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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: September 26, 2012

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, October 1, 2012 – 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 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 – 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. National Convention (October 22-28, 2012)
 - a. Flag Bearer – Joe Goodenough
 - b. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony – Anne Poinsett
 - c. State Booth – Kyle Clement
 - d. Recognition Program – Gaspar Hernandez
 - e. State Suite – Lauren Fillebrown
 - B. Eastern States Exposition (September 14-16, 2012) – Delaney Gray
 - C. Leadership Experience and Development (October 5-6, 2012)
 - a. Chapter Leadership Training – Joe Goodenough
 - b. Leadership and Opportunities Conference – Sam Rubinstein
 - c. State Greenhand Conference – Jimmie Ferguson
 - D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-13, 2013) – Kyle Clement
 - E. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 28, 2012) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - F. World Food Prize Global Youth Institute (October 18-20, 2012) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - G. Fall Career Development Events (November 15, 2012) – Kyle Clement
 - H. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
 - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough
- XI. New Business**
 - A. 2013 Calendars – Gaspar Hernandez
 - B. Champions of Change (October 9, 2012) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - C. New Jersey State Grange Convention (October 19, 2012) – Anne Poinsett
 - D. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 12-13, 2012) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - E. NJ FFA Alumni 5K (November 17, 2012) – Anne Poinsett
 - F. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion – Lauren Fillebrown
 - G. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
 - H. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – November 5, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium.
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the September 10, 2012 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Ernie Ariens called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Delaney Gray, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Kyle Clement, Joseph Goodenough, Lauren Fillebrown, Jimmie Ferguson, Samuel Rubinstein, and Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Trivette and Ms. Butch. Guests in attendance were Kelly Gangel (Northern Burlington) and Kristianne Dowd (Freehold).

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

Motion by Delaney Gray to accept minutes as read.
Seconded by Anne Poinsett. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Gaspar Hernandez to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.
Motion passes pending audit.

The 2012-2012 New Jersey FFA Association Budget was reviewed by the voting body.

Motion by Annie Poinsett moves to accept the Association Budget as presented.
Seconded by Jimmie Ferguson. Motion passes.

The subject of chapter debts to the Association was discussed.

Motion by Delaney Gray to put all schools with 1,000 dollars in debt carried over from the previous school year on an advanced payment basis.

Seconded by Joe Goodenough

Amendment by Kyle Clement to amend the main motion by striking out 1,000 and inserting 750.

Seconded by Lauren Fillebrown. Amendment Fails.
Main Motion passes.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Kelly Gangel and Kristianne Dowd shared their name, chapter, and their favorite subject is school.

Anne Poinsett assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

There is no report. There will be an email or phone call sent to set a date for the next meeting

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

No report, but there will be a meeting via phone call or Skype which will be determined soon.

C. State Leadership Activities

There is no report present.

D. State Applications.

There is no report present.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

There is no report present.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

There is no report present, but there will be a meeting via Skype or phone call on either November 11 or November 12.

G. State Convention Evaluation

There is no report. The times for the next meeting will be determined soon.

Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Jimmie Ferguson compared the State Officer's year and specifically LEAD, to an ear of corn. A farmer can plant a seed, but he must work hard to give it the resources it needs to grow. Once that corn is grown it can be sent out to be utilized by many people. Jimmie explained that the officers will have to prepare, work hard, use their resources, and think positively so that Leadership Experience and Development will be the best that it can be! This way the members that attend can take what they learned back to their chapters and share what they learned with the members of the chapter.

VII. Foundation Report.

The next New Jersey FFA Foundation meeting is October 9th.

Motion by Kyle Clement to approve the New Jersey FFA Foundation budget report
Alec McAlarnen seconds. Motion passes.

VIII. Alumni Report

At the August 8 meeting, the Alumni discussed the constitution and elected the new officers. The next Alumni meeting will be October 10.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

There was no report present.

X. Unfinished Business

A. National Convention (October 22-28)

a. Flag Bearer

Joe Goodenough will be holding the state flag during all official events at National Convention.

b. Delegates

1. Creation of a Discussion Meet

- This committee will discuss the creation of a nationwide meet where FFA members would gather and discuss agricultural issues in a competitive setting.

2. Agricultural Summit

- Gaspar Hernandez will serve on the Agricultural Summit Committee. This committee will discuss whether or not there should be an event where members can learn about agricultural issues and/or a tour where members would learn from seeing the agricultural in action.

3. Evaluation of Proficiency Award Areas

- Delaney Gray will serve on the Evaluation of Proficiency Award Areas committee at National Convention. This committee will discuss the definition of an urban setting for urban SAEs as well as determining if food service should be a proficiency area.

4. Agricultural Equipment Operations / Safety CDE

- This committee will discuss the creation of a safety and equipment CDE where members would be allowed to compete nationally.

5. Agricultural Education CDE

- Anne Poinsett will serve on the Agricultural Education CDE Committee at National Convention. This committee will discuss whether or not there should be a National Agricultural Education CDE.

6. Aquaculture Event

- Ernie Ariens will serve on the Aquaculture CDE committee at National Convention. This committee will discuss the need for a national aquaculture event.

c. State Booth

Kyle Clement will oversee the state booth along with his Hall of States team from Salem Co. Vo. Tech, who placed first place at State Convention. The main goal of the state booth is to show the individual counties of New Jersey and their agricultural commodities through posters of the state and activity stations. Joseph Goodenough will assist at the booth as well.

d. Recognition Program

There will be a recognition breakfast for the New Jersey chapters attending National Convention on Wednesday, October 24. Chapters interested in attending the breakfast should RSVP by September 27.

e. State Suite

The State Suite will be available for NJ chapter members and guests upon request. Emails were sent to the teacher attending National Convention. Teachers should email Mrs. Noble by September 27 if they would like tickets for the suite.

B. Eastern States Exposition

The Big Eastern States Exposition will take place September 14 -16 in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Ernest Ariens will be serving as a Big E intern, Delaney Gray will be carrying the state flag and participating in state officer opportunities, Lauren Fillebrown will be competing in the Prepared Public Speaking CDE, and Joseph Goodenough will be competing in the Star Program. Good luck to the chapters competing at the Big E!

C. Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD: October 5-6 2012)

a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

The COLT schedule is finished. The state officers are excited to facilitate the 360 curriculum to the members attending Chapter Officer Leadership Training.

b. Leadership Opportunities Conference

Students attending the Leadership Opportunities Conference will be attending the 360 conference facilitated by the State Officers, but will break out and attend leadership workshops during specific Chapter Officer Training activities.

c. State Greenhand Conference

The State Greenhand Conference is for first year members who are excited to learn more about FFA. SGC will be facilitated by Gillian Armstrong, Alec McAlarnen, Jimmie Ferguson, and Sam Rubenstein.

d. Timeline

State Officers are busy finalizing materials for LEAD. They have scheduled planning meetings every Monday leading up to the event.

D. ILSSO (January 3-13)

Kyle Clement and Anne Poinsett both applied for the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers in Argentina from January 3 – 13, 2013. The list of donors and sample letter was due on August 6th and the application and down payment was due to Mrs. Noble on September 10th.

E. Chapter Visits

State officers have to send their chapter visit requests by September 15, 2012. One chapter visit must be completed before National Convention and the rest should be completed by February 1, 2013.

F. Team Goal and Action Plan

State officers will work on their individual plans of action and work with each other to improve them. These plans of action will ensure that the team goals will be met with success this year!

XI. New Business

A. Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events is finalized on posted on the website.

B. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony

State Officers need to fill and submit the written testimonies by September work session on September 24th.

C. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 28th, 2012)

The Fall Agricultural Educators Conference will be on September 28th at Mercer County College. This conference will focus on 21st Century Agricultural Education: Preparing Students for High Demand, High Skill, High Wage Careers. Sam Rubenstein and Lauren Fillebrown will attend and represent the New Jersey FFA Association.

D. World Food Prize Global Youth Institute

Lauren Fillebrown was selected to represent her school and the New Jersey FFA Association at the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute October 18-20. Lauren will meet with global leaders and focus on partnerships that will confront world hunger.

E. Fall Career Development Events (November 15th, 2012)

Fall Career Development Events will take place on November 15, 2012 at Rutgers University's Cook Campus in New Brunswick NJ. The Fall CDEs include Land Judging (Joe and Anne), Fruits and Vegetable Identification (Kyle, Sam, and Alec), Turf Management (Lauren, Gaspar, and Gill), and Milk Quality and Products (Jimmie, Ernie, and Delaney). Teams will be registered before 9:30 AM, and the events will start promptly at 10:00.

F. Agricultural/Education Issues Discussion

Because of the drought that was experienced by most of the country this summer, the USA is short 2 million bushels of corn than usual. Many farmers are looking for alternative feed sources for cattle or selling off their livestock. The United States may buy corn from other countries which was done in the past after droughts.

G. Member of the Month

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to accept Stuart Faunce as September's member of the month.

Seconded by Sam Rubenstein. Motion passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

September's Mileage is due by 2:00 pm on October 1st.

I. Grange Invitation

The Grange invited a State Officer to their banquet on Friday, October 19 in Swedesboro, NJ to bring greetings from the New Jersey FFA Association. Anne will attend the banquet on behalf of the NJ FFA Association.

J. Champions of Change

The United States Department of Agriculture has selected FFA and 4-H members to be the focus of their Champions of Change program which highlights individuals who make a difference in their communities. Lauren Fillebrown, Ernie Ariens, Gillian Armstrong, Jimmie Ferguson, and Kyle Clement will go to the White House on September 18 to attend the ceremony.

XII. Closing

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
August 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE: August 1, 2012

\$426.68

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		\$ 48,399.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 521.00	\$ 4,111.90
	3	General Supplies			\$ 806.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 153.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		\$ 12,828.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 1,984.80	\$ 70,745.46
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,242.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00		\$ 3,099.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.		\$ 6,366.44	\$ 9,471.44
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 1,100.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 10,235.24	\$ 153,955.80
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		\$ 14,845.00
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00		\$ 2,090.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 641.00	\$ 5,622.11
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 14,195.42
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00		\$ 14,624.29
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00		\$ 69,213.82
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00		\$ 13,442.01
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		\$ 5,042.47
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 16,337.41	\$ 2,928.52
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		\$ 5,502.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 18,049.41	\$ 147,505.64

Ending Balance: August 31, 2012

(\$7,387.49)

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FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
July				
1	Middlesex Co. Voc Schools	1735	\$ 550.00	
1	N.Warren Reg. Bd of Education	030009	\$ 832.00	
				\$ 1,382.00
2	N.Warren Reg. Bod	030974	\$ 108.00	
2	N.Burlington	33568	\$ 90.00	
2	N.Warren Reg Bd of Education	031309	\$ 45.00	
2	Cumberland	27465	\$ 144.00	
2	Newton Bd of Education	036616	\$ 634.00	
				\$ 1,021.00
6	Cape May Co Tech School	008152	\$ 2,940.00	
6	Freehold Reg. High School	415876	\$ 4,480.00	
6	Monmouth Co.	79909	\$ 499.00	
				\$ 7,919.00
8	Sussex	4594	\$ 570.00	
	Cumberland	27465	\$ 200.00	
				\$ 770.00
9	Virginia FFA Association	3755	\$ 3,105.72	
			\$ 14,197.72	\$ 3,105.72
August				
2	South Hunterdon	010337	\$ 521.00	
				\$ 521.00
4	Cumberland Reg School	005009	\$ 63.00	
				\$ 63.00
6	Ocean Co Voc	4277	\$ 200.00	
	Middlesex Co Voc. Piscataway	1787	\$ 1,260.00	
	State of NJ - NJT State Convention	11026392	\$ 140.00	
	State of NJ - SRB & EN State Convention	11028925	\$ 384.80	
				\$ 1,984.80
7	Monmouth Co	80300	\$ 150.00	
	Rutgers	2456812	\$ 1,000.00	
	Bryan Leh	3100	\$ 100.00	
	North East NJ FFA Alumni	132	\$ 50.00	
				\$ 1,300.00
9	Cash, Purto Rico Regis.		\$ 737.68	
	Delaware Association	1528	\$ 2,368.04	
	West Virginia FFA Association	8905	\$ 3,260.72	
				\$ 6,366.44
			\$ 10,235.24	\$ 24,432.96

