

Minutes
Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors Meeting
January 4, 2008
Ramada Stevens Point Hotel
(Formerly the Country Springs Hotel)
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

President Andrew Christenson called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. Those present included: Aaron Dietsche, Mr. Swartz, Alex Patten, Mr. Danielson, Nick Palkowski, Ms. Jumbeck, Preston Green, Mrs. Gehrke, Marie Mahaney, Mrs. Beaty, Brad Krueger, Mrs. Jones, Whitney Peissig, Mr. Wirkus, Mrs. Raatz, Kaleb Santy, Mr. Schaffner, Mr. Friend, Derrick Papcke, Mr. Kruse, Andrew Christenson, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Hicken and Mrs. Zimmerman. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Association of FFA Half-Time Conference.

Mrs. Zimmerman started off with reviewing the procedures for how the Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors conducts business with one vote per state officer and one vote per section for sustaining action by the advisors. She then proceeded to give the Wisconsin FFA Center update.

State FFA President Andrew Christenson highlighted some of the State Officers' past activities and those events coming up. These included a review and thank you to all the advisors for Sectional Leadership Workshops, chapter visits, National Convention and our up-coming service trip to Alabama.

Mr. Hicken discussed with the Board of Directors how the 2007-08 membership roster process has gone for Wisconsin FFA chapters. He compared membership totals for this year compared to last year, and said that we are currently on-track as far as our membership total. Mr. Hicken also discussed the chapters that have not submitted any FFA roster and those that have not yet submitted their payment.

Kaleb Santy moved to allow a two-week notice to be given to the three chapters that have not submitted any roster, if they do not submit a roster within two weeks, probation would follow. The motion was seconded by Marie Mahaney. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Kaleb Santy moved to give a three week notice to those 45 chapters that have not yet paid their invoice, if those chapters do not pay their invoice within that time, probation would follow. The motion was seconded by Marie Mahaney. Preston Green amended the main motion by striking the word "three" and inserting the word "two" so that the main motion would read: "to give a two week notice to those 45 chapters that have not yet paid their invoice, if those chapters do not pay their invoice within that time, probation would follow." The amendment was seconded by Aaron Dietsche. The amendment was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors. The Board proceeded to vote on the main motion. It was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed the process for preparing for Sectional speaking contests. She handed out the Sectional Speaking Contest Host Handbook as well as the Sectional plaques. Suggestions were given and questions were answered.

Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken presented a formal written request for a district change from the Hustisford FFA. When the sections were realigned, it was not considered who was teaching at the schools, but where the schools were geographically. The Hustisford and Dodgeland School districts currently share the same FFA advisor. Nick Palkowski moved that Hustisford be moved to District 28 while the current advisor, Ms. Grace Roberts, is the advisor at both Hustisford and Dodgeland. The motion was seconded by Aaron Dietsche. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman handed out a list of the 2006-07 approved activities above the chapter level for the State FFA Degree and also the proposed updates for the activities above the chapter level. An update was given to the Board of Directors that these were reviewed and last year's FFA Board of Directors at the March meeting wanted additional input on the suggested changes. Input was asked for from the SAE committee. Kaleb Santy moved to accept the updates to the approved list of activities above the chapter level for the State FFA Degree as written. The motion was seconded by Aaron Dietsche. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

The State Officers proceeded to give their reports. Aaron Dietsche presented a report on behalf of the membership committee. A proposed award was presented to recognize FFA chapters for their total percentage of FFA members compared to their total school population. School population is defined as the number of students in grades that have the ability to join FFA. The Wisconsin Association of FFA will sponsor the awards for the first year of this award. Marie Mahaney moved to approve the report as written. The motion was seconded by Preston Green. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Nick Palkowski reported on behalf of the awards and programs committee – continued work is being done on the WISC grant, G.A.S. and other award programs that will be presented at upcoming Board meetings. Andrew Christenson spoke on behalf of the State Officers about the Alabama service trip.

Mr. Troy Talford presented a proposal for a State Convention T-shirt Design Contest. Mr. Talford worked with Matt Anderson and the other state officers last year to have a convention t-shirt. He has also now been asked to serve as the Convention T-shirt manager. Whitney Peissig moved to approve the proposal as written to have a t-shirt design contest for the State FFA Convention. The motion was seconded by Aaron Dietsche. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman presented a proposal to be presented to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation funding of the FFA PRIDE Award. The PRIDE Award banners were presented at the State FFA Convention in 2007 to recognize chapters that increased members by 10

members from the year before. Marie Mahaney moved to approve the proposal for the FFA PRIDE Award to forward it to the Wisconsin FFA Foundation for consideration of funding. The motion was seconded by Kaleb Santy. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

Marie Mahaney and Whitney Peissig gave a report of the public relations committee. More information and details about their public relations ideas will be presented in the upcoming Board meetings.

Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed the calendar for the next Wisconsin Association of FFA Board Meeting, and discussed the Board's responsibilities for the Half-Time Conference. The next Board of Directors meeting is to be held on February 21-22, 2008 in Wisconsin Rapids immediately before FFA Farm Forum.

Aaron Dietsche moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marie Mahaney. The motion was passed by the State Officers and sustained by the advisors.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. by President Andrew Christenson.

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney Peissig
State FFA Secretary
Wisconsin Association of FFA