

Wisconsin FFA Center Board Meeting Agenda
January 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Ramada Stevens Point

1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:07 a.m. by President Jeff Zobeck
2. Approval of Agenda with flexibility, motion passed - Jeff Zobeck Nowak/Lehman
3. Approval of November Minutes, motion passed - Jeff Zobeck Lehman/Ehrenberg
4. FFA Center Office Operations--Cheryl Zimmerman
 - Membership is currently over 16,000. A full report will be given at the FFA Board meeting this afternoon.
 - Speaking contests are coming up. The first contest will be on January 17th.
 - Activities since November Meeting and Office Operations
 - Updated Standard Mileage Rate - .51 per mile IRS rate for 2011
 - Review of DPI and accounting/contracting procedures – Jeff, Cheryl and Denise are working with accounting to follow the procedures.
 - Upcoming Calendar of Events - National Council & Ag Ed Summit – Both Jeff and Cheryl will be attending meetings in Orlando, they are still waiting for the final schedule to be announced so that they can plan their travel
 - Summer Assistant 2011-Job Description Posted - Resumes Due Feb. 1. No applications have been received yet but Cheryl knows of expressed interest.
 - Payment of Contracted Services – Document prepared by Cheryl Zimmerman on GPR spending was shared with the Board.
 - Equipment Update –It is time to get rid of the fax machine, which will reduce the cost by \$1,000 per year. If it doesn't work we will start it up again.
 - Update on Memorandum of Understanding – Cheryl has decided not to pursue graduate school at this time but may consider it in the future.
5. Financial Report--Cheryl Zimmerman
 - Affiliation Fees - There are 6 chapters that still haven't paid.
 - Review Checks and Deposits
 - Review Financial Statements
6. Review of State FFA Convention Fee adjustment recommendation – The FFA Board will review at their 1:00 p.m. meeting to take action on the recommendation.
7. FFA Chapter Affiliation Fee - 2011-2012 –Randy Ehrenberg moved to raise the affiliation fee \$50. Seconded by Hanson. Discussion followed. The fee hasn't been changed in 13 years. Motion failed, the affiliation will not be raised. Marty Nowak moved to set the affiliation fee at

\$300. Seconded by Gefvert. Motion passed. The affiliation fee will remain at \$300 for the 2011-2012 year. It was moved by Rene Lehman that Jeff Hicken and Cheryl Zimmerman look into adding a \$5 per person administrative fee for those attending Half-Time, 212/360, and EDGE. Seconded by Nowak. Discussion included this would maybe cost more than raising the affiliation fee \$50. Motion passed.

8. Report by Nicole Nelson, Wisconsin FFA Foundation – She discussed Mission Based Initiative Funding and providing more options to donors and simplify the process to contribute to the Foundation. Five groups have been proposed as the core groups of these programs: FFA, Alumni, WAAE, Foundation, and Center. Nicole is looking for the FFA Center Board to give approval to move forward with a Memorandum of Agreement to move forward with this type of fundraising process. This funding could benefit the Wisconsin FFA Center by providing additional revenue. It was moved to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to support the Mission Donor Program through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation by Robinson. Second by Lehman. Motion passed. Nicole will report back to us in June regarding the status of this program.
9. Review FFA Center Board Terms and Positions for Election – Sections 6/7 and 8/9 will need to hold elections. Let replacements know that the new term officially begins in November. The June meeting will be held at the WAAE PDC with the current Board.
10. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the WAAE Professional Development Conference in Green Bay.
11. Moved to adjourn by Nowak, seconded by Lehman. Motion passed.

FFA Center Board Representatives Term

Sections 1&2 Kristin Hanson 2009-2012
Sections 3&4 Mike Robinson 2010-2013
Sections 5&10 Randy Ehrenberg 2010-2013
Sections 6&7 Brad Gefvert 2008-2011
Sections 8&9 Rene Lehman 2008-2011
WAAE Marty Nowak President-Elect 2010-2011
WAAE Jeff Zobeck President 2010-2011

Wisconsin FFA Center Report

January 2011

FUNDING

2010-11 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 241 (As of Jan. 5, 2011)
Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 241
Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)
Waiting for payment – 6
One payment received at DPI – Check to be sent

2009-10 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 239 (As of Jan. 7, 2010)
Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 239
Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)
Waiting for payment – 8
One payment received at DPI – Check to be sent

2008-09 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 240 (As of Jan. 7, 2009)
Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 240
Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)
No Response – 8
Two inactive chapters this year – Madison and Horicon

First quarter financial statements were presented to the FFA Center Board at Half-Time meeting.

WISCONSIN FFA CENTER UPDATE

1. Continue to work with DPI as they provide GPR money (\$20,667.00) to the Wisconsin FFA Center. The Wisconsin FFA Center is also working with DPI staff with contracts and bill payment.
2. Committee meeting to review the Wisconsin Agriscience Fair.
3. Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant Position has been announced and posted. Resumes due February 1.
4. Working with Jeff Hicken on membership – 22 chapters selected the new National FFA Affiliation Fee option.
5. Preparing District and Sectional Speaking Contest Materials – Contests begin January 17.
6. National Council and NASAE activities – Finishing terms on both Boards.
7. Preparing for the handling, processing and evaluation of the State and American Degrees and Proficiency Award Applications with the Wisconsin FFA Center Staff. These applications will all be coming to the Wisconsin FFA Center.
8. State FFA Convention planning has started.
 - a. Hotel contracts received and ready to review.
 - b. State Officer Committees are underway and plans were developed at December Officer Meeting.
9. Preparing for upcoming FFA Alumni Convention, State Officers conducting workshop with Darlene Arneson and reflections.
10. Preparing for FFA Board meetings and Farm Forum.

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION of FFA UPDATE

1. Late membership rosters and payment were discussed at the State FFA Board of Directors meeting Friday – action was taken by the FFA Board of Directors.
2. Other items the Board discussed included – FFA Program of Activities, Contribution to the Dr. Case Endowment, Sectional Speaking Contests.

STATE FFA CONVENTION

Date & Locations: The State FFA Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, June 13-16, 2011

Housing: Official Housing will be posted online in early March - Hotel negotiations in progress

Activities: Day of Service will be continued
School Officials Program and Lunch will be continued
Change Lives Teach Ag Program will be continued
Kick off day for convention in Madison – Will continue the activities and events late Monday afternoon and before the reflections program to start off the celebration of state convention.

LifeWork Expo: Exhibitors-Contact Nicole Schmidt or Amy Ryan at the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

Upcoming Activities/Calendar of Events:

State FFA Officer team is traveling to Florida - January 17-21, 2011.

District FFA Speaking Contests to begin January 17. Sectional contests in March at the state officer's home schools.

CTSO Legislative Day – February 10 in Madison – State Officers to attend with Jeff Hicken.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention - Feb. 11-13, 2011 in Stevens Point. State Officers will be assisting and presenting a reflections program and a workshop. The oars from State FFA Convention will be auctioned off at the Alumni Convention.

National FFA Week activities – February 19-26, 2011.

FFA Board of Directors will meet on February 17-18 in Wisconsin Rapids to conduct the review process for State FFA Degrees. The Board will meet again in March in Madison for convention planning.

FFA Officers will be assisting with the FFA/Farm Bureau Farm Forum Feb. 18-19 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wisconsin FFA Proficiency Awards will be judged March 11-12 in Wisconsin Dells at the Chula Vista Hotel. Cheryl Zimmerman is coordinating the arrangements and details for the judging. Anyone interested in judging is invited to attend. Reservations should be made by February 20, 2011. Call the Chula Vista Hotel at 608-254-8366. Rooms are reserved under FFA. Rates are available for \$70.00 for single; \$95.00 for double.

State Degree Appeal Process interviews will be scheduled for the March 11-12 for those students wishing to appeal their state degrees.

Cheryl Zimmerman will be attending the National Council Meeting in Orlando, Florida and the National Ag Ed Summit the first week of March 2011.

212° Conference will be held March 25-26, 2011 at The Plaza Hotel and Suites in Eau Claire. The EDGE Conference will also be presented for Middle School Students.

Six individuals have indicated interest in running for Wisconsin's National Officer Candidate. Selection process will occur over the March 25-26, 2011 weekend.

Next fall's 212° and 360° conferences will be November 11-12, 2011 at the Ramada of Stevens Point.

2012 Half-Time Conference set for January 6-7 in Stevens Point at the Ramada of Stevens Point.