

**FFA Board of Directors Meeting
September 25, 2008
332 Natural Resources Bldg**

- 1) Call to Order 6:15 : Dustin Baker
 - a. There were 33 members and guests present:
 - State Officer Team, Lori Chamberlin, Dave Armbruster, Eddie Moore, Michelle Sidel, Megan Merrill, Matt Jakubik, Tammy Hyatt, Erin Bosch, Megan Hirschman, Steve Beattie, Kevin Nugent, Cathy LaLonde, Doug Pennington, Beth Stuever, Dave Wyrick, Brian Kiesling
 - b. Those Missing: Dr. Showerman, Tom Smith, Charles Scovill, Bart Marshall
- 2) Opening Ceremonies: State Officer Team
- 3) Secretary Report: Jillian Holdwick
 - a. Ryan Green moved. Jillian seconded.
 - b. Tammy Hyatt moved. Second. Motion Approved.
- 4) Treasurers Report: Ryan Green
 - a. FFA Assn: \$125, 263.13
 - b. \$7,500 in outstanding bills
 - c. \$3,756.53 in outstanding accounts receivable
 1. Kaite Hard moved. Second. Motion Carried
 2. Doug Pennington moved. Second. Motion Carried.
- 5) Presentation to Ryan Peterson
 - a. Gabe Holdwick presented Ryan with a gift of appreciation of his service to the FFA. This will hang in the FFA office.
- 6) Michigan FFA Association
 - a. State Officer Report – Dustin Baker
 - Officers went to Blast-Off in East Lansing this summer.
 - NLCSO in Tennessee.
 - Goodwill Business and Industry tour throughout the state.
 - Chapter Blitz's are beginning.
 - Fall Leadership Conference is now being planned. October 1-2.
 - b. State Advisor and Executive Secretary Report – Dr. Showerman (Dave Wyrick)
 - \$40,000 has been received from Dean Armstrong.
 - CDE Proposals must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- 7) Michigan FFA Alumni: Dave Armbruster
 - a. Meeting last Saturday morning.
 - b. Judged scholarships for Fall Leadership Conference
 - 8 applicants
 - c. National FFA Experience for School Administrators
 - 4 people signed up so far.
 - Room for 10 more on bus.
 1. Some expenses can be supported by your county Farm Bureau.
 - d. February 21, 2009. Annual Michigan FFA Alumni Meeting in Caledonia

- 8) Michigan FFA Foundation: Megan Hirschman
- a. Megan Hirschman reported on the following events and respective dates:
 - Ag Heritage \$62,000 made last year. \$25 is received from each license plate.
 - Companies are looking to match the \$25 for each plate that is sold. Money goes to Glassbrook Endowment.
 - Golf outing in August. \$21,000 total revenue.
 - Race Day-was August 16. State officers went and received a check.
 - Goodwill B&I Tour.
 - FFA Star Program.
 1. Offers donors the opportunity to be able to donate one lump sum helping them to donate to a lot of activities at once.
 - Monsanto donated \$3,000 to give jackets to members who are in need and have submitted applications.
 - Glassbrook Endowment will be spent on Glassbrook grants this year.
 - b. \$35,000 in expendable account.
- 9) Standing Committee Report
- a. Finance Committee
 - Matt Jakubik reported that committee is pleased with move to MSU.
 - b. Activities and Awards Committee-Beth Stuever
 - Chapter Exchange Program
 1. Aaron Balowski moved we propose this idea to Collegiate FFA and MAAE with Chapter Exchange Program as currently written. Second. Motion Carried.
 2. Tammy Hyatt moved to sustain student board's motion. Second. Motion Carried.
 - a. Megan Merrill plans on going to October 4 Collegiate FFA Meeting to present this idea.
 - b. Beth Stuever expressed the committees support for this motion. This is a great opportunity for the Past State Officers to stay involved.
 - Statewide / Regional Service Project
 1. Kaite Hard moved to have the activities and awards committee have a new program to replace the BOMC by summer 2009 BOD Meeting. Second. Motion Carried.
 2. Steve Beattie Moved to support student board's motion. Second. Motion Carried.
 - Move State Convention to the Auditorium
 1. \$1.2 million has been put into Auditorium improvements.
 2. Andrea Bommarito and Kaite Hard expressed the committee's awareness of the larger size of the Auditorium in comparison to number of members.
 3. Kaite Hard moved to accept the proposal as written. Second. Motion Carried.
 - a. Andrea Bommarito moved to lay this motion on the table until the BOD Meeting after State Convention. Second. Motion Carried.

- b. Megan Merrill moved to sustain student board's motion. Second. Motion was laid on the table.

- Career show at State Convention

1. Aaron Balowski moved to accept proposal as written with the suggestion that we ask the ANR Specialist to help with this activity. Second. Motion Carried
2. Steve Beattie moved to sustain the student board's motion. Second. Motion Carried.
 - a. Megan Merrill expressed that she thought the ANR specialist would have more insight into this type of event, which is why they should be asked to help with this event.
 - b. Ryan Peterson recommended that the FFA Foundation get involved with the career show. This could possibly be coupled with the Star Partner Program.
 - c. Cathy LaLonde suggested that we try and imitate the National FFA's national convention career show guidelines.
 - d. Brian Kiesling expressed his concern with room for the career show at the auditorium.

- c. Career Development Event Committee- Doug Pennington

- Ag Sales Contest: 5 year update
 - a. Committee feels there is no educational value on the product display.
 2. Committee suggests that it be presented at Fall PDI.
- Create a Food Technology CDE
 1. Committee needs to see the rules and more information from National FFA in order to make an educated decision on the issue.

- d. State Officer Policy Committee: Kevin Nugent

- State Officer Selection
 1. Kevin Nugent made a survey. Going to be passed out at fall conferences. State officer, past nominating committee members, past state officers input is also desired.
- State Officer Scholarship
 1. Kevin Nugent expressed the committees concern for the financial situation of the state and feels that it would be a hindrance on the state.
 2. Committee recommends that we not support this motion.
- Enhancement of State Officer Development and Experience
 1. Kevin stated that the committee thought that the State officer retreat would be a good replacement for this class.
 2. Committee recommends that no action be taken on this motion.
- State Officer Code of Conduct
 - a. Tammy Hyatt moved to accept the state officer code of conduct. Second. Motion failed.
 - b. Clint Steketee moved to sustain the adult board's motion. Second. Motion carried.

- State Office Interview
 1. Kevin Nugent made a survey. Going to be passed out at fall conferences. State officer, past nominating committee members, past state officers input is also desired.
- State-Level Nominating Committee
 1. Kevin Nugent made a survey. Going to be passed out at fall conferences. State officer, past nominating committee members, past state officers input is also desired.
 2. Committee recommends that no action be taken.
- State Office Candidate Speeches to the Delegates.
 1. Kevin Nugent moved that each slated candidate give the delegates a 1 minute speech with no props and after the speech they answer 2 questions each with a 1 minute time limit asked by the delegates. Questions will be submitted with delegate forms and the Nominating Committee choose the questions that will be asked to the candidates. Second. Motion Carried.
 2. Liz Krhovsky moved to sustain the adult board's motion. Second. Motion Fail.
 - a. Andrea Bommarito moved the previous question. Motion Passed.
 3. Andrea Bommarito moved that the candidates have 1:30 minutes speech with a 1 minute question from the delegate body. Second.
 - a. Ryan Green moved to lay this motion on the table. Second. Motion failed.
 - b. Ryan Green moved to refer this motion to the 5 state officers appointed by the chair with power to report back at the next meeting. Second. Motion Carried.
 - i. Jillian Holdwick, Marie Hruby, Chris Sanford, Dustin Baker and Kaite Hard. Jillian Holdwick serving as chair.
 - c. Doug Pennington moved to support the student board. Second. Motion Carried.
 4. Tammy Hyatt moved that this committee must have a written proposal at the next meeting. Second. Motion Passed.
 5. Maria James moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion passed.
- e. Governance Committee
 - Poultry Improvement Contest
 - a. Recommended changes have been made.
 - Regional and District Sizes
 - a. Committee recommends that we discuss this at Fall PDI.
 - Collegiate FFA Representative on Michigan FFA Board of Directors
 1. Brain Kiesling moved that we amend the constitution by adding a collegiate FFA rep on the consultant board. Second. Motion Carried.
 2. Andrea Bommarito moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
 3. Increase the Number of Board of Directors Meetings.

- a. Brian Kiesling moved that we try out the new committee style and revisit in March to assess progress. Second. Motion Carried.
- b. Julia Voelker moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
- f. Diversity task Force- George Rowan (no report)

New Business

- 10) Requirements to receive the Outstanding Junior Award
- 11) Tammy Hyatt moved to accept the Outstanding Junior Requirements as proposed. Second. Motion Carried.
 - a. Andrea Bommarito moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
 - Grade point average and dollar amounts have been updated
- 12) State Officer Discipline Policy
 - a. Tammy Hyatt moved that we accept this proposal as written. Second. Motion carried.
 - b. Kaite Hard moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- 13) Broiler Contest
 - a. Tammy Hyatt moved that we accept the proposal to have a Wednesday winner and a Thursday winner. Second. Motion carried.
 - b. Chris Sanford moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- 14) Agriculture Communications CDE
 - Megan Honke is now running this event.
 - b. Brian Kiesling moved to forward this to the CDE committee. Second. Motion Carried.
 - c. Maria James moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- 15) State Officer Retreat- Gabe Holdwick and Ryan Peterson
 - a. Ryan and Gabe are planning on having a mid-year training that evaluates the year so far and to re-energize for state convention, chapter visits and other activities.
 - b. Extension of NLCSO and Blast-Off. Provides opportunity for individual feedback and peer evaluation.
 - c. Retreat would be in Indiana FFA Leadership Center on December 16-18.
 - Tammy Hyatt- mentioned that this would eliminate one of the proposals that are on the table already.
 - All of the State officers expressed their interest in the retreat.
 - Beth Stuever moved to accept proposal as written and that Gabe and Ryan come back to report on how the conference went. Second. Motion Carried.
 - Marie Hruby moved to sustain the adult board's motion. Second. Motion Carried.
- 16) CDE Results
 - Spreadsheets will be posted. Results will be official after 2 business days
 - Beth Stuever moved to amend the motion striking the words "in one week".
 - Doug Pennington supported this amendment.
 - b. Doug Pennington moved to support this proposal. Second. Motion Carried.
 - c. Ryan Green moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
- 17) CDE Teams
 - a. Brian Kiesling moved to refer motion to the CDE Committee.
 - b. Marie Hruby moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
- 18) Agri-Entrepreneurship Application
 - a. Applications currently due on May 15.

- b. Tammy Hyatt moved to refer this motion to the Awards and Events Committee. Second. Motion Carried.
 - c. Liz Krhovsky moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- 19) Gold and Silver State FFA Degree
 - a. Beth Stuever moved to accept proposal as written. Seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Clint Steketee moved to sustain adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- 20) FFA Internship
 - a. Tammy Hyatt moved that the proposal to establish an FFA internship program. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Kaite Hard moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion carried.
- 21) Vet Science CDE
 - a. Tammy Hyatt moved to refer this to the CDE Committee. Second. Motion Carried.
 - b. Marie Hruby moved to sustain the adult board. Second. Motion Carried.
- 22) Adjourn
 - a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

-Jillian Holdwick
2008-2009 State FFA Secretary