

Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2018
5:00PM – 6:00PM Committee Meeting
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338 Natural Resources, MSU

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm on Thursday, September 20, 2018, by Caitlin Henne, the State President. 27 members and guests were present: all members of the 2018-2019 Michigan FFA State Officer team, Michelle Sidel, Dave Wyrick, Mark Forbush, Jennifer Smith, Kevin Nugent, Mark Daniels, Katie Holt, Tate Forbush, Scott Corrin, Josephine Forbush, Travis Jones, Haley Schulz, Matt Jakubik, Henry Reinart, and Aaron McKim.
- II. Opening Ceremonies: State Officers
- III. Secretary's Report - Raegan Gembarski
 - A. 27 members and guests present
 - B. September minutes presented
 1. Sam Wortz moved to accept, Abby Puskala seconded. Motion passed
 2. Henry Reinart moved to sustain. Aaron McKim seconded. Motion passed
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Ben Butcher
 - A. The FFA Association's account balance as of November 30, 2018 is \$220,371.27. There is approximately \$50,000 in outstanding bills for Fall Conference.
 - B. The balance in our contingency fund as of November 30, 2018 is \$168,626.62.
 - C. Kyle McFarren moved to accept, Autumn Loss seconded. Motion passed
 - D. Haley Schulz sustained, Henry Reinart seconded. Motion carries.
- V. Michigan FFA Association
 - A. State Officer Report - Caitlin Henne
 1. Traveling partners are finishing up chapter blitz
 2. Fall PDI workshop and reflections ceremonies
 3. Winter retreat in two weekends
 4. Convention prep has begun
 5. UP visits
 - B. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush
 1. Ewing Trout Creek Chapter has been approved for next year
 - a) No other knowledge about chapter
 2. MDARD Grant money - \$155,000
 - a) \$145,000 grant as well
 3. Perkins V has passed – no more assessments in CTE
 - a) How can we satisfy certifications?
 - (1) AET

(a) 93 programs in Michigan use AET actively enough to count as data

(b) SAE's have generated \$18.2 million in 2017

4. Diversity and Inclusion
 - a) Dr. Roger Cleveland has been selected to work for National FFA
 - b) Self-assessment exercise that we worked on earlier will be used
5. 3 programs open for ag teachers
 - a) Breckinridge
 - b) Springport
 - c) Charlotte

C. State Executive Secretary Report - Dave Wyrick

1. Thank Charlie Arensmeier
 - a) Sending National results out
2. Adrian Schunk – Eastern Region National Vice President
 - a) 8th National Officer from Michigan
 - b) November 20th reception for her accomplishments
3. Broiler Contest
 - a) Just short of 500 entries
 - b) Between 2,000 – 2,500 individuals
 - c) Zac Williams wants to increase involvement
 - (1) Wants to take winners to give an award at a Michigan poultry expo
4. Regional Level State Officer Interviews
 - a) Regional VP's and Vice President met today
 - b) Regional board reps should be prepared to be asked for help to make the nominating committee
5. Fall PDI
 - a) Members enjoyed it
 - b) Successful
6. New State Officer Application
 - a) Not labeled, so could be used for any level of officer interviews
 - b) Commitment form and calendar still need to be turned in
7. Potential State Officer Meeting – Saturday, December 8
 - a) 14-16 members signed up
 - b) State Officer ran
8. AgroExpo sponsoring the Tractor Driving Contest
 - a) Should bring in more participants
 - b) August 14
9. FFA High Yield Challenge
 - a) AgroLiquid sponsor

- b) Letting chapters express interest before it is enacted
 - c) **Not** an FFA contest
 - d) Not awarded at State Convention
- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Mark Forbush on behalf of Amanda Sollman
 - A. Filled all but one seat (due to emergency cancellation) filled for the National Convention trip
 - B. WLC Scholarship is moved to December 15
 - 1. Becca Gulliver is the contact person for WLC
 - C. Annual meeting is March 23rd, 2019 at the Sanilac AgriScience Center at the fairgrounds in Sandusky
 - D. Alumni Council meets this Saturday at GreenStone
- VII. Past State Officers - Henry Reinart
 - A. T-Shirt contest
 - 1. Offer to artsy students
- VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Dave Wyrick
 - A. The position has been filled and will be announced on December 17th
 - 1. Will officially start January 1st
 - B. Glassbrook grants have all come in
 - 1. Try to have results back by the 1st of the year
- IX. Ag Ed Club – Josephine Forbush
 - A. Many new members
 - B. Potential university exchange with University of Kentucky in the spring
 - C. Apparel sale
- X. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Vision and Special Topics – Tate Forbush
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - B. Awards and Activities – Katie Holt
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - C. Career Development Events – Haley Schultz
 - 1. Meeting under New Business
 - D. State Officer Policy – Doug Pennington
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - E. Governing - Mark Daniels
 - 1. Nothing to report
- XI. Old Business
 - A. Nothing to report
- XII. New Business
 - A. Career Development Events – Haley Schultz
 - 1. Plagiarism issues at CDE and LDE contests
 - a) Punishment is at the digression of the Chair and Judges

- b) Haley moved, Matt seconded. Motion passed
- c) Nate S moved to sustain, Jessie seconded. Motion passed

B. Diversity and Inclusion Discussion

1. Jennifer Smith discussed the difference between technical centers and formal school ag programs
 - a) Night School options
 - (1) Mostly offered to 8th and 10th graders
 - (2) Councilors do not always push it as an option
2. Autumn Loss discussed barriers that could be solved with promotion of agricultural activities
3. Nate Scoville made a point of us not being able to see diverse issues, because we are all of the same demographic. How do we see through the eyes of others?
4. How do we maintain our traditions without letting the define us?

C. Thank you note to Roger Hanagriff for State Officer application

2018-2019 - FYI - Contests slated to be reviewed are: Poultry Judging, Ag Sales, Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Handlers, Creed Speaking, Greenhand Public Speaking, Market Rabbit Contest, and Demonstration.

2018-19 Meeting Dates

December 6, 2018

March 21, 2018

May 2, 2018

The meeting was adjourned by Caitlin Henne at 6:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Raegan Gembarski

State Secretary