



New Jersey FFA Association

“NEXT LEVEL”

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

FROM: Abigail Goodenough, State FFA President
Kristianne M. Goodenough, State FFA Specialist
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: January 18, 2022

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Rutgers Eco Complex, 1200 Florence-Columbus Rd, Bordentown, NJ 08505

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Goodenough at (609) 475-5102, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and will have voting power at each meeting in 2021-2022.

AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the December State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities and State Convention Evaluation – Talia Priore
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Emily Sadlon
 - C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications – Ivan Moore
 - D. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Jonathan Finney
 - E. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Abigail Goodenough
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Abigail Goodenough**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Talia Priore**
- VIII. Foundation Report – Abigail Goodenough**

- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report** – Emily Sadlon
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report** – Ivan Moore
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** – Jonathan Finney
- XII. Equine Advisory Board** – Abigail Goodenough
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators** – Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 2-15, 2022) – Ivan Moore
 - B. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 21) – Jonathan Finney
 - C. State Officer Candidates' School (January 29) – Emily Sadlon
 - D. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 9-10, 2022) – Ivan Moore
 - E. Fuel Up Retreat (February 17-20, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - F. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 24, 2022) – Emily Sadlon
 - G. National FFA Week (February 19-26, 2022) – Ivan Moore
 - H. Chapter Visits – Emily Sadlon
 - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Jonathan Finney
- XV. New Business**
 - A. Horticulture Exposition and Floral Design CDE (March 11-12, 2022) – Emily Sadlon
 - B. National Ag Day (March 22, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - C. Winter CDEs (March 23, 2022) – Ivan Moore
 - D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Jonathan Finney
 - E. Member of the Month – Talia Priore
 - F. State Officer Mileage – Ivan Moore
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- March 7, 2022
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4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the December 6, 2021 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Abigail Goodenough called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M. The voting members in attendance were Ivan Moore, Emily Sadlon, Jonathan Finney, and Talia Priore. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Goodenough, Mrs. Noble, and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from November State Meeting

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

Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Jonathan Finney to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

Motion by Jonathan Finney to hold State Convention at Monmouth University.

Seconded by Ivan Moore. Motion passes.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

No guests in attendance.

Ivan Moore assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications

No report.

D. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

E. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

The committee met on November 16 and discussed changing the minimum wage in the handbook to match New Jersey's minimum wage, creating a new class, and having more demo workshops.

Motion by Abigail Goodenough to accept the committee report as presented.

Motion has an implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Abigail Goodenough to add a "Children's Party" class and increase the minimum wage in the handbook.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion passes.

Abbey resumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Abbey taught the State Officers about the different types of motions. The State Officers learned about privileged motions, subsidiary motions, main motions, motions that bring questions before the committee again, and incidental motions.

VII. Executive Committee Report

State Officers reflected on facilitation techniques and compared their facilitation to the national facilitators. The State Officers learned more tips about facilitating and looked at good and bad techniques.

VIII. Foundation Report

No report.

IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

The next meeting is on December 8th.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is on February 9th.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

No report.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

Met on November 17th where they discussed the Breeders Crown Races where they raised over \$400,000 for charities. They also discussed their April Symposium which is titled, Back to the Basics. The next meeting is December 15.

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Met on November 9 where they discussed the NAAE convention in New Orleans, "New Crop Who Dis" program, their book club, and the FFA living to serve grant. Congratulations to Patty Smith for being awarded the Teacher Turn the Key Award, and congratulations to Frank Yesalavich for being awarded Lifetime Achievement.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention

The New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention was held November 15-16 at the Westin in Princeton. Abigail Goodenough attended to give a speech to the delegates in attendance.

B. Fall Career Development Events

The Fall Career Development Events were held November 18 at Rutgers University. There was a great turnout at all of the events, especially at Forestry for being in person for the first time. The winners included Forestry – Newton; Fruits & Vegetables -

Warren Hills; Land Judging – Hunterdon County ESEA; Milk Quality & Products – Woodstown; Turf Management – Monmouth County.

C. Checkpoint #2

Checkpoint #2 was held November 12-13 via Zoom. Thomas Gabel, New Jersey's national facilitator, taught the State Officers about speech writing and delivery, as well as guided them through team dynamic exercises.

D. Mission Conference

The Mission Conference was held on December 4th at Rutgers University. Newlin Humphrey and Alec Ogg served as our national facilitators. At the same time, students interested in learning more about teaching agriculture participated in the Teach Ag Recruitment Event. The day was a huge success with a great turnout at both conferences.

E. Holiday Party

Monday, December 13 after the work session the State Officers will be having their holiday party. Everyone has signed up to bring something to eat and secret Santa has been assigned.

F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

ILSSO is being held from January 4-13 in California. Abigail Goodenough, Emily Sadlon, and Jonathan Finney will be attending.

G. Banquet Speech Workshop

The banquet speech workshop is being held on January 21 at the Rutgers EcoComplex. The State Officers will get to try on their banquet speeches and receive feedback. Alumni, state staff, and family will all be in attendance for support.

H. State Officer Candidates' School

SOCS is being held on January 29 at Stonebridge Middle School. The theme is "The Great Outdoors." Members get the opportunity to learn about becoming a State Officer or serving on the nominating committee.

I. Chapter Visits

Chapter visits are currently being completed.

J. Team Goal Action Plan

The State Officers reviewed and discussed their team goal action plan.

XV. New Business

A. Event Cost Analysis

Motion by Talia Priore to make the cost per entry \$6 for the Horticultural Exposition, \$25 for Floral Design CDE competitors and \$28 per person for Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day.

Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion Passes.

B. New Jersey Agricultural Convention

The NJ Ag Convention is being held February 9-10 where industry professionals will meet to discuss important issues as well as network. The Department of Ag will also use this convention to proceed with delegate matters. During the convention we will hold the Agricultural Education Advisory Council and Abbey will speak to the delegates.

C. Fuel Up Retreat

Fuel Up Retreat is being held February 17-20 in North Wildwood. The State Officers will use this time to plan for State Convention and work on team dynamics.

D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

ALLD is being held on February 24 and the theme is "Ag for All." The State Officers are currently working on finding panelists and planning their workshops.

E. National FFA Week

National FFA Week is February 19-26. State Officers will host some activities, as well as travel to some events, chapters are hosting.

F. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

Ivan Moore discussed the struggle to find incentives for younger people to enter production ag. The average age of a farmer is 59 years old and the average age of a new farmer is 43 years old. Organizations are advertising and advocating for production agriculture to get more youth involved. Currently, there are some grants for young farmers and ranchers to help them get a jump start.

G. Member of the Month

Motion by Talia Priore to select Olive Scaff of the Allentown FFA chapter as the December Member of the Month.

Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

Mileage was presented for the month of November.

I. AET Applications

Motion by Ivan Moore to present the new AET format for STAR and Degree applications to the delegates at state convention for approval.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion Passes.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

3:37 PM

December 2, 2021

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of November 30, 2021

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							90,748.47 1
Check	11/05/2021	National FFA Organizat...	annual affiliation fees	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-11,771.55	-11,771.55	78,976.92
Check	11/05/2021	Indiana Convnetion Ce...	Welcome Breakfast at National Convention	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-1,936.80	-1,936.80	77,040.12
Check	11/09/2021	Days Inn	SO lodging	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-113.43	-113.43	76,926.69
Check	11/09/2021	Days Inn	So lodging - LEAD	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-113.43	-113.43	76,813.26
Check	11/09/2021	The Westin	SO lodging - National Convention	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-1,460.16	-1,460.16	75,353.10
Check	11/09/2021	The Westin	SO lodging - National Convention	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-1,460.16	-1,460.16	73,892.94
Check	11/09/2021	National FFA Organizat...	2020-2021 annual affiliation	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-11,771.55	-11,771.55	62,121.39
Deposit	11/10/2021		Deposit	-SPLIT-	897.00	897.00	63,018.39
Deposit	11/10/2021		Deposit	-SPLIT-	11,400.00	11,400.00	74,418.39
Total FFA						-16,330.08	74,418.39
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NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary November 2021

	Nov 21	Jul - Nov 21	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	20,525.00	32,325.00	-18,675.00	51,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	220.00	718.00	-382.00	1,100.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	234.65	234.65	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	885.00	7,145.00	-2,605.00	9,750.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	135.72	-43,929.28	44,065.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-665.00	2,165.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	0.00	0.00	-3,000.00	3,000.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	0.00	0.00	-3,754.00	3,754.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	830.00	830.00	-3,045.00	3,875.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-220.00	220.00
Total Income	22,460.00	42,888.37	-76,040.63	118,929.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	23,543.10	23,543.10	9,943.10	13,600.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	725.00	-9,293.00	10,018.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	999.00	-1,801.00	2,800.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	3,914.05	-3,135.95	7,050.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	226.86	2,985.81	-8,723.19	11,709.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-46,690.00	46,690.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	4,857.12	5,872.12	1,731.12	4,141.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-7,940.00	7,940.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,746.00	3,746.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-6,935.00	6,935.00
P11 (Mission Conf -Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,880.00	3,880.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-420.00	420.00
Total Expense	28,627.08	38,039.08	-80,889.92	118,929.00
Net Income	-6,167.08	4,849.29	4,644.29	0.00

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: November 17, 2021

Committee: Horticultural Exposition Review and Evaluation

Committee Members Present:

Abigail Goodenough, Emily Sadlon, Jonathan Finney, Talia Priorie, Mrs. Smith

Absent:

N/A

Purpose of Meeting:

Review

Recommended Action(s):

Look into changing recommended minimum wage in score cards, create a Disney themed class, create a class for Topiary designs, Make the "Sustainable Agriculture" class more sustainable in terms of container, look into a demo style workshop where the facilitator, look into increasing prices on classes with price limits.

Comments:

Minimum wage in NJ is now \$12/ hour while the scorecards recommend a labor cost of \$10/ hour. A Disney themed class would be an exciting addition to the previous classes, specific class for designs with topiary plants like animals or other shapes/ designs may be an interesting project to combine the elements of topiary production and design. The "Sustainable Agriculture" class does not allow the use of glass containers, but instead requires the plant to be displayed in a plastic bag. A demo-style workshop where the members learn how to create a floral design would teach them more about the professional aspects of the floral industry.

Abigail Goodenough

Chairperson

Emily Sadlon

Secretary