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TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Jamie Specca, State FFA President
Kristianne M. Dowd, State FFA Specialist
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 23, 2020

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
Via GoToMeeting

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Ms. Dowd at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and will have voting power at each meeting in 2019-2020.

AGENDA FOR THE APRIL STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the Marched State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Jamie Specca
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Owen Donnelly
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Kailyn Emmett
 - D. State Applications – Nicole Sickler
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Talia Priore
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jamie Specca
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Ryan Jordan
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Ryan Jordan**

- VII. Foundation Report – Jamie Specca**
- VIII. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report – Talia Priore**
- IX. Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Owen Donnelly**
- X. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Ryan Jordan**
- XI. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – Dale Cruzan**
- XII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 13-14) – Kailyn Emmett
 - B. New Jersey Agriculture Society Gala (March 14) – Ryan Jordan
 - C. National Ag Day Event (March 23-25) – Jamie Specca
 - D. Retiring Address Workshop (April 8) – Owen Donnelly
 - E. Online CDEs – Talia Priore
 - a. Winter (Online) CDEs (April 27-29)
 - b. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE (April 27-29)
 - c. Horse Evaluation CDE (April 27-29)
 - d. Spring CDEs (May 5-7)
 - F. State Applications Judging (April 20-22) – Nicole Sickler
 - G. Agriscience Fair (April 29) – Owen Donnelly
 - H. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 30) – Kailyn Emmett
 - I. Chapter Visits – Ryan Jordan
 - J. Team Goal Action Plan – Owen Donnelly
- XIII. New Business**
 - A. State Convention Planning
 - a. Timeline – Kailyn Emmett
 - b. Video Shoot – Nicole Sickler
 - c. Statewide Community Service Project – Talia Priore
 - d. Potential State Officers/Nom Com – Owen Donnelly
 - e. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jamie Specca
 - B. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Ryan Jordan
 - C. Member of the Month – Owen Donnelly
 - D. State Officer Mileage – Nicole Sickler
- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- May 4, 2020
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the March 3, 2020 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jamie Specca called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M. The voting members in attendance were Owen Donnelly, Kailyn Emmett, Nicole Sickler, Ryan Jordan and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble and Ms. Kristianne Dowd

II. Minutes from February State Meeting

Motion by Kailyn Emmett to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Owen Donnelly. Motion Passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Talia Priore to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

Elizabeth Stenard and Cierra Simmons of the Freehold FFA were in attendance and shared what they planned to be involved in at State Convention.

Owen Donnelly assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

a. Constitutions, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

No report.

b. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

c. State Leadership Activities

No report.

d. State Applications

No report.

e. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review

The committee will meet later this month.

f. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review

No report.

g. State Convention Evaluation

No report.

Jamia Specca resumes duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Withdrawing a motion is used to take the motion previously submitted to the floor from consideration so that it will not be voted on or discussed. It does not need a second and cannot be debated or amended. It can be reconsidered and requires a majority vote. It will then be pronounced to withdraw the leave of the motion if the majority vote was accepted.

VII. State FFA Foundation Report

The next meeting is on April 14th at 6 P.M. at the Department of Agriculture.

VIII. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Report

On February 12, Owen, Nicole and Talia reported on their trip to Spain and Portugal for ILSSO. Members discussed the golf tournament at the Gambler's Ridge Golf Course. The Alumni created a social media challenge for national FFA week. The Alumni is also hosting a fundraiser for State convention to compile an ad book.

IX. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report

Members were able to hear from the Department of Education and heard updates on the current program reapprovals. Rutgers announced updates on the agricultural education program. Industry representatives shared their challenges with the lack of certified people in the industry. The next meeting will be during State Convention, May 20.

X. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

The next meeting will be on March 11.

XI. Equine Advisory Board Report

Members discussed a new point system for grading Arabian horse breeds, hiring judges, and added ranch riding as a class. An event will be hosted at the Horse Park of New Jersey on June 13-14 to celebrate the month of the horse. The New Jersey FFA Association is invited to bring a table and officers to share information about the association and the National FFA Organization.

XII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators

At the last meeting members discussed membership awards and issues. They also began to talk about the constitution and bylaws along with the nominating committee. They discussed the ag education resolution that passed at the Ag Convention. The next meeting will be on March 12.

XIII. Unfinished Business

a. New Jersey Agricultural Convention

The officer team was able to attend the Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council meeting, watch Jamie Specca present her speech, and networked with Agriculture Youth Ambassadors and helped escort the ambassadors during the dinner ceremony.

b. Fuel Up Retreat

On February 20-23, officers spent the time in Little Egg Harbor where they were able to prepare for state convention, planned sessions, worked on their retiring addresses and practiced their ceremonies.

c. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

Students were able to meet with various colleges/universities, USDA representatives, Jersey Fresh, and our Teach AG campaign. The symposium included many guest speakers and a panel on how to live your legacy through agriculture. After lunch, students broke out into three different groups to discover their passions, why they want to advocate for it, and how.

d. National FFA Week

Officers travelled around New Jersey supporting and promoting FFA with various chapters and events, from cooking to hosting a petting zoo. The Association created a social media challenge throughout the week and hosted the Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day.

e. National Ag Day Event

Jamie Specca will be travelling down to Washington D.C. to meet with fellow FFA and 4H members and leaders. She was able to schedule two visits with staff of Senator Booker and Senator Menendez to share more about the opportunities that FFA has to offer students through various agriculture industries all while strengthening student's skill sets for their futures.

f. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE

Hort Expo will be held March 13-14 at the Mercer County Community College. Officers will set up on Thursday March 12 and are working in shifts on the 13-14 to help clean up/organize products. Ms. Dowd brought attention to that officers will need to arrive at the community college at 3:30 pm on the 12th to set up tables, create an information table. On Friday, Jamie will lead the judges orientation, and Nicole will help assist with the Floral Design CDE. Each officer will serve as judges' assistants. Tess Siebel, the Eastern Region Vice President will attend and present a leadership workshop along with our past alumni.

XIV. New Business

a. Winter CDEs

On March 25, the Forestry, Meat Evaluation and Farm & Agribusiness Management CDE will occur online. Each chapter participating requires a proctor. We currently have 7 chapters participating with 44 students in total.

b. Spring CDEs

Thursday, April 23 at Rutgers University, the following CDEs will take place; Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems with Ryan Jordan, Floriculture with Nicole Sickler, Nursery and Landscape with Kailyn Emmett, Agricultural Sales with Owen Donnelly, Environmental and Natural Resources with Jamie Specca, and Veterinary Skills with Talia Priore.

c. Delegate Issues

Officers discussed how New Jersey's Association's Constitution and Bylaws are currently in line with National FFA's Constitution and Bylaws. For each officer's personal committee, they need to plan a meeting and discuss future topics for the 2020 State Convention

d. State-Wide Community Service Project

The officers have determined that the project will be to collect materials to be packed into First Night kits. It is estimated that each person that participates would be able to pack 10 kits per hour. The team has set a goal of collecting enough materials to pack 500 kits with a desire to pack even more if possible!

e. Chapter Visits

A new chapter is in the process of being created, so officers should keep an eye out for the chapter chartering date.

f. Team Action Goal Plan

The goals are continuing to be worked on through the year.

g. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala

On Saturday, March 14, at the Boathouse on Mercer Lake at 5:30 pm, the annual Agriculture Society Gala will occur. Officers will help with any setting up and raffle selling. They will need to be there at 4:30 pm. Mr. Murray has requested the officer team to create a playlist for background music.

h. Zoetis Visit – Kailyn Emmett

On March 23, officers will be able to participate in a National Ag Day event hosted by Zoetis in order to show their staff what they are supporting through their donations.

i. Horse Evaluation

At Lord Stirling Stables, Kailyn Emmett, Owen Donnelly and Nicole Sickler will assist with the Horse Evaluation Sunday, April 5.

j. Eastern PA Day

On Saturday, April 25 the Dairy Evaluation will be hosted at Cedar Lane Farms and Ryan Jordan and Nicole Sickler will be helping with the event.

k. Agriscience Fair

At the Rutgers EcoComplex on April 29 Agriscience Fair will be open to registered students. Owen Donnelly, Ryan Jordan and Nicole Sickler will be assisting with the event.

l. Retiring Address Workshop

On April 8th at the Department of Agriculture, officers will present their RA to alumni, and will then be assigned an alumni member to serve as a mentor. This will be at 5pm before the Alumni meeting.

m. State Judging

On April 9th, all state applications will be judged by stakeholders at the Department of Agriculture. This will start at 8:30 am and Nicole Sickler and Jamie Specca will be helping.

n. Agricultural Issues Education

Nicole Sickler discussed how much meat and meat products that Americans actually consume. She mentioned statistics on how much chicken, beef, pork and fish we eat per day, week and year.

o. Member of the Month

Motion by Owen Donnelly to select Susan Mandeville from the Allentown FFA Chapter as March Member of the Month.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion Passes.

Motion by Owen Donnelly to approve Jamie Specca as the New Jersey National FFA Officer Candidate

Seconded Kailyn Emmett. Motion Passes.

p. Mileage

Remember to submit your mileage.

I. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Kailyn Emmett, State Secretary

10:09 AM

February 28, 2020
Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger As of February 29, 2020

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							
Deposit	02/06/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	203.50	203.50	48,926.65
Deposit	02/06/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,175.00	1,175.00	49,130.16
Check	02/06/2020	Phils 2	lunch for SOCS	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-143.00	-143.00	50,305.16
Check	02/06/2020	Costco	supplies for SOCS	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-78.60	-78.60	50,162.16
Deposit	02/20/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	396.96	396.96	50,083.56
Check	02/24/2020	Vegetable Growers A...	Ag Convention registration	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-240.00	-240.00	50,240.52
Total FFA					1,313.86	1,313.86	50,240.52
TOTAL					1,313.86	1,313.86	50,240.52

NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary February 2020

	Feb 20	Jul '19 - Feb 20	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	925.00	45,305.00	-4,695.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	88.00	2,282.00	1,182.00	1,100.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	0.00	13,880.00	-4,403.00	18,283.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-106.00	13,290.18	-43,770.82	57,061.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,755.00	-495.00	2,250.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (Income)	0.00	60.00	-3,440.00	3,500.00
P9 SO Continuum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	1,175.96	3,443.38	-100.62	3,544.00
P 11 212 (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P 12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-220.00	220.00
Total Income	2,082.96	80,115.56	-55,622.44	135,738.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,975.00	975.00	13,000.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	2,215.89	-7,352.11	9,568.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,964.91	-734.09	2,699.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	328.10	11,811.16	5,388.16	6,423.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	15,518.04	-3,160.96	18,679.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	61,193.96	-116.04	61,310.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	6,343.47	-1,079.53	7,423.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	126.45	-6,323.55	6,450.00
P9 (SO Continuum - Expense)	0.00	2,275.00	-3,641.00	5,916.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,985.00	3,985.00
P 11 (212-Expense)	0.00	1,967.02	1,932.02	35.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	84.52	-385.48	470.00
Total Expense	328.10	115,423.88	-20,029.12	135,453.00
Net Income	1,754.86	-35,308.32	-35,593.32	285.00