

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm on Thursday, April 29, 2021, by President Alexander Scovill. 30 members and guests include Alexander Scovill, Sarah Albrecht, Logan Hagerty, Stephanie Harvey, Marcus Pennington, Addy Stuever Battel, Kaitlyn Higgins, Benjamin Roggenbuck, Zoey Zupin, Andrew Yonker, Jonathan Sayles, Michelle Sidel, Mark Forbush, Dave Wyrick, Aaron McKim, Beth Wilson, Deb Schmucker, Doug Pennington, Haili Gusa, Jason Griffith, Jennifer Smith, Jenny Troyer, Katie Holt, Matt Jakubik, Scott Corrin, T Jones, Becca Gulliver, Kyle Schaberg and Troy Bancroft.

Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers

Secretary Report – Sarah Albrecht

- 28 members and guest present
- April minutes

Beth Wilson moved to pass the secretary's report, Becca Gulliver seconded. Motion passed. Benjamin Roggenbuck moved to sustain, Jonathan Sayles seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Logan Hagerty

- The FFA Association's account balance as of March 31, 2021, is \$275,681.24. There are approximately \$50,000 in outstanding bills from state convention.
- The balance in our contingency fund as of March 31, 2021, is \$304,244.14.

Doug Pennington moved to pass the treasurer's report, Jason Griffith seconded. Motion Passed. Marcus Pennington moved to sustain, Zoey Zupin seconded. Motion passed.

Michigan FFA Association

- State Officer Report – Alexander Scovill
 - We have been doing as much as we can within our limits.
 - We had a retreat in December and we all got a lot out of it.
 - We tried to be as active as we could on social media for leadership contests and for FFA Week.
 - We filmed the 93rd Michigan FFA State Convention and had a wonderful turn out on social media.

- We had our Capstone event with Adrian and it was really meaningful for all of those officers that were able to attend.
- State Advisor Report – Mark Forbush
 - 35 new students admitted in AFNRE at MSU
 - 8 interns will be going out next year, there is already demand for the interns from this year
 - The 8 interns will have a summer training to get them ready for the classroom.
 - All three funding proposals have been the same for Mr. Forbush.
- State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
 - All of the fall chapter visits were held virtually. This allowed the officers to visit each FFA chapter with much less disruption to their class and/or work schedule.
 - In the past we have only sent the president and vice president to the State Officer Summit. Because it was held on a virtual platform this year all of the officer team had the opportunity to attend and most of them did.
 - The State Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers (SLCCO) was virtual and we had much greater attendance than normal since it was free of charge to attend.
 - The International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) normally involves travel to a foreign country for a few officers at a substantial cost so we have had limited participation. This year with it being virtual, all of the officers were invited to attend at no cost and many were able to participate.
 - The officers were not able to be in the FFA office each week but were able to meet with Michelle, Mark and me each week via Zoom during team meetings every Tuesday night during the first semester and each Monday night during the second semester.
 - We set up Zoom meetings with officer teams from other states and were able to connect with state officer teams from Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Missouri.
 - The officers created Podcasts and Vlogs that were presented to the members via Facebook.
 - Our state convention was presented virtually so, for the first time in history, every FFA member, parent and supporter had the option of attending convention with no registration fee. (We did ask each FFA

chapter to make a \$50.00 voluntary contribution towards convention expenses since the cost of filming and editing convention sessions along with mailing awards will be substantial)

- State Convention Views as of the 26th-
 - Session 1- 5000 views
 - Session 2- 2800 views
 - Session 3- 2800 views
 - Session 4- 3100 views
 - Session 5- 2500 views
 - Session 6- hard to tell, we had some issues with the posting but it was still very successful
- Very thankful to the convention staff for their hard work.

Michigan FFA Alumni – Becca Gulliver

- Excited to announce the second round of COVID grants, there were 5 applications and they believe that they will all receive the grant
- Trying to figure out compensation for the WLC applicants
- This September the alumni are holding their annual meeting instead of holding it in the Spring.
- Second Michigan FFA Alumni Raffle, grand prize John Deere Gator, with other prizes as well. Drawing will take place on March 10 at the Michigan FFA State Convention
- 350 students filled out the forms for the door prizes for state convention

Past State Officers – Henry Reinart

- No report.

Michigan FFA Foundation – Kyle Schaberb

- The Foundation awarded 14 FFA chapters with Glassbrook grants, totally \$30,225
- As of last week's State Convention, we officially launched the "plate pledge" program to promote the Ag Heritage license plates among businesses
- Corporate support of FFA has remained consistent since the start of covid
- FFA endowments will surpass \$6 million by the end of quarter two

- Continuing to cultivate a hand full of individuals for personal gifts to benefit Michigan FFA

Ag Ed Club – Megan Schlabach

- No report.

Call To The Public

Standing Committee's Report

- Vision and Special Topics Committee
 - Chairperson Beth Wilson
 - More chapters were allowed to come to convention this year. If we are in a virtual situation again potentially staggering the start times of our lives.
- Awards and Activities Committee
 - Chairperson Katie Holt
 - More regular meetings with the advisors and more opportunities to meet as regions.
- Career Development Event Committee
 - Chairperson Haley Cucinello
 - Look into potentially more hybrid options or virtual options for the board meetings.
- State Officer Policy Committee
 - Chairperson Doug Pennington
 - It may be nice to have more virtual options for other events in the year but we would need to be cautious of not having administrators take advantage of that.
- Governing Committee
 - Chairperson Jason Griffith

Informational Item

- Board member terms
- Scott Corrin and Travis Jones have agreed to stay on for a second 3 year term.
- Region III, Haili will be the representative for the next three years and Region IV is going to discuss and have a new representative for the fall. Michigan Horticulture Teachers Representative is up for selection for the next three year term.
- State Skills Contests May and this summer

New Business

- State Executive Position Search- applications are open and being accepted until Monday and the committee is meeting for the first time tomorrow, April 30. If you have any questions contact Mr. Forbush or Aaron McKim. If you have any criteria for the position please let Mr. Forbush and Aaron McKim know because they will be using that criteria during the process.

2020-21- FYI - Contests slated to be reviewed are; Job Interview, Tractor Driving, Farm Business Management, Meats Judging, Vet Science, Parliamentary Procedure and AFNR Education

FYI DATES

2021-22 Meeting Dates

- September 16, 2021
- December 9, 2021
- March 24, 2022
- April 28, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah M. Albrecht

Michigan FFA Association

2020-2021 Michigan FFA State Secretary

