

## Wisconsin Association of FFA

### January Board Meeting

January 10, 2014

Logan Wells, State FFA President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2014.

Members present: Logan Wells, Mrs. Russell, Connor Anderson, Mrs. Schott, Thomas Olson, Emma Heser, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Bailey, Alison Wedig, Mr. Lobdell, Jon Jennings, Mr. Lee, Alex Klapoetke, Mrs. Darr, Jenessa Freidhof, Miss Ploeckelman, Reba McClone, Mr. Raymakers, Justin Schwahn, Mr. Schuh, Katie Freeman, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Zimmerman, and Mr. Hicken  
Guests: Miss Schoenborn

#### I. Welcome

Mrs. Zimmerman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mrs. Zimmerman introduced the National Officer Team.

The National FFA Officers introduced themselves and gave a wrap up to their National Officer Experience week.

#### II. Reports

**State FFA Officer Team and Activities** – Logan Wells gave a welcome and a brief update of what the state officers have been up to since our last Board meeting together this past summer.

**Wisconsin FFA Center Update** – Mrs. Zimmerman provided a handout with information including: 2013-2014 Chapter Affiliate Fees, Speaking Contest, Convention Planning, Upcoming events. She briefly discussed our upcoming events and events that the advisors and officers both need to attend.

**Wisconsin FFA Foundation Update** – Miss Schoenborn passed out a report for the Board. Some of the important topics she covered included: the Leadership Partner Program, Wisconsin 4H/FFA Youth Leadership Fund, and the Star Mission Partnership. These programs have all had a great response so far thus quarter and the Foundation is very excited about their growth. She also highlighted the Annual Report that was just printed.

**State FFA Convention Speakers** – Reba McClone handed out a packet and gave a summary of the potential speakers the committee has been looking at. Emma Heser and Reba gave general knowledge of each speaker and answered questions. Reba moved to have Laymon Hicks as one of our speakers for state convention. Alison seconded the motion. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors. Justin Schwahn moved to have Scott Backovich as our second speaker and David

Edward Garcia as our back up. Jon Jennings seconded the motion. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

### **III. Old Business**

**Online Registration System for District Speaking Contest and Conferences** – Mrs. Zimmerman brought this topic to the advisors for suggestions and concerns and the advisors said there were no major concerns at this time.

### **IV. New Business**

**Star Mission Grant Proposal** – Miss Schoenborn gave a brief explanation of the Star Mission Program and looked for approval of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors to sign the agreement. Justin Schwahn moved to partner with the Wisconsin FFA Foundation on the Star Mission Program, Alex Klapoetke seconded the motion. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

Mrs. Zimmerman asked for a small recess to move boxes into the hallway.

**Membership Rosters** – Mr. Hicken passed out an updated sheet of FFA chapters that have not paid membership yet. After passing out the worksheet he then explained what happens to chapters who don't pay membership and what membership probation consists of. Thomas Olson moved to send out an email to the list of chapters who have not paid their dues with a two week notice to pay their dues before they will be put on probation. Jon Jennings seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Lobdell and Mrs. Bailey asked for further information and Mr. Hicken answered their questions. Mrs. Darr suggested that this topic be discussed with new teachers at WAAE Conference. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

Justin Schwahn moved to send an email to New London and Ripon chapters to renew their membership and pay their dues within 2 weeks or their chapters will be put on probation. Alex Klapoetke seconded the motion. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

Mr. Hicken announced the new membership number is 16,166.

**Programs of Activities and Chapter Constitutions** – Mrs. Zimmerman passed out a handout with an updated list of chapter POAs and Constitutions that have still not been submitted.

**Sectional Speaking Contests** – Mrs. Zimmerman passed out a packet of reminders for setting up a sectional speaking contest and briefly explained state officer roles. She also gave a friendly reminder about finding judges and making sure there are knowledgeable of the contest they are matched with. We also need to make sure that every team/contestant that competes at the sectional speaking contest has competed at the district speaking contest, even if they're the only team/contestant. Mr. Lobdell brought up a question of challenging answers in the Quiz Bowl speaking contest. Mrs. Zimmerman agreed with Mr. Lobdell and they decided that this was a huge concern, but needs to be brought back up at the March Board Meeting with possible solutions.

**Star Mission Grant Proposals** – Mrs. Zimmerman announced that the Wisconsin Association of FFA would like to propose two Star Mission Grants to the WI FFA Foundation. The first one is for Key Message and Answering Tough Questions State FFA Officer Training and the second is Media Training for State FFA Officers. Justin Schwahn moved to accept both Star Mission Grants for State Officer Training. Alex Klapoetke seconded the motion. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

**State Convention Funding** – Mrs. Zimmerman passed out a handout showing the history of the Wisconsin FFA Convention fees from the past 20 years. Mr. Hicken explained the costs and the Wisconsin FFA Foundation’s role in raising money for our convention. At the March meeting we will be reviewing our Association budget and before that time we will have an estimate for funding from the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

## **V. Announcements**

February FFA Board of Directors Meeting, Feb. 20-21, Wisconsin Rapids

Thursday Evening, Feb. 20

6:30 p.m. – FFA Board Meeting

9:30 p.m. – Advisors State Degree Orientation and State FFA Officer Work Session

Friday Morning, Feb. 21

8:00 a.m. – Advisors and State Officers Review State Degrees

Review Half-Time Conference

## **VI. Adjourn**

Alex moved to adjourn the meeting. Reba seconded the motion. Motion passed and sustained by the advisors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emma Heser

State Secretary

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