

**FFA Board of Directors Meeting
December 15, 2008
49 Agriculture Hall**

- I. Call to Order- 5:07 pm- Dustin Baker, State President
 - a. There were 31 members a guests present.
 - i. State Office Team, Tom Smith, Matt Jakubik, Eddie Moore, Cathy LaLonde, Megan Hirschman, Michelle Sidel, Steve Beattie, Doug Pennington, Charles Scovill, Megan Merrill, Alex Henry, Randy Showerman, Dave Wyrick, Brian Kiesling, Tammy Hyatt, Bart Marshall, **2 STUDENT TEACHERS!!?**
 - b. Those missing: Kevin Nugent, Dave Armbruster, Lori Chamberlin, Beth Stuever, Charles Snyder
- II. Opening Ceremonies
 - a. Andrea Bommarito moved to suspend opening and closing ceremonies. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Eddie Moore Moved to sustain student board. Second. Motion Carried.
- III. Secretary's Report- Jillian Holdwick
 - a. Maria moved to accept the secretary's report. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Tammy Hyatt moved. Second. Motion Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report- Ryan Green
 - a. FFA Association: \$125,682.30
 - b. Outstanding Bills: \$10,000.
 - i. Andrea moved to accept treasurer's report. Second. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Eddie Moore Moved. Second. Motion Carried.
- V. Michigan FFA Association
 - a. State Officer Report-Dustin Baker
 - i. Attended National Convention
 - ii. Chapter Blitz Visits- almost fully completed
 - iii. Attending State Officer retreat with Ryan Peterson and Gabe Holdwick on December 16-18th.
 - b. State Advisor and Executive Secretary Report- Dr Showerman and Mr. Wyrick
 - i. Michigan will not have a block room block at National Convention next year.
 - ii. Advisors please remind chapters to pay outstanding bills
- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni
 - a. Mr. Armbruster not present, no report given.
- VII. Michigan FFA Foundation- Megan Hirschman
 - a. Star Partnership information available through Megan.
 - b. Glassbrook Endowment: 11 of 19 applicants funded this school year.
 - c. Greenstone Farm Credit and Jim Schiller: \$200,000 Endowment that funds FFA and agri-science education.
- VIII. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee-Tom Smith
 - i. State budget concerns were addressed
 - ii. New position at MSU: Vice President for University Advancement Robert Groves.
 - b. Awards and Activities Committee- Megan Merrill
 - i. Collegiate FFA Chapter Exchange- not funded
 1. Created an overall exchange guideline for chapters to work with.
 - a. Committee recommends that these resources be but on website.
 - ii. Statewide/Regional Service Project
 - a. Both items tabled until post-state convention

- iii. Career Show
 - 1. Motion has already been passed.
- iv. Agri-Entrepreneurship Application
 - a. Aaron moved. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Matt Jakubik moved. Second, Motion Carried.
 - c. Ryan moved to accept committee report. Second. Motion Carried.
 - d. Tammy Hyatt moved to sustain the student board. Second. Motion Carried.
- c. CDE Committee- Charles Scovill
 - i. Ag Sales Contest- 5 Year update
 - 1. Committee recommends eliminating current practicum and inserting a prospecting practicum.
 - 2. 5 minute prep time.
 - a. Charles Scovill Moved to accept changes. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Marie Moved. Second. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Food Technology CDE
 - 1. No information has been received, no action taken.
 - iii. Ag Communications Contest
 - 1. Committee recommends a transition period for team membership. Teams will be given the option to field 4 or 5 members per team for 2009. The team score will be based on the top 4 individual scores.
 - 2. A 5th practicum will be developed for web site design.
 - 3. Change score cards to match nationals.
 - 4. Change graphic design portion to use computer software. Final product will be converted to a PDF format.
 - 5. Provide additional training for teacher, Beth and Megan have offered to help out with this project.
 - 6. Individual awards to be eliminated.
 - 7. Changes to Mr. Wyrick by end of this week.
 - a. Charles Scovill Moved to accept changes. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Julia Moved to sustain the adult board. Seconded. Motion Carried.
 - iv. CDE Teams
 - 1. Committee recommends that schools with FFA memberships over 75 high school student members will be allowed the right to send 3 teams per CDE (skills and leadership) events. There will be the disclaimer that individual Ag Skills Contest chairs can choose to allow or dis-allow a 3rd team from schools to compete, based upon the contests ability to handle more participants. This will have NO effect on Jr. High FFA contest team participation.
 - a. Charles Scovill Moved to accept. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Kaite Moved to sustain the adult board. . Second. Motion Carried.
 - v. Vet Science CDE
 - 1. Trial contest with a huge success.
 - 2. Committee recommends allowing the option of dividing the Vet Science CDE into 2 separate contest areas: large animal and small animal for 2009. New contest rules and support information must be given to the

State FFA office by 3/1/09. If this is not complete by this date, the then contest will remain the same as done in 2008.

- a. Charles Scovill moved to accept the committee's proposal.
Second. Motion carried.
- b. Julia Moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- vi. State Officer Policy Committee- Tammy Hyatt
 1. Survey
 - a. State Officer Policy committee recommends to accept consistent statewide frame work for the regional state officer selection process as proposed by the state officer policy committee.
 - i. Marie moved. Second. Motion carried.
 - ii. Matt Jakubik moved to sustain. Second. Motion carried.
 2. State Office Interview
 - a.
 3. State officer candidate speeches to delegates
 - a. No Props
 - b. Have chapters submit questions, nom com picks the questions to be asked, if they feel that there are no adequate questions they have the power to write new ones (questions are due at degree scoring).
 - c. 1 minute speech.
 - d. 2 questions
 - i. Candidates can take a few moments to collect themselves and have up to 1 minute to answer the question.
 - ii. 1 constant question throughout all of the slated candidates.
 - iii. 1 question that is specific to each slated candidate,
 - e. Amendment: vote for position immediately after the 2 speeches are given--Marie.
 - f. All changes will take effect in 2010.
 - i. Jillian moved to accept the committee's report. Second. Motion carried.
 - ii. Matt Jakubik moved to sustain the student board. Second. Motion Carried.
 - vii. Governing Committee- Steve Beattie
 1. Regional and District Size
 - a. Committee recommends we do put this off until March Board Meeting.
 2. Collegiate FFA Member on board of directors
 - a. Recommend that this member be elected by the collegiate FFA Chapter.
 - b. Brian Kiesling moved to accept the committee's report. Second. Motion Carried.
 - c. Julia moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
 3. 2009-2010 Michigan FFA Calendar was given out.
 - i. Correction: January 9, 2010 Agri-Entrepreneurship Award submission.
 - b. Brian Kiesling Moved to accept the calendar. Second. Motion Carried.

- c. Andrea moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
- viii. New Business
 - 1. Broiler Project 2009-Randy Showerman
 - a. Changes submitted by Burt Henry
 - b. Refer to CDE committee
 - i. Tammy Hyatt Moved to refer to CDE committee. Second. Motion Carried.
 - ii. Clint Moved. Second. Motion Carried.
- ix. Marie moved to adjourn. Second. Motion Carried.
- x. Steve Beattie moved to sustain the student board. Second. Motion Carried.
 - 1. Meeting adjourned- 6:05
- xi. Next Meeting: March 26, 2009 at 5:00 pm.