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New Jersey FFA “Unlock the Possibilities”

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

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

DATE: September 23, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 3, 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 2010-2011.

AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the September 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** – James Ferguson
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Sam Rubinstein
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Alec McAlarnen
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Eastern States Exposition (September 16-18, 2011) – Gillian Armstrong
 - B. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 30, 2011) – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - C. Leadership Experience and Development (Oct. 7-8, 2011)
 - a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Anna Lubas
 - b. State Greenhand Conference – Eric Nelson
 - c. Timeline – Ernie Arians
 - D. National Convention – October 19-22, 2011
 - a. Flag Bearer – Jimmie Ferguson
 - b. Delegates – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - c. State Booth – Sam Rubinstein
 - d. State Suite – Gillian Armstrong
 - e. Recognition Program – Anna Lubas
 - f. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony – Ernie Arians
 - E. Team Goal Action Plan – Jimmie Ferguson
 - F. ILSSO (January 4-16, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - G. Fall Career Development Events – Sam Rubinstein
 - H. Chapter Visits – Ernie Arians
- XI. New Business**
 - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention – Alec McAlarnen
 - B. 2012 Calendars – Ernie Arians
 - C. Chapter Reports – Jimmie Ferguson
 - D. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Sam Rubinstein
 - E. Member of the Month – Eric Nelson
 - F. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, November 7, 2011
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association

Minutes of the September State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Anna Lubas, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Rachel Layton, Julianne Robinson, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Trivette, Mrs. Noble, and Ms. Butch. Nick Lavan and Genevieve Buck were also in attendance as guests.

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

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

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Anna Lubas to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

Discussion was heard regarding the outstanding balance of over \$19,000 from chapters across the state. Memos were sent to these schools in August, but receipts will be resubmitted in case they did not reach teachers over the summer.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Nick Lavan and Genevieve Buck from Middlesex-East Brunswick were present and shared their enthusiasm about using CASE this year.

Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

See attached committee reports for full details.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

The next meeting will be held Monday, September 19th.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12th, with a Google Doc sent.

C. State Leadership Activities

360 training is being implemented at LEAD. The next meeting will be held before October for preliminary discussion on the 212 conference.

D. State Applications

Committee members are requested to respond to the Google Doc by Friday before proceeding with suggestions.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The next meeting will be held sometime before the Fall CDEs.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

A phone or web conference will be held next Wednesday, September 21 3 pm.

G. State Convention Evaluation

There was no committee report, but attention was brought to supplies such as the podium and arch being lost in the floods following Hurricane Irene. It is unsure what tools are salvageable to rebuild or replace these supplies. Teachers will be consulted at the Fall Ag Ed Conference as we will need assistance to ensure that everything is prepared for next year's convention.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

This month's key quote was, "A leader leads by example, whether he intends to or not." The Executive Committee members shared their experiences of having members recognize them out of State Officer context.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11.

VIII. Alumni Report

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12 at the Department of Agriculture at 6 pm. The 5K and officer elections will be discussed.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be in November.

X. Unfinished Business

A. National Convention

a. Flag Bearer

Jimmie will be our flag bearer as received information regarding his assignment.

b. Delegates

Information about the delegate process, committees, and a schedule can be found on the National FFA website. Jimmie is Vice-Chair of the Floriculture Committee, Alec is Sentinel of the Leadership Development Committee, and Stephanie has been recommended for the Delegate Process Committee. Ernie is the alternate delegate. Oral and written testimony will be discussed under New Business.

c. State Booth

Sam displayed his plan to have an apiculture theme with posters, honey sticks and tattoos to give out, and an apple toss with Apple Chips as a prize since their company is stationed in NJ. Concerns were expressed, and a new idea of having a Velcro game to place different agricultural goods in different counties on the map was brought up.

d. State Suite

Gillian will be hosting the suite.

Additionally, she will be meeting soon with Dr. Robson about the Rutgers booth.

e. Recognition Program

The recognition program will be held during the state breakfast, and an email has been sent out regarding program assignments for the officers. Scripts should be written by the October State Meeting.

B. Team Goal Action Plan

Goals are to be discussed at the mini work session.

C. Eastern States Exposition

This weekend, 12 NJ students will be competing at the Big E:

- Northern Burlington—Ag Mechanics CDE team, Star Regional Farmer award
- Cumberland—Tractor Driving and Dairy Handlers' CDE
- Woodstown—Horse Judging CDE
- Union—Star Regional Placement award

D. Leadership Experience and Development

a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

The officers will review the 360 curriculum at the mini work session. Camp Bernie waivers must be signed for the next State Meeting. The officers will (tentatively) arrive the Thursday night before LEAD at 7 pm with all necessary luggage and having already eaten.

b. State Greenhand Conference

This part of LEAD introduces new members to FFA. Workshops are already picked out and need to be assigned. Living to serve challenges and reflections about the Executive Committee's experiences and reasons for staying will round out the "Road Trip" theme.

c. Timeline

The timeline is to be discussed at the mini work session.

E. ILSSO

Gill demonstrated her new Mandarin skills in preparation for her trip to China; her paperwork has been submitted and she is finding sponsors. Sam is also plans on applying. They submitted budget plans, sponsorship letters, and a list of targeted donors to Mrs. Noble.

F. Chapter Visits

Emails for chapter visits are due to be sent out by September 15th. Sheets were given with assignments, and a Google Calendar will be utilized to keep all officers in the loop.

XI. New Business

A. Calendar of Events

The finalized calendar can be found on the website under "Calendar of Events." The Hort Expo is the only thing with a TBA location, which may be Mercer County Community College.

B. Delegate Process: Written/Oral Testimony

Each officer will be in charge of providing written testimony using a form found on the National FFA website (it is not available yet). Delegates will attempt to provide oral testimony for all committees, and the executive committee will be included in preparing these testimonies. Oral testimony will be put on Google Docs for group review. Written assignments are as follows:

- Continuation of the Floriculture CDE: Jimmie Ferguson
- Reconstruction of the Delegate Process: Stephanie Tarlowe
- Increased Middle School Opportunities: Sam Rubinstein
- Agricultural Experience Program: Ernie Arians
- Creation of Collegiate FFA Competitive Events: Anna Lubas
- Alternative Delivery Models for Leadership Development: Gillian Armstrong

C. Fall Ag Ed Conference

The Fall Ag Ed Conference will be held September 30th at the EcoComplex. Attendees will get professional development credits and learn how to teach new material. Alec and Jimmie will attend.

D. Fall Career Development Events

The Fall CDEs will be held November 17th. Pre-registration is due Friday, October 14th. The Dairy Foods CDE has changed to the Milk Quality and Products CDE to reflect changes on the National level. The milker unit component is gone and the cheese and dairy vs. imitation practicums have been modified. Assignments for CDEs are:

- Land Judging: Anna, Jimmie
- Fruits and Veggies: Sam, Gill, Jess
- Turf: Ernie, Rachel
- Milk: Steph, Alec

E. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Hurricane Irene affected farmers all across the eastern seaboard. Hardest hit were the vegetable crops, especially those left in rotting soil. Some farmers in New York couldn't make yearly pay and had to go out of business. Rachel described the hurricane's wrath in Salem County.

F. Member of the Month

Motion by Rachel Layton to make Stephen Milo of the Freehold FFA Chapter the September Member of the Month.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

G. State Officer Mileage

Motion by Samuel Rubinstein to accept his late mileage.

Second by James Ferguson. Motion passes.

XII. Other Business

- Immediately following adjournment there will be a mini work session.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
August 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: August 1, 2011

\$20,431.62

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	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 135.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 11,965.90	\$ 20,379.90
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 865.00	\$ 1,015.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 188.00	\$ 188.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 13,232.90	\$ 21,931.90
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	\$ 628.00	\$ 1,928.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00		
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00		\$ 3,909.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 1,801.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00		\$ 2,330.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 953.00	\$ 9,968.74

Ending Balance: August 31, 2011

\$32,711.52

**FY12
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
July				
2	Salem Co. Bd Voc. Education	1167	\$ 135.00	
				\$ 135.00
6	Union Co. Voc/Tech Schools	318367	\$ 1,215.00	
	Ocean Co Voc Schools	18243	\$ 945.00	
	Woodstown Pilesgrove School	4862	\$ 2,070.00	
	Somerset Co Voc Tech	1893	\$ 280.00	
	Cape May Co. Tech School	6492	\$ 3,204.00	
	Camden Co. Tech School	3814	\$ 675.00	
	New Jersey Farm Bureau	3936	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 8,414.00
7	Freehold Twp High School	12501	\$ 150.00	
				\$ 150.00
			\$ 8,699.00	\$ 8,699.00
August				
1	Gloucester Co. Special Services	98271	\$ 14.00	
				\$ 14.00
6	Jan Traynor- Morris Comm.College Display	5283	\$ 25.00	
	State of NJ-EN Conv. Registration	10579688	\$ 243.90	
	State of NJ -SRB & NJT Conve.Registration	20581768	\$ 294.00	
	Salem Co. Bd for Voc. Ed	1182	\$ 2,133.00	
	Newton Bd of Education	34683	\$ 3,915.00	
	Monmouth Co. Career Center	674	\$ 70.00	
	Middlesex Co. Voc. Schools	2022	\$ 450.00	
	North Warren Reg.	29462	\$ 1,234.00	
	Phillipsburg High School	0654	\$ 3,601.00	
				\$ 11,965.90
7	Mark Robson	8802	\$ 50.00	
	Monmouth Co. Vocational Schools	76489	\$ 350.00	
	Cumberland Regional	25839	\$ 115.00	
	Cumberland Regional	5959	\$ 250.00	
	Salem Co. Bd	1190	\$ 100.00	
				\$ 865.00
8	Cumberland Regional	25843	\$ 188.00	
				\$ 188.00
10	Penns Grove High School	0769	\$ 40.00	
	Penns Grove High School	59423	\$ 160.00	
				\$ 200.00
			\$ 13,232.90	\$ 21,931.90

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 McAlarnen & Ferguson		\$ 600.00	
07/12/11	Jessica McCosker mileage May & June		\$ 252.46	
07/12/11	Alec McAlarnen 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	
				\$ 3,909.74
	Leadership Experience and Development			
	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 - Convention 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 Tariowe - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/15/11	National FFA - SO Business Casual Shirts		\$ 451.00	
01/08/00	National Convention			\$ 1,476.00
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
				\$ 2,330.00
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Block Lodging Depoist		\$ 1,700.00	
				\$ 1,700.00
	Grand Total		\$ 11,343.74	\$ 11,343.74