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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:** October 31, 2017

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, November 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 2017-2018.

**AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the October 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. Executive Committee Report – Morgan Rutar**

**VIII. Foundation Report – Jeremy Posluszny**

**IX. Alumni Report – McKenna Moore**

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Ariel Norbeck**

**XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Kelsey Stockton**

**XII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – John Neyhart**

**XIII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Leadership Experience and Development Conference Evaluation (October 6-7) – Ariel Norbeck
- B. 90<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention Review (October 25-28) – Jeremy Posluszny
- C. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting (October 20) – Kelsey Stockton
- D. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 13-14) – Renee Stillwell
- E. Fall Career Development Events (November 16) – Ariel Norbeck
- F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 2-16, 2018) – Sarah Kelly
- G. Chapter Visits – Allison Finn
- H. Team Goal Action Plan – Jeremy Posluszny

**XIV. New Business**

- A. 212° Conference (December 9) – Sarah Kelly
- B. Holiday Party – Kelsey Stockton
- C. State Officer Candidates' School (January 27)– Allison Finn
- D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – McKenna Moore
- E. Member of the Month – Morgan Rutar
- F. State Officer Mileage – McKenna Moore

**XV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- December 4, 2017  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Board Room  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from October 2, 2017 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Renee Stillwell called the meeting to order at 4:02 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, Mrs. Nancy Trivette, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from September 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 present.

*Jeremy Posluszny assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

**A. Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities**

No report.

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report.

**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.

*Renee Stillwell reassumed the duties of the chair.*

### **VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Previous question is a subsidiary motion that ends all debate and calls for an immediate vote if passed. It must be seconded and have a two-thirds vote in the affirmative to pass. It is neither debatable nor amendable.

### **VII. Executive Committee Report**

Morgan Rutar had the officers share why they ran for office as motivation to do well and their best while at LEAD. She reminded them to be in the present, even though this is a stressful time with balancing other commitments such as exams.

### **VIII. Foundation Report**

The Foundation will meet on October 17, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Department of Agriculture. The Foundation will host a fundraiser in partnership with the New York Jets on December 2 at the MetLife Stadium. Tickets are \$60 each, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Foundation. All members, alumni, and supporters of FFA may attend.

### **IX. Alumni Report**

The New Jersey FFA Alumni will have their Fall 5K on November 18, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Horse Park of NJ. Officers were urged to create their online team for fundraising.

### **X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

The next meeting will be at the Agricultural Convention on February 7, 2018.

### **XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society**

The New Jersey Agricultural Society had their first board meeting with the new board of directors and trustees on September 13, 2017. They recognized Myranda Bond for completing a two-year term as the FFA Representative, as well as introduced Kelsey Stockton as the new representative. The society decided to postpone the start of their next Agriculture Leadership Development class until October 2019 so that they can find and hire a new director, revamp the program curriculum, and plan new recruitment initiatives.

### **XII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators**

The Fall Ag Ed conference was last Friday, September 29. The panel of various industry representatives was very interesting as they shared the importance of students understanding basic and business mathematics. Recognized teachers include Ms. Amy Kline for the being selected to participate in the XLR8 program, Keely DiTizo as the ACTE Regional New Teacher of the Year and national finalist, and Deanna Miller for being a Teachers Turn the Key recipient.

### **XIII. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. Eastern States Exposition**

The Big E was September 15 to 17 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Several members placed in the Dairy Handlers CDE and Horse Judging CDE, with the Horse Judging team placing second. Brian Gerges of the Hackettstown FFA Chapter was named Star in Agribusiness. Renee Stillwell found value in spending time with other state presidents in the region as part of the State Presidents Internship.

#### **B. Fall Ag Ed Conference**

The Fall Ag Ed conference was on September 29. The new logo for New Jersey's Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education was presented. Renee Stillwell delivered a speech of how the state theme – Timeless Traditions, Endless Possibilities – connects to the classroom.

#### **C. Leadership Experience and Development Conference**

##### **a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training**

The officers completed their last LEAD planning meeting last week. All decorations, supplies, and music are in order. We will have 62 chapter officers in attendance.

##### **b. Leadership Opportunities Conference**

Members who are neither officers nor first year members will partake in this conference with Myranda Bond, Delaney Grey, and Lauren Fillebrown.

##### **c. State Greenhand Conference**

Morgan Rutar, Hannah Mann, and Tyler Kohlhaas are preparing the materials needed for this conference and reviewing their curriculum.

##### **d. Timeline**

LEAD is this Friday, October 6-7, 2017. The officers will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Hotel ML on Thursday to set-up. Facilitators should be putting the final touches on their workshops and preparing to perform this weekend.

#### **D. 90<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention**

##### **a. Flag Bearer**

Ariel Norbeck will serve as the Flag Bearer in the parade at National Convention in October.

**b. Delegates**

The three delegates are Renee Stillwell, Jeremy Posluszny, and Kelsey Stockton with the alternate being Sarah Kelly. Kelsey Stockton was confirmed as a delegate on The Inclusion of Unpaid Supervised Agricultural Experiences. The delegates will partake in the one of two upcoming Delegate 101 webinars.

**c. State Booth**

Allison Finn is responsible for the state booth in the expo center during convention alongside the Allentown FFA Chapter.

**d. State Suite**

McKenna Moore is the host of the State Suite at convention.

**e. Recognition Program**

Parts were assigned for the program. The officers will continue working on this program that will be delivered during the state breakfast.

**E. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony**

The written testimonies were evaluated by the board members present. Revisions need to be made by the October Work Session.

**F. Fall Career Development Events**

The board members were reminded of the CDE they are responsible to facilitate on November 16 at Rutgers University.

**G. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers**

McKenna Moore, Sarah Kelly, and Zuri Richmond have started their online course work for the trip. They submitted their introduction video, in addition to another assignment.

**H. Calendar of Events**

An updated calendar was provided at the last meeting. The officers are working on updating their iCalendar to have an electronic copy.

**I. Chapter Visits**

All officers should be in contact with the advisors at the chapters they will visit this year. Confirmations and cancellations should be shared with Mrs. Noble as they arise.

**J. Team Goal Action Plan**

The goals of the team were shared.

**XIV. New Business**

**A. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting**

Kelsey Stockton will represent the association at the NJ State Grange Annual Meeting in Bridgeport. More information to follow.

**B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Annual Meeting**

Renee Stillwell will speak at the annual meeting on November 13 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village.

**C. Agriculture Education/Agriculture Issues Discussion**

Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week was September 25-29. NJ Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas H. Fisher, presented the "Best in New Jersey Farm to School Award" to the Ethel Jacobsen Elementary School in Surf City, a town in Ocean County. The week celebrated farm to school initiatives across the state.

**D. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Morgan Rutar** to select Madison Lofgren from the Allentown FFA Chapter as the October Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Jeremy Posluszny. Motion passes.**

**E. State Officer Mileage**

The updated mileage report was provided in the folders.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,  
*Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary*

## NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary September 2017

	Sep 17	Jul - Sep 17	\$ Under/Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	-1,280.00	-365.00	-48,365.00	48,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	590.00	824.00	-551.00	1,375.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	140.90	-134.10	275.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	3,465.00	3,465.00	-12,635.00	16,100.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-350.00	4,620.54	-53,659.46	58,280.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	800.00	800.00	-110.00	910.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (Income)	0.00	0.00	-5,450.00	5,450.00
P10 Leadership Event (Income)	0.00	0.00	-4,500.00	4,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,215.00</b>	<b>9,485.44</b>	<b>-125,404.56</b>	<b>134,890.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	935.00	935.00	-26,565.00	27,500.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	175.00	-2,051.00	2,226.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,485.20	-1,340.80	2,826.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	89.00	4,199.37	-4,868.63	9,068.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	562.50	562.50	-15,361.50	15,924.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	61,000.68	3,110.68	57,890.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	995.00	2,195.00	-4,702.80	6,897.80
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-4,180.00	4,180.00
P9 (NLCSO - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,250.20	3,250.20
P10 (Leadership Event-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-5,128.00	5,128.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,581.50</b>	<b>70,552.75</b>	<b>-64,337.25</b>	<b>134,890.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>633.50</b>	<b>-61,067.31</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



2:29 PM

October 2, 2017

Cash Basis

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
 As of September 30, 2017

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA	09/06/2017	Allstate Motor Club	membership renewal - Rutar	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-89.00	-89.00	26,312.35
Deposit	09/07/2017	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit	-SPLIT-	672.00	672.00	26,223.35
Check	09/07/2017	Hard Rock Cafe	Agriscience Fair registration	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-245.00	-245.00	26,895.35
Check	09/14/2017	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit for Welcome Breakfast	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-750.00	-750.00	26,650.35
Deposit	09/18/2017	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit	-SPLIT-	710.00	710.00	25,900.35
Check	09/21/2017	The Hotel ML	Official Handbooks	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-935.00	-935.00	26,610.35
Check	09/22/2017	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit for LEAD	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-500.00	-500.00	25,675.35
Check	09/22/2017	National FFA Organiz...	awards for LEAD	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-62.50	-62.50	25,175.35
Total FFA					-1,199.50	-1,199.50	25,112.85
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-1,199.50</b>	<b>-1,199.50</b>	<b>25,112.85</b>