

**Wisconsin Association of FFA
Board of Directors Meeting**

January 11th, 2013 – Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

Meeting called to order by Kayla Hack at 1:03 pm. Present was the entire state officer team, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. Hicken, Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Sauvola, Mr. Markhardt, Ms. Leonard, Ms. Montgomery, Mrs. Pruss, Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Crystal Retzlaff, Mrs. Heinbuch, Mr. Kruse, Mr. Holle, and Mrs. Nelson.

Kayla Hack began with a state officer team update, covering briefly on wrapping up chapter visits, all of our delegate issues passing through at National FFA Convention, and our excitement for the Halftime Conference and our February CTSO Legislative Day. New for this year is a media broadcasting project which Joanna Wavrunek is leading in her role as State FFA Reporter. She plans on sending audio recordings of events and happenings in Wisconsin FFA to local radio and television broadcasters. In conclusion, Kayla Hack reminded everyone that we have 150 days until State FFA Convention.

Mrs. Zimmerman provided a Wisconsin FFA Center report. The Wisconsin FFA Center Chapter Affiliation Fee will remain at \$350 for the 2013-2014 school year. Currently 8 chapters need to pay their 2012-13 FFA Center Affiliation Fee. New this year is the online registration for District and Sectional Speaking Contests. Mrs. Zimmerman stressed for chapters to check their membership numbers prior to registering online. Also new this year, if some districts don't fill their allowed participants in various contest, others from the section will move into those spots for the sectional contest. This motion passed at a Board of Directors meeting last March. Upcoming activities were read, including the National Ag Ed Summit January 30-31 and proficiency award judging March 8-9.

Mrs. Nelson reported that the Wisconsin FFA Foundation came in \$6,000 over their second quarter goal of \$268,000. Exciting to hear growth in donor contributions, such as DuPont Pioneer signing on to be a 3 Star Mission partner! On a more reserved note, Mrs. Nelson announced her resignation as Executive Director in order to take bigger role on the family farm. Position applications are due February 1st.

Joanna Wavrunek gave her state convention speakers committee report. Reviewed speakers were Packer players Jordy Nelson and Donald Driver, Grant Baldwin, Laymon Hicks, Kyle Scheele, and Wyatt DeJong. Zach Markhardt moved to approve Grant Baldwin and Kyle Scheele as convention speakers. Zach Markhardt postponed the motion indefinitely and seconded by Logan Wells. No debate. Motion passed and sustained by advisors. Nate Overby moved to approve Grant Baldwin, Wyatt DeLong and Kyle Scheele, as speakers. Zach Markhardt seconded. Motion passed and sustained by advisors. Only two speakers will be selected however this motion created an order of selection if Wyatt is unable to attend our convention.

Giving her service committee project report, Bethany Rieth suggested to the Board to host a program through "Kids Against Hunger" to replace the State Convention Kick-Off. Money would be raised throughout the rest of the year, with a goal of \$10,000 to purchase the food items to package meals. Purchased food items would be assembled into meals in three shifts during the Day of Service on Monday at the State FFA Convention. Food packaged would be given to "Second Harvest" in order to keep the food local. Bethany Rieth moved to approve the program plan. Logan Wells seconded. Mrs. Sauvola debated in favor, referencing its past success in her area. Motion passed and sustained by advisors.

Logan Wells and Aaron Zimmerman reported on their work with the FFA website competition. Mr. Tom Purdy, a website consultant from Monroe, will be the official judge of the competition. The state officers will also assist in the judging to monitor how the sites are kept up to date.

Logan Wells suggested the creation of a promotional video contest to promote agricultural education and FFA in a fun, catchy way. Aaron Zimmerman moved to approve both the website competition report and creation of a promotional video contest. Joanna Wavrunek seconded. Motion passed and sustained by advisors.

In old business, Kayla Hack, Nate Overby, and Aaron Zimmerman gave an update on the Wisconsin Team Ag Ed Website Project. The committee continues to coordinate different layouts and ways to increase visibility and organization. Aaron Zimmerman moved to approve the committee's progress of creating a website design. Nate Overby seconded. Motion passed and sustained by advisors.

In new business, Mr. Hicken reported on Association membership and asked for leniency for chapters on their payments because of the new program of tabulating membership, snow days, and others circumstances. Current membership numbers are 16,812, with potential to grow based on past history of second semester membership. Another report will be given at the February meeting as to the status of chapter membership submission and payments.

Mr. Hicken informed the Board of the inactive status of the Redcliff/Bayfield chapter. Repeated attempts for contact have been sent without success. Membership dues and fees have not been paid for several years. Gabes Rabb moved to revoke Redcliff/Bayfield of their chapter charter. Nate Overby seconded. Motion passed and sustained by advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed the list of chapters that had not yet submitted their Program of Activities or Chapter Constitutions for the 2012-13 school year. She will continue to contact these chapters to make sure all documents are submitted.

Chair of Policies, Constitution, and Bylaws, Nate Overby proposed the creation of a financial obligation payment policy. This policy would charge 2.5% per month if payment is not received after 60 days. In addition, for accounts 90 days past due, chapters will not be allowed to register for other events until past due bills are paid. Emily Watson moved to accept the proposal. Nate Zimdars seconded. Logan

debated asking if there was an appeal process to this policy. Mrs. Zimmerman said that Mr. Hicken and she would work with chapters if they indicated there is a problem as to why payment has not been received. Motion passed and sustained by advisors.

Dr. Buttles and Kim Schadrie presented a proposal for revisions to Wisconsin FFA High School Quiz Bowl Competition. The proposal called for broadening the questions to include topics on agricultural education, its professional organizations and associated legislation and historical events. Zach Markhardt moved to approve the proposal. Gabes Rabb seconded. Motion passed and sustained by advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman finalized the dates of Sectional Speaking Contests and reviewed the process for preparation. Announcements were read, including the date for the February FFA Board of Directors Meeting at Wisconsin Rapids on February 14-15.

Emily Watson adjourned. Aaron Zimmerman seconded. Motion passed and meeting concluded at 3:00pm.

Respectively submitted,

Zach Markhardt
2012-2013 Wisconsin FFA Secretary