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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

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
1st Floor NJDA Auditorium, Trenton, NJ

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 FEBRUARY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the December 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 and Leadership 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 and 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. Equine Advisory Board Report – Nicole Sickler**
- XII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Report – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. 212 Conference (December 7) – Kailyn Emmett
 - B. Holiday Party (December 16) – Talia Priore
 - C. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers – Owen Donnelly
 - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 17) – Kailyn Emmett
 - E. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 25) – Talia Priore
 - F. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 4-6) – Nicole Sickler
 - G. Fuel Up Retreat (February 20-23) – Ryan Jordan
 - H. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 27) – Nicole Sickler
 - I. National FFA Week (February 23-29) – Ryan Jordan
 - J. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Nicole Sickler
 - K. Chapter Visits – Ryan Jordan
 - L. Team Goal Action Plan – Owen Donnelly
- XIV. New Business**
 - A. National Ag Day (March 23-25) – Jamie Specca
 - B. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 13-14) – Kailyn Emmett
 - C. Statewide Community Service Project – Talia Priore
 - D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Owen Donnelly
 - E. Member of the Month – Owen Donnelly
 - F. State Officer Mileage – Nicole Sickler
- XV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- March 2, 2020
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the December 12, 2019 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jamie Specca called the meeting to order at 4:09 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, Ms. Kristianne Dowd, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from November State Meeting

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

Seconded by Nicole Sickler. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion passes pending audit.

Motion by Talia Priore to select Monmouth University as the location for the 91st State FFA Convention.

Seconded by Owen Donnelly. Motion passes

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

Motion by Owen Donnelly to accept Ryan Jordan's absence excuse for a final.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion passes.

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 Development Evaluation & Review

No report.

f. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review

No report.

g. State Convention Evaluation

No report.

Jamia Specca resumes duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

A division of question or can be made when the current motion has multiple parts that the group would like to vote on separately. This requires a second and majority vote.

VII. State FFA Foundation Report

The next meeting is on January 14th at 6 PM at the Department of Agriculture.

VIII. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Report

During the Applebee's Dine to Donate members discussed creating an Ag Journal, or a pamphlet for local business' and sponsors to place an ad. The officer team was encouraged to set a goal of all becoming lifetime members by the start of May.

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

No report.

X. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

The Farmers Against Hunger program had a successful gleaning at Sheppard's Farm recently. Learning Through Gardening has planned to start courses to promote gardening and publishing an educational, kids book about gardening. The Ag Society Gala will be held on March 14 and will recognize many award winners within the state.

XI. Equine Advisory Board Report

Members are finishing up banquets for the year and a luncheon is planned for the December meeting. There is interest within the group to look at donating to the Blue Jackets Bright Futures Program.

XII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators

The meeting took place on November 12 where members discussed the STAR program, creating a mentor program for new teachers, the New Jersey Agriculture Convention, NAAE convention, and how Rutgers will be improving their program for Agricultural Education. The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2020.

XIII. Unfinished Business

a. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention

On November 18, Jamie Specca, Ms. Dowd, and Mrs. Noble spoke in front of the membership on behalf of their respective organizations.

b. Fall Career Development Events

The 2019 Fall Career Development Event were held on November 21 at Rutgers University. The winners included Fruits & Vegetables- Allentown, Land Judging- Belvidere, Milk Quality and Products- Woodstown, and Turf Management- Monmouth County. Belvidere and Woodstown scored under 60% to earn eligibility to compete nationally but have both been offered the chance to retest.

c. Checkpoint #2

Officers gathered at the Rutgers Eco Complex from November 15-16 and dove into the training to explore more about their team dynamics. The majority of the time was spent learning how to write and present their banquet speeches.

d. 212 Conference

The 212 Conference was held at the Cook Student Center on December 7. Officers were able to help the 212 facilitators throughout the day and participate in the sessions. Jamie and Owen participated in the Teach Ag! Conference.

e. Holiday Party

The Holiday Party will be held on December 16 at Mrs. Noble's house after the work session.

f. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Owen Donnelly, Talia Priore and Nicole Sickler completed the last payment due and are beginning to pack for the two-week trip in Spain and Portugal.

g. State Officer Candidate School

Officers continue to revise and study their workshops for the conference. The conference will be held at Stonebridge Middle School in Allentown on January 25.

h. Chapter Visits

The officers have completed 80% of the chapter visits. They are reminded to keep their schedules open during National FFA week and in the spring to visit the chapters during their events.

i. Team Goal Action Plan

The officers are keeping up with the goal action plan during all conferences, conventions and workshops.

XIV. New Business

a. Event Cost Analysis

Motion by Talia Priore to make the cost per entry \$5 and cost per participant for the 2020 Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE.

Seconded by Nicole Sickler. Motion Passes.

Motion by Talia Priore to set the cost of ALLD to be \$28 per person.

Seconded by Kailyn Emmett. Motion Passes.

b. Banquet Speech Workshop

Hosted by the Alumni on January 17, officers will be delivering the speeches created at Checkpoint 2 in front of parents and advisors. The rough draft is due by Dec. 19 and the completed speech is due on Dec. 25.

c. New Jersey Agriculture Convention

The New Jersey Agricultural Convention will be held on February 5-7 in Atlantic City.

d. Fuel Up

Officers will attend the training on February 20-23. More details concerning the training will be announced at the next meeting.

e. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day will be held on February 27. The state officers have begun work on their workshops and speakers have been discussed.

f. National FFA Week

February 22-29 is National FFA Week, officers will be requested by the chapters to help them celebrate the FFA by attending their local events.

g. Ceremony Practice

Officers began to practice award ceremonies for State Convention. They should continue to memorize the Honorary and State Degree Ceremony.

h. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

It has been recorded that the Spotted Lanternfly does not attack or is drawn to Spruce, Fir or Pine trees which is very beneficial to New Jersey's 5,000 acres of Christmas Tree farms.

i. Member of the Month

Motion by Owen Donnelly to select Lexi Enger from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter as December Member of the Month.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion Passes.

j. State Officer Mileage

Everyone reviewed the report in the folders. Officers will receive checks for the first half of the year soon.

XV. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Kailyn Emmett, State Secretary

NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary November 2019

	Nov 19	Jul - Nov 19	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	7,350.00	34,755.00	-15,245.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	658.00	1,746.00	646.00	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)	3,250.00	13,080.00	-5,203.00	18,283.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	468.00	11,165.18	-45,895.82	57,061.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-750.00	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)	50.00	432.75	-3,111.25	3,544.00
P 11 212 (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P 12 SOGS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-220.00	220.00
Total Income	11,776.00	62,838.93	-72,899.07	135,738.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,975.00	975.00	13,000.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	415.00	1,735.89	-7,832.11	9,568.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,432.40	-1,266.60	2,699.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	7,177.36	754.36	6,423.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	1,487.79	15,518.04	-3,160.96	18,679.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	60,790.16	-519.84	61,310.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	3,806.75	4,716.75	-2,706.25	7,423.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	126.45	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)	84.52	84.52	49.52	35.00
P 12 (SOGS-Expense)	84.52	84.52	-385.48	470.00
Total Expense	5,835.99	107,747.05	-27,705.95	135,453.00
Net Income	5,940.01	-44,908.12	-45,193.12	285.00

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger

As of November 30, 2019

FFA	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
	Check	11/07/2019	Steats	ribbons	P8 (hort Expo - Expense)	-126.45	-126.45	37,362.25
	Check	11/07/2019	Primanti Bros	Welcome Breakfast at National Convention	P7 (National Convern. - Expense)	-1,743.71	-1,743.71	35,492.09
	Deposit	11/07/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	7,259.00	7,259.00	42,751.09
	Check	11/08/2019	Clay Ewell Educational...	Fall CDE judging cards	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-295.00	-295.00	42,456.09
	Check	11/12/2019	National FFA Organiz...	State Officer Convention Registration	P7 (National Convern. - Expense)	-645.00	-645.00	41,811.09
	Check	11/12/2019	The Hotel Mt.	Lodging & extra meals for LEAD Confere...	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-1,487.79	-1,487.79	40,323.30
	Check	11/12/2019	The Westin	Lodging for state officers at National Con...	P7 (National Convern. - Expense)	-1,418.04	-1,418.04	38,905.26
	Check	11/12/2019	Rudgers, Univ Inn & C...	Facilitator lodging	P 11 (212-Expense)	-84.52	-84.52	38,820.74
	Check	11/12/2019	Rudgers, Univ Inn & C...	Facilitator lodging	P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	-84.52	-84.52	38,736.22
	Deposit	11/15/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,208.00	1,208.00	39,944.22
	Deposit	11/22/2019		MQP supplies	-SPLIT-	3,490.00	3,490.00	43,434.22
	Check	11/22/2019	Dan Wunderlich	MQP supplies	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-120.00	-120.00	43,314.22
	Total FFA					5,951.97	5,951.97	43,314.22
	TOTAL					5,951.97	5,951.97	43,314.22

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December 2, 2019

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of November 30, 2019

1. Opening Balance on November 1, 2019

2. Closing Balance on November 30, 2019