

**Wisconsin Association of FFA January Board of Directors Meeting
Hotel Mead – Wisconsin Rapids
February 18, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Sally Albers at 6:54 pm on Thursday, February 18th.

Attendance:

Cheryl Zimmerman.....Executive Director
Jeff Hicken.....State Advisor
Sally Albers.....State President
Troy Talford.....Sock Prairie Advisor
Brenna Bays.....State Parliamentarian
Becky Grabarski.....Adams Friendship Advisor
Emma Hesser.....Adams Friendship Student Teacher
Abby Sabel.....State Reporter
Amy Thielman.....Chilton Advisor
Taylor Halopka.....State Treasurer
Aime Long.....Colby Advisor
Melissa Ploeckelman.....Colby Advisor
Joelle Liddane.....State Sentinel
Nelda Bailey.....Tomah Advisor
Kelly Hubert.....Tomah Advisor
Jared Retzlaff.....State Vice-President
Keven Busse.....Omro Advisor
Kaitlin Konder.....State Vice President
Maddi Colbeth.....State Secretary
Dani Schott.....Clear Lake Advisor
Bryce Krull.....State Vice President
Richard Dykstra.....Lake Mills Advisor
Jason Roth.....State Vice President
Ralph Johnson.....Juda Advisor
Beth Zimmer.....State Vice President
Bret Iverson.....River Ridge Advisor

State Officer Reports

State Alumni Convention

- Beth stated it was an awesome experience to see just how much the alumni supports the FFA in a different way
- Kaitlin really enjoyed the opportunity to help out with the auction

CTSO Day

- Taylor enjoyed the opportunity to see the capitol and visit with legislators.

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District Speaking Contests

Brief Review...Officer Feedback on District Contests

- **General Feedback**
- Helpful to receive contestants in a timely manner in able to create member lineup of events
- Create a link created for each contest that categorizes all guidelines, setups, and judges information
- **Quiz Bowl Feedback**
- Check online for quiz bowl room diagram for set up
- Split up Quiz Bowl teams when creating brackets
- **Parliamentary Procedure Feedback**
- Parliamentary Procedure teams should be held in a holding room
- Discussion about expenses...specifically Parliamentary Procedure Judges from River Falls require funding to attend as a result of budget cuts
- **Discussion Meet Feedback**
- Provide moderator script in envelope for Discussion
- Avoid using State Officer as a moderator
- Overlooking the discussion meet topics...shy away from social media
- Place Discussion meet with a lot of contestants as the first contest

State FFA Executive Director & State Advisor Reports

National FFA Summit Update

- Mrs. Zimmerman, Ms. Schoenborn, Mr. Hicken, Mr. Talford attended
- Tech programs receiving more money
- May be receiving phone calls to talk with legislators
- Opportunity to hear about National FFA Programs
 - Job Interview CDE name changed
 - Leadership Development Events instead of CDE
 - Agriscience Fair proposals for 2017-2021 **see handout
 - National Chapter Award proposal 2017-2021 **see handout

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Committee Reports

Convention Speakers

Jared moved to have Landen Schaffert for \$1,500 and Dave Roeber for \$4,000 for State Convention. Brenna seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority.

Convention Entertainment

- Madison County...Band for \$5,000-\$7,500
- Dueling Pianos?
- Hypnotist?
- Comedy Improv. for \$500/hr
- Teammates will take ideas and do more research and connecting to check prices.
- Decision must be made by the March meeting!

Service Committee

- Last Easter Seals dates/locations and times are being finalized
- State Convention Day of Service is on the go
- Rally to Fight Hunger is in the air...Beth Reith is working on connections

Old Business

Membership

- Membership is sitting at about 17,582 members
- Continue pushing advisors to put in new students

Chapter Charters

- Mr. Hicken has reached out school districts
- Going to send out letters to Superintendents about revoking charters
- Ozaki has discussed starting a new program
- Peshtigo has reached out for more information to start up a program
- 6 positions open
- 3 confirmed retirements (Mr. Geiger, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Dykstra)

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New Business

Honorary Degree Nominations and Hall of Fame Ballot

- **Hall of Fame Ballot**
- As a board everyone took a tally vote for 2 living and 1 posthumous
 - o Rick Daluge and Ken Natzke
 - o Victoria Harter
- **Honorary Degree Nominations** (Nominations due March 1st)
 - o Kathy Breunig (American Honorary)
 - o Matt Anderson
 - o Bethany Reith
 - o Dan Ziegler

State FFA Convention Update

Ideas/Suggestions

- Sorting Career Fair by careers and clusters...pass on to Foundation
- Brenna and Jared relayed ideas for Constitution/Bylaws
 - o Setting rule for State Officer Candidates to have a GED or Diploma
 - o Counting both semesters for hours of Ag Ed towards state degree instead of just fall
- Send music ideas to Bryce
- Ideas to get delegates more involved
 - o Offset time of Courtesy Corps and Delegate meetings

Procedures for State President Election

- Let Mrs. Zimmerman know if you are interested by Friday, April 15th

March Meeting

- Thursday, March 10 – Friday, March 11
- Country Inn and Suites in Madison

Bryce moved to adjourn the meeting, Brenna seconded. Motion passed.
Meeting was adjourned by Sally Albers at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maddi Colbeth
2015-2016 State Secretary
Wisconsin Association of FFA