

**Wisconsin Association of FFA
Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, Wisconsin
January 6, 2012**

Ethan Giebel, State FFA President called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2012

Members Present: Isaac Christenson, Mr. Meyer, Ashleigh Schlewitz, Mrs. Loewenhagen, Brian Guza, Mrs. Hanson, Abbie Baker, Mr. Robinson, Katie Dreier, Ms. Houser, Sara Raschein, Mr. Talford, Alissa Milonczyk, Mrs. Wirkus, Stacey Kunde, Mr. Melby, Nicole Petrie, Mr. Friend, Kayla Hack, Mr. Holle, Ethan Giebel, Mr. Hines, Mr. Petrowitz, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. Hicken Guests Present: Mrs. Nelson – Wisconsin FFA Foundation, Ms. Hinkley - DPI

The Opening Ceremony was conducted. Abbie Baker served as Vice President. Ethan Giebel welcomed the Board to the January meeting and to Stevens Point. Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed the procedures for the Board in conducting official business

Wisconsin FFA Center Report - The Wisconsin FFA Center Report was presented by Mrs. Zimmerman. See attached report.

State FFA Officer Team Activities Report - Ethan Giebel gave an update of the team's year thus far. Also, the Mauston FFA Chapter was thanked for allowing the state officer team to use their agriculture department for Half-Time Conference workdays.

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Report - Mrs. Nelson gave a report on current activities of the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. She handed out materials to the board on the New Star Mission Sponsor Program and the Convention Sponsor Program.

Membership Rosters - Mr. Hicken reported on FFA membership. The total membership is currently at 16,412. There are 27 chapters using the new National FFA Membership Affiliation Option. Last year, 2,946 members were "affiliated" members.

Chapters who have not entered or paid for membership were reviewed. Sara Raschein moved to give chapters a two-week grace period to pay their invoices for membership rosters. Seconded by Kayla Hack. Motion passed. Sustained by the advisors.

Alissa Milonczyk moved to place Benton FFA on probation because they did not submit any members as of the December 1 deadline for the 2011-12 school year. Seconded by Isaac Christenson. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

Katie Dreier moved to eliminate 3-year and 3+1 year membership packages as options. This comes as a recommendation of the auditor working with DPI and the Wisconsin Association of FFA. Sara Raschein seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

Mr. Hicken also reported that Wisconsin was selected as the winner of the \$1000 award to State FFA Association through the National FFA Connect Campaign.

Mr. Hicken informed the Board that he has been in contact with the Ladysmith School District Attorney. Ladysmith FFA, which is no longer in existence, had a deed for a school forest. The attorney is working to confirm who owns the land that was deeded to the Ladysmith FFA so further action can be taken with this land.

Program of Activities - Program of Activity submissions were reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Zimmerman shared the list of those yet to submit. The Board decided that the Program of Activities will be handled as in the past and Mrs. Zimmerman will continue to contact these chapters until their Program of Activities is submitted. Chapters not submitting a Program of Activities are list as “not in good standing”.

New Online Registration System - Mr. Hicken reported that the Association is working with Pat Sternitzky to develop a new online registration system for State FFA Convention and for future leadership conference and speaking contests. Development is currently in process.

State FFA Speaker Committee Report – Stacey Kunde, Speaker Committee Chair presented the State FFA Convention Speaker recommendations in order that the Board could consider several different speakers that Stacey has researched. Isaac Christenson moved to select Landon Schaffert, Dr. Rick Rigsby and Grant Baldwin as the top three speakers for state convention. Seconded by Alissa Milonczyk. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

State FFA Service Committee Report - Kayla Hack presented to the Board a service project proposal to work with the Water Drops of Hope. Kayla Hack moved to approve Water Drops of Hope as a State FFA Service Project. Seconded by Alissa Milonczyk. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

FFA Website Competition - Sara Raschein reported on the progress of the FFA Chapter Website competition judging. She recommended some changes to the judging process because of the complex nature of this event. The State Officers will divide up the websites entered and score them. The websites will be scored three times and the officers will rotate the websites so then more people can give an opinion on the website. No websites from a state officer’s own section will be reviewed by their state officer. There will also be one judge selected with a background in website design to judge the sites for design and readability. This judge will only review the sites one time and score them. Isaac Christenson moved to approve the changes for the website competition judging. Seconded by Nicole Petrie. Motion passed. Sustained by advisors.

Sectional Speaking Contests- Mrs. Zimmerman discussed the 2012 Sectional Speaking Contests. Advisors were given a document on how to set up a contest and a set of plaques. All planning materials for the contest are now posted on the Wisconsin FFA website. Details of how Sectional Speaking Contests work were discussed. Any additional questions will be answered at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be February 23-24, 2012 at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. State Degrees will be reviewed Thursday night. Friday morning at 8:00 am will be the Board Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:02 pm

Submitted by Nicole Petrie
WI Association of FFA
State Secretary

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 – 28 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 and before the reflections program to start off the celebration of state convention.

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^o 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^o and 360^o 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, S