



National FFA Organization

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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: January 30, 2013

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 4, 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 FEBURARY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the January 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. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 18, 2013) – Kyle Clement
 - B. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 26, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - C. State Agriculture Convention (February 6 -7, 2013) – Ernie Arians
 - D. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 28, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - b. Chapter Events – Kyle Clement
 - E. Fuel Up Retreat (February 28 – March 3, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - F. Horticulture Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2013) – Delaney Gray
 - G. National Ag Day (March 17-19, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - H. State FFA Convention (May 21-23, 2013)
 - a. Cost Analysis – Joe Goodenough
 - b. Video Shoot (March 23, 2013) – Anne Poinsett
 - I. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Lauren Fillebrown
 - J. Potential State Officers – Gaspar Hernandez
 - K. Retiring Address – Jimmie Ferguson
 - L. Statewide Community Service Project – Delaney Gray
 - M. American FFA Degree Workshop – Sam Rubinstein
 - N. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
 - O. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Kyle Clement
 - B. Delegates Issues for State Convention – Anne Poinsett
 - C. Online Career Development Events (March 20, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. Spring CDEs (April 18, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - E. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs (TBA) – Anne Poinsett
 - F. Agriscience Fair (April 24, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - G. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 30, 2013) – Kyle Clement
 - H. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Gaspar Hernandez
 - I. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
 - J. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

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

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the January 14, 2013 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Ernie Arians called the meeting to order at 9:03 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett (via conference call), Kyle Clement, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Delaney Gray, Lauren Fillebrown, Joseph Goodenough, Alec McAlarnen, Stephanie Tarlowe, and Samuel Rubinstein. State Staff in attendance was Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette.

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

Motion by Delaney Gray to accept the minutes as read.

Kyle Clement 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

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to give Gillian an unexcused absence for the January meeting

Sam Seconds. Motion passes.

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to give Jimmie an excused absence for the January meeting.

Sam seconds. Motion passes.

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

The State Leadership Activities Committee recommends having a larger space at ALLD for Career Show; Having a set aside time at ALLD for the Career Show where all members or part of the group can go look maybe during the brunch, or add in time when switching stations; Bring in more vendors so that hallways won't be as crowded. College and career choices are a good add on for ALLD because most members are undecided on what they would like to past graduation.

Motion by Lauren Fillebrown to accept the committee report as read

Implied second. Motion passes.

D. State Applications.

No report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The next meeting is January 19 at 3 pm via Google Plus hang out.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

No report

G. State Convention Evaluation

The new meeting time is Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 via phone call.

Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Stephanie told the state officers about how, although we might all move in different directions, we still have to work together like the muscles in the body.

VII. Foundation Report.

The recipient of the National Convention scholarship showed the Foundation what she did while at National Convention. The Foundation is considering creating a website to receive online donations without losing 18% to the National Organization. The next meeting is April 9.

VIII. Alumni Report

The Alumni discussed the Turkey Trot and what changes can be made. They also discussed public relations efforts utilizing the Facebook page and updating the display board. Lastly, they discussed duties at the banquet speech workshop. The next meeting is Feb 13.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is February 6 at the State Ag Convention in Atlantic City.

X. Unfinished Business

A. 2013 Calendars

Jimmie and Anne delivered calendars to the NJ Department of Education and Sam and Ernie delivered calendars at the NJ Department of Agriculture. Additional calendars were mailed to individuals who support Agricultural Education and FFA. 200 calendars were distributed in total.

B. Holiday Party

The Holiday Party was at Mrs. Trivette's house on Monday, December 17 following the work session. There was a lot of fun with good food and good laughs.

C. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Kyle, Anne, and Mrs. Noble shared their experiences in Argentina with the team. Kyle explained to us what mate is and showed us how it's made. Anne told Mrs. Trivette about her gift, an owl made from Argentina's national stone, Rhodochrosite. Mrs. Noble shared information about the cattle industry with the group and gave the executive board key chains made from leather (symbolizing Argentina's cattle industry) and Dulce' de Leche candies. We are so glad that they enjoyed Argentina and learned about the country and their agriculture!

D. Banquet Speech Workshop

The Banquet Speech Workshop is Friday, January 18. State Officers will practice their banquet speeches in a professional setting in front of parents, advisors, and alumni. This will prepare them for delivering their banquet speeches and their retiring addresses. The workshop starts at 6pm, but State Officers should arrive by 5:30.

E. State Officer Candidate School

State Officer Candidate School is a fantastic way to learn more about running for State Office and serving on the Nominating Committee. State Officers and Executive Committee will be presenting “FFA Hollywood” themed workshops about what State Office is, the 8 effective officer competencies, and the Nominating Committee process. The conference will run from 9 am - 3:30 pm on Saturday, January 26 at the Department of Agriculture building.

F. State Agriculture Convention

The State Agriculture Convention will be held at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. Anne will be attending as the Alumni Delegate and Ernie is invited to speak. There will be an Ag Ed Advisory Council Meeting, youth reception, and delegate dinner that Lauren, Ernie, Sam, Jimmie, Annie, and Kyle will attend on Wednesday, February 6.

Motion by Anne to approve the funds to send Lauren, Ernie, Sam, Jimmie, Annie, and Kyle to the delegate dinner.

Seconded by Kyle. Motion passes.

G. National FFA Week

a. ALLD

ALLD will be at The College of New Jersey. The state officers are paired up and responsible for facilitating workshops on the legislative process, agricultural issues, and telling your story.

b. Chapter Events

So far we received on request for National FFA week activities. Lauren will be attending Newton FFA’s teacher appreciation banquet. State Officers should keep their calendars open to attend these fun events!

H. Fuel Up Retreat

The officers plan to leave right from ALLD to travel to the Poconos to get ready for State Convention. State Officers will spend February 28 – March 3 planning and preparing for the State FFA Convention.

I. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE

The Horticultural Exposition will be held during March 15-17. The Floral Design CDE will take place on Friday, March 15. The State Officers look forward to seeing the beautiful creations while there on Friday and later that weekend. Additionally, state officers are responsible for working a shift during the weekend. Delaney will finalize the shift schedule.

J. National Ag Day

Delaney Gray and Lauren Fillebrown will be attending National Ag Day Event in Washington DC on March 17-19. They’ll be staying at the National 4-H Center while participating in

workshops and meeting with New Jersey's congressmen to "advocate" for agriculture, agricultural education, and FFA in the "Garden State."

K. Ceremony Practice Schedule

State Officers should memorize the State Degree Ceremony for the next work session and have the Honorary State FFA Degree Ceremony perfected.

L. Chapter Visits

All chapter visits should have been scheduled!

M. Team Goal Action Plan

The new Jersey State Officers are nearing the finish line for the State Officer Challenge which ends on February 1st.

XI. New Business

A. Potential State Officers

State Officers should remain on the lookout for potential state officer candidates who will be running this year or in future years.

B. Retiring Addresses

State officers should begin thinking of topics for their retiring addresses. They should remember to think about what they want to leave the members with at State Convention.

C. Statewide Community Service Project

Motion by Kyle Clement to hold a gift card drive as the state-wide community service project.
Seconded by Lauren Fillebrown.

Amendment by Sam Rubenstein to limit gift cards to pre-determined stores.
Seconded by Kyle Clement. Amendment passes.
Motion as Amended passes.

D. American FFA Degree Workshop

State Officers who are interested in applying for their American FFA Degree will attend a workshop or webinar explaining what steps they need to take to apply for the degree. Mrs. Noble will survey the team to find a day that works best for everyone.

E. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Kyle informed the executive board on many issues facing agriculture today including using ladybugs for biological pest control and the similarities and differences in agriculture in Argentina.

F. Member of the Month

Congratulations to Nicole Wright from Allentown for being January's member of the month!

G. State Officer Mileage

January mileage reports are due by 2:00 pm on Monday, February 4.

H. Food Science CDE

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to allow New Jersey FFA members compete in the Food Science CDE hosted by Eastern PA FFA Day.

Seconded by Joe Goodenough. Motion passes.

XII. Closing

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
December 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE: December 1, 2012

\$39,611.28

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	\$ 8,745.00	\$ 15,100.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 400.00
	3	General Supplies			\$ 270.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 108.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 15,625.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 11,474.90
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 60,850.00		\$ 7,709.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 519.80	\$ 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	\$ 10,283.80	\$ 40,206.03
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		
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,179.00		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,208.00	\$ 1,501.32	\$ 2,232.32
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,749.91	\$ 2,636.64	\$ 4,024.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,031.00		\$ 18,611.70
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 66,317.73		
	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	\$ 4,137.96	\$ 46,690.32

Ending Balance: December 31, 2012

\$45,757.12

FY13
FFA Deposits

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	January			
1	Penns Grove Carney's Point	61780	\$ 1,800.00	
	Allentown High School	898	\$ 3,550.00	
	Essex County Voc	68637	\$ 550.00	
	Salem Co Bd	25044	\$ 1,050.00	
	Bd of Ed Ocean Co	23480	\$ 550.00	
	Union Co Voc Tech Schools	322466	\$ 1,050.00	
	Salem County Bd for Voc Education	1298	\$ 195.00	
				\$ 8,745.00
2	North East NJ FFA Alumni	140	\$ 35.00	
	Northern Burlington	9733	\$ 145.00	
	Daniel Delcher	1479	\$ 70.00	
	Penns Grove High School	0805	\$ 35.00	
	Cumberland Regional	28549	\$ 144.00	
				\$ 429.00
5	Union County Voc Tech	1532	\$ 50.00	
	Union County Voc Tech	322466	\$ 400.00	
	Salem Co Bd for Voc education	1298	\$ 140.00	
				\$ 590.00
7	National FFA Foundation -Delegate Travel	177374	\$ 224.80	
	Union Co Voc Tech Schools	322452	\$ 100.00	
	Phillipsburg High School	1372	\$ 45.00	
	Woodstown Pilesgrove Regional	5551	\$ 45.00	
	Belvidere Bd of Education	2641	\$ 35.00	
	Allentown High School	909	\$ 70.00	
				\$ 519.80
			\$ 10,283.80	\$ 89,309.63

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2013				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
				\$ -
	Contests			
	General Supplies			
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	
	State Officers			\$ 2,232.32
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	
				\$ 4,024.74
	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			
				\$ -
	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 reimbursement for Extra Spirit of NJ tickets and discount		\$ 382.54	
08/23/12	Crowne Plaza Hotel		\$ 16,337.41	
				\$ 16,719.95
	Grand Total		\$ 46,690.32	\$ 46,690.32

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: January 9, 2013

Committee: State Leadership Activities Committee

Committee Members Present: Lauren Fillebrown, Jimmie Ferguson

Absent: Anne Poinsett, Brian Ducey, Kyle Clement

Purpose of Meeting: To review state activities and make suggestions and recommendations to improve the ALLD conference that the NJ State FFA Association holds. At State Convention, delegates, advisors, and state officer Jimmie Ferguson made recommendations to certain activities. The committee meeting today with Jimmie and Lauren will recognize and discuss further ideas for ALLD. There will be a later meeting with more opinions from the committee in later January, where the decisions will be made.

Recommended Action(s): 1. Ag and Legislative Leadership Day RECOMMENDATIONS: a.) College and Career Fair at ALLD- Have a larger space at ALLD for Career Show; Have a set aside time at ALLD for the Career Show where all members or part of the group can go look maybe during the brunch, or add in time when switching stations; Bring in more vendors. Reasoning? So that hallways won't be as crowded; Members won't be rushed, and can actually look at vendors; College and Career Choices are a good add on for ALLD because most members are undecided on what they would like to past graduation

Comments: There will be another meeting in January to discuss further applications and decisions regarding the recommendations made for ALLD in particular, once the whole committee (or part of it therefore) can come together. The meeting today was just to recognize all recommendations and have the ideas installed in the back of our minds with the event coming closer.

Lauren Fillebrown
Chairperson

Kyle Clement
Secretary