

**Wisconsin FFA Center Board Meeting Agenda**  
**January 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Holiday Inn, Stevens Point**

Call Meeting to Order by Marty Nowak at 10:10 a.m. Members present: Mike Robinson, Kristin Hanson, Bridgett Neu, Marty Nowak, Randy Ehrenberg, David Kruse, Kim Houser, Glenda Crook, Clara Hedrich Also present: Cheryl Zimmerman, Jeff Hicken

It was moved to approve the agenda with flexibility. Moved by Hedrich/Hanson. Motion passed. Approval of November Minutes moved by Houser/Hanson. Passed

**FFA Center Office Operations**

- Please see the attached page for report of activities and upcoming events.
- Summer Assistant 2012-Job Description Posted - Resumes Due Feb. 1 – No applications have been received yet but it is early.
- Equipment Update – Cheryl has purchased a new office chair.
- Insurance - Moved to incorporate insurance for the value papers and records coverage. In order to cover contents for damage from Sewer Backup, the Commercial Property Plus endorsement would have to be added to the current policy. This endorsement is per location, covers all buildings at the location and is \$150 per year plus the cost to add a second location to the policy with contents coverage of \$10,000 would be approximately \$32 per year – Total \$182.00, Moved by Kruse/Ehrenberg. Motion passed.

**Conflict of Interest Policy**

Moved to adopt the Wisconsin FFA Center Conflict of Interest Policy. Moved by Ehrenberg/Houser. Motion Passed.

**Financial Report**

- Final amount of GPR available to the Wisconsin FFA Center \$19,666.66 for the 2011-12 fiscal year.
- Review of State FFA Convention Fee adjustment recommendation - There will be State FFA Convention Fee adjustment – change from \$115 to \$100 which was approved by the Wisconsin FFA Board January 2011. This will be changed for the 2012 State Convention. This amount is now included in the 2011-12 FFA Center Budget.
- Affiliation Fees – Four chapters still owe for the Wisconsin FFA Center Affiliation fee: Unity, Hudson, Benton and Jefferson. As of January 4, 2012 – 245 chapters are paid.
- Review Checks and Deposits – There was an opportunity to review financial information.
- Review Financial Statements - Financial statements were distributed.

**Setting FFA Chapter 2012-13 Affiliation Fee** - Moved to set the chapter affiliation fee at \$350 Kruse/Hanson. Moved to amend motion by striking \$350 and inserting \$375 Kruse/Crook. Amendment Failed. Discussion followed. Motion passed the affiliation fee will be \$350 for the 2012-2013 year. There was also a reminder that FFA is the only CTSO that doesn't have a per person registration fee to attend the state convention.

**Review FFA Center Board Terms and Positions for Election** – New board members will take office at then November. Section 1 and 2 will need an election during the WAAE PDC Conference.

**Next Meeting** – June Professional Development Conference on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 11:21 a.m. by Chair Marty Nowak to discuss the Option 2 plan of the Wisconsin FFA Center Affiliation Fee for those not participating in the \$350 payment of the center affiliation fee. Moved to remove the Option 2 plan from the affiliation fee. Moved by Robinson/Crook. Discussion. Motion Failed, we will keep Option 2. Moved to increase Option 2 by \$5 per event by Houser/Hanson. Discussion followed. Question called. No objection. Motion passed. Option 2 will be increased by \$5 per item.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

**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 Glenda Crook 2011-2014  
Sections 8&9 Clara Hedrich 2011-2014  
David Kruse WAAE President 2011-2012  
Marty Nowak WAAE Past-President 2011-2012  
Kim Houser WAAE President Elect 2011-2012

# Wisconsin FFA Center Report

## January 2012

### FUNDING

#### 2011-12 Chapter Affiliation Fee Summary

Total Chapters Paid: 245 (As of Jan. 4, 2012)

Breakdown: Option 1 (\$300.00) – 245

Option 2 – (No one has indicated specifically they will use this payment option)

Waiting for payment – 4

Three new chapters with fees waived this year – Highland, Southwestern and Owen-Withee

#### 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

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 (\$19,166.66) to the Wisconsin FFA Center. The Wisconsin FFA Center is continuing to work with DPI staff with contracts and bill payment.
2. New Ag Career Network Training at Half-Time Conference...New system in place for membership.
3. Wisconsin FFA Center Summer Assistant Position has been announced and posted. Resumes due February 1.
4. Working with Jeff Hicken on membership – 27 chapters selected the new National FFA Affiliation Fee option.
5. Preparing District and Sectional Speaking Contest Materials – Contests begin January 16.
6. Attending National FFA Inservice February 8-10 in Indianapolis, IN
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 process starting.
  - b. State Officer Committees are underway and plans were developed at December Officer Meeting.
9. Preparing for upcoming FFA Alumni Convention, State Officers conducting workshops 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 – State Convention Speakers, State Service Project, Website Competition Judging, Sectional Speaking Contests.

### STATE FFA CONVENTION

Date & Locations: The State FFA Convention will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, June 11-14, 2012

Registration: New online registration is in development stage to registration students, tickets, etc.

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 of state convention. and before the reflections program to start off the celebration  
Career Show: Exhibitors-Contact Amy Ryan at the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

## **Upcoming Activities/Calendar of Events:**

State FFA Officer team is taking a cruise for their team trip with Sara Raschein's mother accompanying them-  
January 8-12, 2012.

District FFA Speaking Contests to begin January 16. Sectional contests in March at the state officer's home schools.

National FFA Inservice, Indianapolis, IN – February 8-10 – Cheryl to attend.

State FFA Officer Media Training - February 8 in Madison – State Officers to work with Nicole Nelson and Jill Makovec

CTSO Legislative Day – February 9 in Madison – State Officers to attend with Jeff Hicken.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention - Feb. 10-12, 2012 in Janesville. State Officers will be assisting and presenting a reflections program and a workshop. The mailboxes from State FFA Convention will be auctioned off at the Alumni Convention.

National FFA Week activities – February 18-25, 2012.

FFA Board of Directors will meet on February 23-24 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. 24-25 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wisconsin FFA Proficiency Awards will be judged March 2-3 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, 2012. 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 2-3 for those students wishing to appeal their state degrees.

212° Conference will be held March 23-24, 2012 at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. The EDGE Conference will also be presented for Middle School Students by Rhett Laubach and his staff.

Two individuals have indicated interest in running for Wisconsin's National Officer Candidate. Selection process will occur over the March 23-24, 2012 weekend.

Next fall's 212° and 360° conferences will be November 9-10, 2012 at the Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc

2013 Half-Time Conference set for January 11-12 in Stevens Point at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Stevens Point