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**New Jersey FFA Association
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TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Jonathan Finney, State FFA President
Hannah Owen-Ross, State FFA Specialist

CC: Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: December 13, 2022, 2022

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
1st Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mx. Owen-Ross at (609) 913-6500 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 2022-2023.

AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 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 and State Convention Evaluation – Emily Sadlon
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations - Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications - Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - D. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review - Chase Sherburne
 - E. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review - Jonathan Finney
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Jonathan Finney**

- VII. Executive Committee Report-** Emily Sadlon
- VIII. Foundation Report** - Jonathan Finney
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report** - Jonathan Finney
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report** - Chase Sherburne
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** - Alexis Stretch-Huff
- XII. Equine Advisory Board** - Loriann De Sousa Rego
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators** – Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Connect Conference (December 10, 2022) - Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - B. Teach Ag Recruitment Event (December 10, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - C. Holiday Party (December 12, 2022) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - E. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 28, 2023) - Chase Sherburne
 - F. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 7-9, 2023) – Jonathan Finney
 - G. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2023) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - H. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
 - I. National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - J. Chapter Visits – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - K. Team Goal Action Plan - Jonathan Finney
- XV. New Business**
 - A. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 10, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - B. National Ag Day (March 21, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
 - C. Winter CDEs (March 23, 2023) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - D. Statewide Community Service Project –Chase Sherburne
 - E. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - F. Member of the Month – Emily Sadlon
 - G. State Officer Mileage– Chase Sherburne
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- February 6th, 2023,
New Jersey Department of Ag Building
4:00 pm.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the December 5, 2022 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jonathan Finney called the meeting to order at 4:06pm. The voting members in attendance were Jonathan Finney, Alexis Stretch-Huff, Chase Sherburne, Loriann De Sousa Rego, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Mx. Owen-Ross and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from November State Meeting

Chase Sherburne moved to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Alexis Stretch-Huff. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Alexis Stretch-Huff moved to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.
Motion passes pending audit.

Lori De Sousa Rego moved to accept the letter from Union County to forgive LEAD expenses.

Seconded by Alexis Stretch-Huff. Motion passes.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Mx. Owen-Ross has been hired as the New Jersey FFA State Specialist.

Emily Sadlon was not present at the meeting.

Alexis Stretch-Huff moved to excuse Emily's absence.

Seconded by Lori De Sousa Rego. Motion passes.

Chase Sherburne moved to accept Monmouth University as the location for this year's state convention.

Seconded by Lori De Sousa Rego. Motion passes.

V. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities and State Convention Evaluation

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications

No report.

D. CDE and LDE Evaluation & Review

No report.

E. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review

No report.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Jonathan Finney went over the meaning and usage of “Point of Privilege”.

VII. Executive Committee Report

No report.

VIII. Foundation Report

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 at 6pm.

IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 at 6pm and will be conducted via Zoom.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30pm and will take place in Atlantic City, NJ during the New Jersey Agricultural Convention and Trade Show.

XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

The Ag Society met to discuss staffing changes as well as the newsletter on their website.

XII. Equine Advisory Board

Met to discuss and wrap up the year.

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Met to discuss the National NAAE Convention in Nevada, where there were several NJ Ag educators recognized. Dr. Robin McClean (Northern Burlington Middle School) retired from her position as the NAAE Region VI Vice President. Kylie Naylor (Middlesex East Brunswick) was recognized as a 2022 Teachers Turn the Key recipient, and Dale Cruzan (Allentown) received the XLR8 award. Deanna Miller (Woodstown) was recognized as a Region VI Early Career Teacher, and Patty Smith (Warren Hills) received the CASE Model Program Award. John Neyhart received the 2022 Region VI Lifetime Achievement Award.

XIV. Unfinished Business:

A. Checkpoint #2

State Officer Checkpoint #2 was held November 11-12 at the Rutgers Eco Complex. Ryan Matthews was the facilitator. State officers learned about team dynamics, speech writing and delivery, and relearned the magic formula. They also began the process of writing their banquet speeches.

B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention

The New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention was held on Tuesday, November 8. State President Jonathan Finney spoke at the event and shared his experiences in FFA and the importance of young people in agriculture.

C. Fall Career Development Events

Fall CDEs were held on November 17th at Rutgers University. The first-place team for Turf Management was Northern Burlington FFA. The first-place team for Milk Quality & Products was Hunterdon County ESEA FFA. Hunterdon County ESEA FFA also placed first in the Forestry CDE. The first-place team for Land Judging was the Allentown FFA chapter. Allentown FFA also placed first in Fruits & Vegetables.

D. Connect Conference (December 10)

The Connect Conference will be held on Saturday, December 10 at Rutgers University. State officers will be hosts and participants at the event, and Emily and Chase will be facilitating a workshop at the Teach Ag Recruitment Event.

E. Holiday Party (December 12)

After the work session we will have a holiday party/potluck dinner to celebrate the holidays as a team. Mr. & Mrs. Noble have offered to host the party at their house.

F. Banquet Speech Workshop (December 20)

The Banquet Speech Workshop will be held on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Rutgers Eco Complex. This event is put on by the State Alumni & Supporters board. State officers will be presenting their banquet speeches and receiving feedback from their families, advisors, and the alumni.

G. State Officer Candidate School (January 28)

SOCS will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2022 at Stone Bridge Middle School. State officers will be putting on workshops for potential state officer candidates to give them an idea of what it's like being a state officer candidate, a state officer, or a nominating committee member.

H. Chapter Visits

The board reviewed their progress on chapter visits and shared updated and rescheduled dates.

I. Team Goal Action Plan

The team reviewed their progress on their goals and discussed setting up a meeting to begin taking action steps towards completing them.

XV. New Business

A. Event Cost Analysis

- a. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day**
- b. Horticultural Exposition**

Due to the increasing costs of doing business, a proposal was made to increase the costs for three events- ALLD, Horticultural Exposition, and the Floral Design CDE.

Alexis Stretch-Huff moved to change the price for Horticultural Exposition to \$6 per entry, the Floral Design CDE to \$28 per participant, and ALLD to \$29 per attendee.

Seconded by Lori De Sousa Rego. Motion Passes.

B. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 8-9, 2023)

State President Jonathan Finney will be speaking at the convention. State Secretary Chase Sherburne will be present for the Agricultural Education Advisory Committee meeting. Other state officers are also invited to attend the Advisory meeting and the Youth Reception in the evening.

C. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2023)

State officers will be staying together in Wildwood for a weekend to begin State Convention planning.

D. National FFA Week (February 18-25 2023)

The board discussed ideas for the week such as social media challenges. State Officers were also made aware that chapters will soon start submitting State Officer requests for events.

E. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2023)

At the November work session, the State Officers came up with the theme “Better Days through Better Ways” and chose sustainability as the overall topic. The team also came up with several workshop ideas and a list of possible panelists for the symposium.

F. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion

The city of Philadelphia is finalizing their urban agricultural plan. They have over 400 different green spaces (gardens, farms, greenhouses, etc.).

G. Member of the Month

Mrs. Erin Noble moved to accept Megan Brooks from Salem Tech as the December Member of the Month.

Seconded by Alexis Stretch-Huff. Motion passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

All state officers have submitted mileage for the month of November.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2022 at 9:00am.

Chapter Name	Past Debts	Summer CDE	Eastern States	N. Conv CDE	Affiliation	LEAD Conf.	LEAD tshirt	Fall CDE	Connect	SOCS	ALLD	Land. Design	Winter CDE
		\$11.00		\$40.00	<i>varies</i>	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$35 (+13)	\$9.00	\$28.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
Allentown HS													
Bankbridge								\$44.00					
Belvidere													
Bergen Academies													
Bergen Tech	\$5.00												
BCIT West Vet	(\$35.00)												
Buena													
Camden-Penn Tech	\$0.00							\$44.00					
Camden-Tech East													
Cape May													
Cumberland Reg.								\$88.00					
Delsea Regional													
Essex Co. VTS				\$40.00									
Freehold						\$1,670.00							
High Tech High													
Hunterdon Cty Polytech													
Hunterdon ESEA													
MCTS Sypek Center													
Midd.-E Brunswick													
Monmouth Co.													
Montague													
Newton	\$0.00			\$320.00									
North Warren													
Northern Burlington													
N. Burlington Mid								\$44.00					
Pemberton Township								\$44.00					
Penns Grove													
Phillipsburg	\$9.00					\$910.00							
Salem Co.													
Somerset Co.													
South Hunterdon													
South Hunterdon Middle													
Sussex County													
Union Co.						\$380.00							
Warren Hills	\$105.00			\$80.00									
Woodstown				\$80.00									
Total Amount Due	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$2,960.00	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

FL Design & Hort	Spring CDE	Horse Eval CDE	Dairy CDE	AgSci Fair	PA FFA Day CDE	State Conv	SO Cand. Deposit	Credit	Total Balance Due	Chapter Name
\$6 & \$25	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00		\$100.00	<i>varies</i>		
									\$0.00	Allentown HS
									\$44.00	Bankbridge
									\$0.00	Belvidere
									\$0.00	Bergen Academies
									\$0.00	Bergen Tech
									(\$35.00)	BCIT West Vet
									\$0.00	Buena
									\$44.00	Camden-Pennsauke
									\$0.00	Camden-Tech East
									\$0.00	Cape May
									\$88.00	Cumberland Reg.
									\$0.00	Delsea Regional
									\$40.00	Essex Co. VTS
									\$1,670.00	Freehold
									\$0.00	High Tech High
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									\$44.00	N. Burlington Mid
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									\$0.00	Penns Grove
									\$919.00	Phillipsburg
									\$0.00	Salem Co.
									\$0.00	Somerset Co.
									\$0.00	South Hunterdon
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									\$0.00	Sussex County
									\$380.00	Union Co.
									\$185.00	Warren Hills
									\$80.00	Woodstown
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,823.00	

NJ FFA Association
FFA Monthly Budget Summary
 November 2022

	Nov 22	Jul - Nov 22	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	14,450.00	31,575.00	-20,600.00	52,175.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	528.00	892.00	-1,143.00	2,035.00
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)	3,445.00	12,225.00	-24,728.00	36,953.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-44.00	4,863.00	-56,157.00	61,020.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-1,460.00	2,960.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	0.00	0.00	-3,400.00	3,400.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	0.00	336.00	-3,565.00	3,901.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	105.00	105.00	-3,645.00	3,750.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-11.00	11.00
Total Income	18,484.00	51,596.00	-114,609.00	166,205.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	16,428.30	4,178.30	12,250.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-11,873.00	11,873.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	3,476.00	1,051.00	2,425.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	2,490.53	-3,566.47	6,057.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	2,344.25	36,581.39	-180.61	36,762.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	61,702.26	-1,672.74	63,375.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	2,773.59	4,013.59	-3,506.41	7,520.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-8,760.00	8,760.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,384.00	4,384.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-6,785.00	6,785.00
P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-5,594.00	5,594.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-420.00	420.00
Total Expense	5,117.84	126,692.07	-39,512.93	166,205.00
Net Income	13,366.16	-75,096.07	-77,349.07	0.00

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November 29, 2022

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of November 30, 2022

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							60,250.85 1
Check	11/10/2022	The Westin	lodging - SO's	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-338.00	-338.00	59,912.85
Check	11/10/2022	The Westin	lodging - SO's	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-338.00	-338.00	59,574.85
Check	11/10/2022	The Westin	lodging - facilitators	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-338.00	-338.00	59,236.85
Check	11/10/2022	The Westin	lodging - facilitators	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-338.00	-338.00	58,898.85
Check	11/10/2022	Indiana Convnetion Ce...	Welcome Breakfast	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-2,773.59	-2,773.59	56,125.26
Check	11/10/2022	First Coast Promotions	tshirts	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-992.25	-992.25	55,133.01
Deposit	11/15/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	9,128.00	9,128.00	64,261.01
Deposit	11/28/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	9,356.00	9,356.00	73,617.01
Total FFA						13,366.16	73,617.01
TOTAL						13,366.16	73,617.01 2

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November 29, 2022

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of November 30, 2022

1. Opening Balance on November 1, 2023 was \$60,250.85

2. Closing Balance on November 30, 2023 was \$73,617.01

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 1, 2022

Committee: Constitution, Bylaws, and POA and State Convention Evaluation Committee

Committee
Members Present:

Jonathan Finney, Mr. Rudderow

Absent:

Alexis Stretch-Huff

Purpose of Meeting:

To follow up and clarify some of the points discussed at the last committee meeting.

Recommended
Action(s):

N/A

Comments:

Emily Sadlon

Chairperson

Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 4, 2022

Committee: Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Members Present:

Jonathan Finney, Emily Sadlon, Mrs. Naylor

Absent:

Chase Sherburne, Lexi Stretch-Huff

Purpose of Meeting:

- To review the report from the State Meeting and discussed actions and priorities.

Recommended Action(s):

None

Comments:

Jonathan Finney

Chairperson

none

Secretary