

FFA Center Board Meeting
Minutes
11-9-07
Green Bay

- I. The meeting was called to order by Jerry Wendt at 7:40 p.m.
 - A. Present: Bridgett Neu, Kristin Hansen, Mike Olson, David Laatsch, Jerry Wendt, Cheryl Zimmerman, Dick and Linda Aide, Ralph Johnson, and Jeff Hicken.
 - B. Absent: Tari Costello, Kevin Whalen, Randy Ehrenberg.
- II. Approval of Agenda.
 - A. Jerry Wendt asked to add “other options” under the contracted services.
- III. Approval of June Minutes
 - A. The June minutes were passed out. Mike Olson moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Ralph Johnson, motion passed.
- IV. FFA Center Office Operations - Cheryl Zimmerman
 - A. Cheryl passed out the report and discussed it with the board.
 - B. Cheryl discussed the roster process, membership information, postage donations for shoes that need to be sent to Iraq yet (about 7000 shoes were donated).
 - C. Cheryl announced that she has been asked to serve on a national committee regarding the question of whether or not FFA members should be charged dues if FFA is supposed to be part an integral part of the agriculture education program. She will keep the board updated on the work of this committee.
 - D. Cheryl also handed out and reported on her work schedule. Cheryl explained her state fair days as 1/2 vacation and 1/2 work day as she was able to work with the state officers as well as being with her son who was showing cattle at the state fair. Mike Olson recommended that the day of Matt Anderson’s funeral should be a work day and not a personal day. Cheryl thanked Jeff Hicken for his work with the FFA in his position with the DPI.
 - E. Cheryl also passed out the info published on the website with suggested updates on the Option II and asked for input from the board on these items. Mike Olson moved to adopt the suggested changes on the Option II financials, seconded by Ralph Johnson, motion passed.
- V. Financial Report
 - A. Affiliation Fees: Cheryl passed out information regarding where the FFA Center is at in collecting affiliation fees and who owes money at present.
 - B. Financial Statements: Cheryl passed out the financial report from the auditor (data flow). Cheryl reported that things are working out with the new auditor assigned to the FFA Center from Data Flow. Cheryl then discussed the report with the board and answered questions. Jerry Wendt brought up the fact that he has stored items for state convention

at his school and his district is now questioning the storage of these items so Jerry mentioned that we may need to be looking for other storage options for state convention items in the future.

C. Equipment Update: Cheryl reported that she has not yet purchased new equipment and furniture as instructed by the board.

1. Internet Update: Cheryl reported that the Charter “bundle” is not available to her in her area of the state. Cheryl also called Verizon and reported on what is available from them and the cost. Verizon can provide the needed service but it is more expensive. Cheryl reported that her current provider (Solarus) can provide a DSL service and she said that she feels that this would be the most comfortable option for her.

D. FFA Center Office Assistant. Cheryl reported that Terri’s husband is doing very well. Terri will need to have some surgery in December and if needed, Carolyn Bauer may need to fill in.

VI. Contracted Services for 2007-08

A. Perkins Funding. Cheryl passed out a handout documenting the use of the DPI/Carl Perkins funding to the Wisconsin FFA Center. All expenses of the monies was broken down in detail in the statement.

B. GPR Dollars. The money that was formerly designated as Carl Perkins Funds now must be designated as GPR dollars as Carl Perkins funds must be used in ag ed programs. GPR is General Program Revenue.

C. Cheryl also passed out a suggested budget for the ‘07-08 use of the GPR funds.

D. Ralph Johnson moved to accept the financial statement of the FFA Center, seconded by Mike Olson, motion passed.

E. Other Options: Jerry Wendt said that what he means by this term is that there are some chapters are struggling with certain items such as roster, program ideas, etc. Could someone provide some contracted services and send someone to help these chapters so that these chapters don’t have to continually struggle but could move forward. Comments were made regarding this suggestion; further discussion at future meetings. Ralph suggested that this item be put on the agenda for discussion at the new teacher committee meeting at Halftime Conference.

VII. Position Available paper announcing the Summer Assistant Job for the Wisconsin FFA Center was passed out. It will be posted early in January. The board asked if this could be posted earlier. Salary was discussed. 2007 salary was \$2600. David Laatsch moved to pay a salary of \$2800 for the 2008 year, seconded by Mike Olson, motion passed.

VIII. Approval of 2008 FFA Center Budget

A. Handout was given on the proposed 2008 budget. Cheryl discussed the handout with the board. Mike Olson moved to approve the budget, seconded by David Laatsch, discussion followed. Jerry Wendt brought up the fact that there should be a budget item to cover the cost of the state officer training be it at Jag Lake or another location. Motion

passed.

IX. Election of FFA Center Board Vice-Chairperson

A. Dick Aide moved to elect Kristin Hanson as FFA Center Board Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mike Olson, motion passed.

X. FFA Center Board Meeting

A. The next board meeting will be held on January 4th at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Thank You - Jerry Wendt expressed sincere appreciation for the work that Cheryl Zimmerman does for the FFA Center and this statement was greeted with applause.

XII. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.