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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:** January 30, 2017

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, February 6, 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 fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2016-2017.

**AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 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 – 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 Agricultural Educators Report** – Mr. John Neyhart
- XIII. **Unfinished Business**
  - A. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 26, 2017) – Morgan Rutar
  - B. State Officer Candidates' School (January 28, 2017) – Kelsey Stockton
  - C. State Agriculture Convention (February 7- 9, 2017) – Myranda Bond
  - D. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2017) – Josh Loew
  - E. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2017) – Zuri Richmond
  - F. National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2017) – Kelsey Stockton
  - G. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 10-11, 2017) – Zuri Richmond
  - H. Statewide Community Service Project – Morgan Rutar
  - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Morgan Rutar
  - J. Chapter Visits – Renee Stilwell
- XIV. **New Business**
  - A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Zuri Richmond
  - B. Delegates Issues for State Convention – Jeremy Posluszny
  - C. National Agriculture Day Event – Kelsey Stockton
  - D. Winter (Online) CDEs – Josh Loew
  - E. Spring CDEs – Jeremy Posluszny
  - F. Agricultural Education/Agriculture Issues Discussion – Josh Loew
  - G. Member of the Month – Hannah Mann
  - H. State Officer Mileage – Josh Loew
- XV. **Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – March 6, 2017  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from January 23, 2017 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Myranda Bond called the meeting to order at 4:26 pm. Voting members in attendance were Morgan Rutar, Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, Zuri Richmond, Josh Loew, Kelsey Stockton, and Hannah Mann. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble, Mrs. Nancy Trivette, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from November State Meeting**

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to dispense from reading the minutes from the December state meeting.

**Seconded by Josh Loew. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

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

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to use the state convention incentive credit from National FFA as well as \$52.66 from State Association Funds to pay for new paraphernalia and gavel.

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

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

Mr. Dale Cruzan from the Allentown FFA Chapter was in attendance to fill in as the teacher representative. Ms. Lisa Haberl, the career cluster lead for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, was also present.

**Motion by Hannah Man** to excuse Alyssa Ferraro for the meeting due to school.

**Seconded by Josh Loew. Motion failed.**

**Division of the assembly was called by Kelsey Stockton.** By a hand vote, the motion to excused Alyssa Ferraro for the meeting due to school failed.

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, which highlights a few chapters who had outstanding materials due. Membership is currently at 2,413.

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**D. State Applications**

No report.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

No report.

*Myranda Bond reassumed the duties of the chair.*

**VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Objection to the consideration of the question is called when a motion is made that is outside the purpose of the meeting or committee. This motion is not amendable or debatable. This motion must be called prior to discussion of the motion on hand. It was be called by stating, "Madam Chair, I object to the consideration of the question." A hand vote would be taken, and must receive a two-thirds vote to pass. If the motion passes, then the previously stated motion will not be discussed.

**VII. Executive Committee Report**

Executive Committee chair, Hannah Mann read a quote: "History has its eye on you". This quote is important because as state officers, many people are looking to us for guidance. Hannah reminded all state officers to remember that even now during crazy times, people are watching, so it is important to be smart and wise in what we say and do in order to keep being great role models.

**VIII. Foundation Report**

New Foundation Brochures were created. The Board of Trustees also decided to sell off one investment fund and purchase a new one. Seventy-five percent of \$14,000 is available for scholarships this year.

**IX. Alumni Report**

The Alumni met on December 14 and primarily discussed the Banquet Speech Workshop. The next meeting will be held on February 15 at 6:00 pm.

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

No report.

**XI. Agricultural Society Report**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at the Rutgers Eco Complex.

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

The NJAAE met this past Tuesday to discuss some past events including their national convention and the teach agriculture event. They also discussed the upcoming Agriculture Convention and officer elections, along with any potential changes to the constitution and bylaws.

### **XIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. 212 Conference**

One hundred and twenty-three students attended the conference which was held on December 10 at Rutgers University. The focus of this conference was virtues. It was a huge success thanks to our great facilitators, and had a very positive impact on members. Evaluation results were provided in the folders. It was recommended that time be allotted for students to complete the online evaluation onsite.

#### **B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers.**

ILLSO was a great trip and had a huge impact for Jeremy, Renée, Josh, and Morgan. The two week trip started in Washington, D.C. with an orientation. During the ten full days in country, many farms were visited to see their agricultural production and see the country and landscapes. They also toured Kayamandi and learned that while they have a different way of life, they aren't looking for our help and they are okay. Overall, it was a very rewarding and worthwhile trip.

#### **C. Banquet Speech Workshop**

The banquet speech workshop will be this Thursday, January 26. State officers are reminded to be comfortable with their speeches and to have an introduction and greetings prepared. State officers should arrive at 5:30 pm and parents should arrive by 6:00 pm.

#### **D. State Officer Candidate's School**

SOCS is this Saturday. There are 44 students registered which include 30 members as state officer candidates and 14 members interested in nominating committee. All flip charts for the event can be given to Miranda at the banquet speech workshop so everything can be set up Friday night.

#### **E. State Agricultural Convention**

Miranda will be speaking at this event, and her speech is about perceptions of agriculture and the FFA and how we want people to perceive it. More information about the event will be given at the next state meeting.

#### **F. Fuel Up Retreat**

The Fuel Up Retreat will be held February 16-19 and will be focused primarily on convention planning.

#### **G. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day**

ALLD will be held on Thursday of FFA week and the theme is "proAGtive". The state officers completely redesigned the conference and are reminded to continue to prepare for their workshop.

#### **H. National FFA Week**

There are several state and chapter events scheduled during National FFA Week. So far officers are committed to ALLD, Hill Visits in Washington, D.C., Delaware Valley University Leadership Day and various chapter events. Officers are reminded to keep their schedules open and available for the week.

**I. Ceremonies Practice Schedule**

So far the state officers have memorized the Honorary State Degree ceremony and the State Degree ceremony. The installation ceremony is to be memorized for January and the Blue Jackets ceremony by February. All ceremonies should be perfectly memorized and prepared for the Fuel-Up Retreat.

**J. Team Goal Action Plan**

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

**K. Chapter Visits**

We have almost met our goal of visiting all 36 chapters in the state. State Officers are reminded to schedule the rest of their visits and finish up their visits as soon as possible.

**XIV. New Business**

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

The Horticultural Exposition will be held March 10 and 11 at Mercer County Community College. Registration is due February 15. Officers received the official announcement in their meeting folder. State Officers and Executive Committee members are required to help in setting up the event on Thursday evening around 4:00.

**B. Statewide Community Service Project**

A sheet found in the folders outlined previous years' projects, along with potential ideas for this year. Myranda will be calling the Anchor House for more concrete information on how we can help and Morgan will lead the State Convention committee in developing the communication pieces for the project.

**C. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

New technology is appearing in the cattle industry. Bluetooth enabled tracking in cattle is becoming widely popular from the company "Herd-dog". This tracker will help in tracking water consumption, internal temperature, how many steps they take, and how fast they're walking.

**D. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Hannah Mann** to select Emily Sadlon from the Northern Burlington Middle FFA Chapter as the January member of the month.

**Seconded by Kelsey Stockton. Motion passes.**

**E. 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 5:39 pm.

NJ FFA Association  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
 As of December 31, 2016

2:18 PM  
 January 19, 2017  
 Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA	12/01/2016	Rutgers University	Fall CDE room rental/set up charges	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-200.00	-200.00	44,126.32
Check	12/07/2016	National FFA Organiz...	Affiliated fee program for 2016-17 year (b... holiday cards	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-12,430.00	-12,430.00	43,926.32
Check	12/07/2016	Vista Print		P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-100.02	-100.02	31,496.32
Check	12/08/2016	Myranda Bond	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-481.75	-481.75	31,396.30
Check	12/08/2016	Morgan M Rutar	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-862.73	-862.73	30,914.55
Check	12/08/2016	Renee Stillwell	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-182.68	-182.68	30,051.82
Check	12/08/2016	Jeremy Posluszny	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-269.70	-269.70	29,669.14
Check	12/08/2016	Zurt Richmond	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-106.81	-106.81	29,490.63
Check	12/08/2016	Josh Loew	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-700.60	-700.60	28,790.03
Check	12/08/2016	Kelsey Stockton	2016 July - November mileage reimburse...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-515.22	-515.22	28,274.81
Check	12/09/2016	Hannah J Mann	2016 November mileage reimbursement	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-99.20	-99.20	28,175.61
Check	12/09/2016	Twin Oaks Caterer	212 Conference Lunch for attendees	P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	-2,798.25	-2,798.25	25,377.36
Deposit	12/13/2016		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,472.40	2,472.40	27,849.76
Deposit	12/15/2016		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,798.25	2,798.25	30,648.01
Check	12/20/2016	National FFA Organiz...	Teach Ag Recruitment Event & 212 Conf...	P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	-52.66	-52.66	30,595.35
Check	12/21/2016	Rutgers University		-SPLIT-	-660.00	-660.00	29,935.35
Total FFA					-14,190.97	-14,190.97	29,935.35
TOTAL					-14,190.97	-14,190.97	29,935.35

# NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary December 2016

	Dec 16	Jul - Dec 16	\$ Under/Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Deposit	0.00	29,508.91		
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	3,850.00	34,200.00	-15,800.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	144.00	1,402.00	-3,098.00	4,500.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	196.97	-908.03	1,105.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	1,776.00	16,479.00	-471.00	16,950.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	14,345.18	-51,431.82	66,777.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	146.40	3,591.40	-1,523.60	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)	2,798.25	2,798.25	-941.75	3,740.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,714.65</b>	<b>102,701.71</b>	<b>-49,695.29</b>	<b>152,397.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	12,435.16	13,448.16	-986.84	14,435.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	200.00	1,659.92	-6,883.58	8,543.50
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	147.52	1,024.52	-1,050.48	2,075.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	3,220.69	7,171.51	-1,768.99	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)	3,458.25	3,458.25	-4,438.75	7,897.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>19,461.62</b>	<b>118,408.22</b>	<b>-33,988.78</b>	<b>152,397.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-10,746.97</b>	<b>-15,706.51</b>	<b>-15,706.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>