learn more of their specific duties in another email. The events are held from 10 am to 1 pm, and officers should arrive no earlier than 8 am. 28 chapters have pre-registered as follows:

- Land Judging – 45 members, 12 teams
- Fruits and Vegetables – 103 members, 27 teams
- Milk Quality and Products – 69 members, 18 teams
- Turf Management – 43 members, 11 teams

E. 2012 Calendars

Calendars will be delivered by Ernie, Sam, and Alec to the Department of Education, Department of Agriculture, and Farm Bureau before the December state meeting.

F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO)

Gill received sponsorship from her county's Board of Agriculture and received an award at their event. There, she presented a speech about the future of agriculture and the connection between the two organizations.

G. Team Goal Action Plan

A list has been created using Google Docs and the missing goals are due at the November work session for finalization.

H. Chapter Visits

Chapter visits should be confirmed as soon as possible and completed by February. Ernie has done three and enjoys teaching. At Cape May Tech, he got a tour from enthusiastic members and met their superintendent, who received the Honorary American Degree this year. Stephanie visited Sussex Tech's small classes and introduced them to FFA for the first time, and brought greetings to Newton's chapter meeting. Gillian presented a workshop on FFA opportunities to Phillipsburg's Intro to Agriculture classes with and met the chapter's piglets. Alec went to North Warren and engaged members to build interested in completing applications.

XI. New Business

A. "Turkey Trot" FFA 5K (November 19, 2011)

Members and others in the community should be encouraged to attend, as the alumni is a great support system so we should help them in return. This healthy lifestyle initiative is meant to attract everyone. State officers were urged to invite people via Facebook. They will wear their LEAD shirts that day.

B. Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be held on December 19th following the work session. Names were drawn from a hat for the "Pollyanna" gift exchange (\$20 limit). Everyone will bring a dish to supplement Mrs. Trivette's main dish.

C. State Agriculture Convention (January 17-19, 2012)

The convention is held in Atlantic City and its Ag Ed Advisory Council meeting (date and time TBA) is open to all state officers. The convention will feature a message from the state president, time to mingle, and a youth reception. The delegate's dinner will be on the 18th, and Stephanie, Alec, Gill, Jimmie, and Sam plan to attend.

Motion by Eric Nelson for the state to pay for state officer meals at the convention.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2012)

The alumni hold a pseudo-banquet at 6 pm in the Department for officers to practice giving speeches that will have been finalized at the January work session. State officers' parents are invited to watch them practice.

E. State Officer Candidates' School (January 28, 2012)

At this conference, the eight state officer competencies are presented. A list of possible state officer candidates and nominating committee members was provided, and revisions to it will be made at the December meeting after their advisors are consulted. State officers were assigned the competency that they will present.

F. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 16-18, 2012)

The dates for this event are now confirmed and the event will be held at Mercer County Community College. Each state officer will get a shift throughout the weekend to talk to visitors, protect arrangements, and water plants. Friday is the Floral Design CDE.

Motion by Samuel Rubinstein to add a fresh wreath division.

Second by James Ferguson. To clarify, this class will be for holiday designed and designated as number 239. **Motion passes.**

G. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Issues detailed in this quarter's Farm Bureau Update included the Southern Pine Beetle's destruction of trees in South Jersey and unfair Inheritance Tax requirements. China recently imported a large amount of U.S.-grown corn, as they could not be self-sufficient with the nation's growing taste for meat. Rutgers produced a video about CASE, featuring teachers at this summer's CASE Institute in Burlington County as well as Ernie.

H. Member of the Month

Motion by Eric Nelson to make Catrena Clair of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter the November Member of the Month.

Second by Ernie. Motion passes.

I. State Officer Mileage

November's mileage is due December 5th by 2 pm.

Motion by Ernest Arians to accept his late September mileage. He will not be reimbursed if the mileage payments have already been submitted.

Second by Gillian Armstrong. Motion passes.

XII. Other Business

- State officers determined which additional events they would attend to fill requests.
- ALLD will be discussed at the November work session. A keynote address and member challenge will need to be presented, and three workshops will need to be created.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
October 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: October 1, 2011

\$36,409.24

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	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 1,308.00	\$ 5,355.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 243.00
	3	General Supplies		\$ 178.00	\$ 806.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 1,614.00	\$ 4,457.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20,459.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 1,465.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00		\$ 188.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 200.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 33,173.00
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	\$ 15,320.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00		\$ 1,300.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00		\$ 628.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00		\$ 5,542.46
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00		\$ 250.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 3,655.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00	\$ 4,465.00	\$ 6,795.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		\$ 1,853.51
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 6,319.00	\$ 20,023.97

Ending Balance: October 31, 2011

\$33,270.24

**FY12
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
October				
1	Gloucester Co. Special Services	100254	\$ 12.00	
	Sussex Co.	20967	\$ 550.00	
	Northern Burlington	7908	\$ 746.00	
				\$ 1,308.00
3	Newton High School	4582	\$ 178.00	
				\$ 178.00
5	Penns Grove	0773	\$ 261.00	
	BCIT - Westampton	2215	\$ 738.00	
	Monmouth Co. Career Center	685	\$ 615.00	
				\$ 1,614.00
6	Newton High School	4581	\$ 80.00	
				\$ 80.00
			\$ 3,180.00	
				\$ 33,173.90

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2012				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
				\$ -
	Contests			
07/07/11	NJ FFA Foundation-to increase awards for CDE's at Convention		\$ 1,300.00	
				\$ 1,300.00
	General Supplies			
08/04/11	Selective Insurance Liability		\$ 628.00	
				\$ 628.00
	State Officers			
07/27/11	National FFA - SPC Regis for McAlamen & Ferguson		\$ 600.00	
07/12/11	Jessica McCosker mileage May & June		\$ 252.46	
07/12/11	Alec McAlamen mileage May & June		\$ 297.41	
07/12/11	Eric Nelson mileage May & June		\$ 120.90	
07/14/11	FFA Alumni for Reimbursement of SO BLAST OFF LODGING		\$ 740.60	
07/12/11	Keely Weinberger mileage May & June		\$ 142.60	
07/06/11	NJ FFA Foundation - pledge to FFA Cares program		\$ 1,755.77	
09/15/11	A. McAlamen, July & August mileage		\$ 435.86	
09/15/11	A. Lubas, July & August mileage		\$ 85.25	
09/15/11	S. Tarlowe, July & August mileage		\$ 197.41	
09/15/11	E. Arians, July & August mileage		\$ 379.05	
09/15/11	S. Rubinstein, July & August mileage		\$ 130.17	
09/15/11	E. Nelson, July & August mileage		\$ 47.86	
09/15/11	J. McCosker, July & August mileage		\$ 99.20	
09/15/11	J. Ferguson, July & August mileage		\$ 257.92	
				\$ 5,542.46
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/14/11	Partycrashers - DJ service at Camp Bernie		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
	State Convention			
07/18/11	Leila Granjaei - Convention Award		\$ 75.00	
07/06/11	Buena Reg. School - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	BCIT - convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Phillipsburg High School - Covention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	Penns Grove - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	N. Burlington Co. Reg.-Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Middlesex - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Cape May - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Hackettstown - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Stepahnie Tarlowe - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/15/11	National FFA - SO Business Casual Shirts		\$ 451.00	
08/04/11	Harrah Newman-convention award		\$ 50.00	
08/08/11	Rebecca Shannon-convention award		\$ 100.00	
08/08/11	Jamie Jellife-convention award		\$ 75.00	
08/08/11	Angelina Roslin - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
10/17/11	Phillipsburg High School - over payment of registration Pd 2x's		\$ 1,854.00	
				\$ 3,655.00
	National Convention			
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
10/13/11	Hyatt Regency-Indy - NJ Breakfast		\$ 1,965.00	
10/03/11	Pacers Basketball - rental of suite in Indy		\$ 2,500.00	
				\$ 6,795.00
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
09/19/11	West Virginia FFA - Lodging & Regis for State Officers		\$ 1,853.52	
				\$ 1,853.51
	Grand Total		\$ 20,023.98	\$ 20,023.97