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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
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: February 15, 2023

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 6th, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 290-3212 and give the reason for receiving an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and have voting power at each meeting in 2022-2023.

AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the February State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities, State Applications, & State Convention Evaluation - Emily Sadlon
 - B. Membership, Chapter Relations, & State Leadership Activities - Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review - Chase Sherburne
 - D. 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 -** Jonathan Finney
- XII. Equine Advisory Board -** Loriann De Sousa Rego
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators –** Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 7-9, 2023) – Jonathan Finney
 - B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2023) – Emily Sadlon
 - C. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
 - D. National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 10-11, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - F. National Ag Day (March 21, 2023) – Chase Sherburne
 - G. Winter CDE (March 22, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - H. Statewide Community Service Project – Chase Sherburne
 - I. Chapter Visits - Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - J. Team Goal Action Plan - Jonathan Finney
- XV. New Business**
 - A. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 25) - Jonathan Finney
 - B. Horse Evaluation CDE (April 2, 2022) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. State Applications Judging (April 8-12, 2022) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - D. Retiring Address Workshop (April 12, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - E. Spring CDEs (April 20, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - F. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs (April 25, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - G. Agriscience Fair (April 26, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - H. Dairy Evaluation (April 29, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - I. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - J. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Emily Sadlon
 - K. Member of the Month – Emily Sadlon
 - L. State Officer Mileage– Chase Sherburne
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- April 3rd, 2023,
New Jersey Department of Ag Building*

4:00 pm.

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the February 6th, 2023 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jonathan Finney called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM. The voting members in attendance were Jonathan Finney, Emily Sadlon, Lori De Sousa Rego, Chase Sherburne, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mx. Owen-Ross, Mrs. Noble, and Ms. McCluskey.

II. Minutes from October State Meeting

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

Seconded by Emily Sadlon. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance on January 1st, 2023 was \$86,774.62 and the closing balance on January 31st, 2023 was \$94,199.42. Emily moved to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Emily Sadlon moved to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

No guests were present at this meeting. .

V. Committee Assignments

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

There was no report given.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

There was no report given.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications

There was no report given

E. CDE and LDE Evaluation & Review

There was no report given.

F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review

There was no report given.

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**
Jonathan Finney went over the usage of extending/ending a debate during a meeting.
- VII. Executive Committee Report**
Emily Sadlon helped the team develop 3 SMART goals for the Fuel-Up retreat.
- VIII. Foundation Report**
The Foundation will have all the paperwork for the credit card by the end of the month of February.
- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report**
At their January meeting, the Alumni discussed fundraising, possibly a sky zone trampoline park fundraiser event.
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at the State Agriculture Convention.
- XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**
Jonathan Finney has been selected as our new representative on the council.
- XII. Equine Advisory Board**
On Valentine's day, Garden State Horse and Carriage held a clinic on how to use cones in carriage horse training. There will be a clinic at Dream Park on March 11th and 12th discussing nutrition. Rutgers is holding both online and in-person seminars on nutrition, this is free to attend for both online and in-person.
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**
Talking about convention, a table at ALLD to promote the Teach Ag program, Allentown will be holding the NAAE Region 6 convention, and some awards.
- XIV. Unfinished Business:**
 - A. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2023)**
Officers gave their banquet speeches to their families, advisors, state staff, and received feedback.
 - B. State Officer Candidates' School (January 28, 2023)**
Officers taught members about being a state officer, what qualities they should possess, etc.
 - C. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 7-9, 2023)**
Jon, Chase, Mx. Owen-Ross, Ms. McCluskey, and Mrs. Noble will be present. Jon will be speaking at the event. State officers will be there to mingle with representatives.
 - D. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2023)**

State officers, Mx. Owen-Ross, and Emily will be present to plan State Convention, take photos, work on retiring addresses, spending time together, etc.

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

Officers will be giving small breakout workshops about sustainability, one big workshop presented by Brittany Ennis, 2023 Miss Elite Agriculture New Jersey, as well as a panel for members to ask questions about sustainability and advocacy, there are currently 3 panelists confirmed.

F. National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2023)

Chapters from around the state are requesting state officers to be present at events going on throughout FFA Week. State officers will be traveling to these events to spend quality time with members from around the state and fulfill any duties the chapters are requesting. Officers will also discuss a plan to reach members on social media during the week.

G. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 10, 2023)

State officers will be assisting judges during the event and acting as hosts for the event. Emily and Lori will be staying later on Friday evening, and Jon and Chase will arrive early Saturday morning.

H. National Ag Day (March 21, 2023)

There will be the opportunity to meet with legislators virtually, also there will be virtual training sessions, this is to promote public awareness of agricultural issues, and it's value

I. Winter CDEs (March 23, 2023)

Winter CDE's will be held virtually on March 23rd.

J. Statewide Community Service Project

The state officers decided to collect community garden kits that will be collected by members from around the state, assembled at state convention and then distributed to organizations that promote community gardening and urban agriculture.

K. Chapter Visits

The team reviewed progress reports on chapter visits.

L. Team Goal Action Plan

The team reviewed progress on the team goal action plan

XV. New Business

A. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 25)

The team received a save-the-date, state officers will likely be in attendance.

B. State Convention Cost Analysis

Emily Sadlon moved to accept the state convention cost analysis.

Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.

C. Honorary State Degree/ Distinguished Service Award

The board discussed several candidates as to who they thought should receive this honor and reviewed several nominations from chapters.

Emily Sadlon moved to accept the suggested list of candidates elected to receive the awards pending confirmation that none of the nominees have already received the honor.

Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.

D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

Lori discussed that New Jersey is one of the states that is recognized for using solar energy, notably at Rutgers University who used solar power to power some of their facilities. There are however protocols that limit the usage of them such as weight distribution, safety issues, as well as the physical appearance of them being considered not attractive by the public.

E. Member of the Month

Emily Sadlon moved to select Allison Josielewski as the February Member of the Month.

Seconded by Lori De Sousa Rego. Motion passes.

F. State Officer Mileage

Chase, Jon, and Emily all submitted mileage for this month.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

The next meeting will be held on March 6th, 2023 at 4:00 P.M at the Department of Ag Building.

NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary January 2023

| | Jan 23 | Jul '22 - Jan 23 | \$ Under / Over Budget | Annual Budget |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Deposit | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Opening Balance | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| P1 Dues/Memberships (Income) | 5,575.00 | 47,045.00 | -5,130.00 | 52,175.00 |
| P2 CDEs (Income) | 336.00 | 1,352.00 | -683.00 | 2,035.00 |
| P3 General Supplies (Income) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| P4 State Officers (Income) | 100.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| P5 LEAD (Income) | 0.00 | 27,605.29 | -9,347.71 | 36,953.00 |
| P6 State Convention (Income) | 105.00 | 4,968.00 | -56,052.00 | 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) | -252.00 | 84.00 | -3,817.00 | 3,901.00 |
| P11 Mission Conf (Income) | 1,320.00 | 3,169.00 | -581.00 | 3,750.00 |
| P12 SOCS (Income) | 0.00 | 0.00 | -11.00 | 11.00 |
| Total Income | 7,184.00 | 85,923.29 | -80,281.71 | 166,205.00 |
| Expense | | | | |
| P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense) | 0.00 | 16,428.30 | 4,178.30 | 12,250.00 |
| P2 (CDEs - Expense) | 0.00 | 2,174.10 | -9,698.90 | 11,873.00 |
| P3 (General Supplies - Expense) | 0.00 | 3,507.00 | 1,082.00 | 2,425.00 |
| P4 (State Officers - Expense) | 0.00 | 6,208.09 | 151.09 | 6,057.00 |
| P5 (LEAD - Expense) | 0.00 | 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) | 0.00 | 5,719.39 | -1,800.61 | 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 | 2,385.00 | -4,400.00 | 6,785.00 |
| P11 (Mission Conf-Expense) | 178.20 | 874.80 | -4,719.20 | 5,594.00 |
| P 12 (SOCS-Expense) | -252.00 | -252.00 | -672.00 | 420.00 |
| Total Expense | -73.80 | 137,328.33 | -28,876.67 | 166,205.00 |
| Net Income | 7,257.80 | -51,405.04 | -53,658.04 | 0.00 |

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February 3, 2023

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of January 31, 2023

| Type | Date | Name | Memo | Split | Original Amount | Paid Amount | Balance |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| FFA | | | | | | | 86,744.62 1 |
| Deposit | 01/03/2023 | | Deposit | -SPLIT- | 3,294.00 | 3,294.00 | 90,038.62 |
| Check | 01/12/2023 | Rutgers, Univ Inn & Co... | facilitator lodging | P11 (Mission Conf-Expense) | -178.20 | -178.20 | 89,860.42 |
| Deposit | 01/20/2023 | | Deposit | -SPLIT- | 2,844.00 | 2,844.00 | 92,704.42 |
| Deposit | 01/20/2023 | | Deposit | -SPLIT- | 1,465.00 | 1,465.00 | 94,169.42 |
| Deposit | 01/25/2023 | | Deposit | Undeposited Funds | 30.00 | 30.00 | 94,199.42 |
| Total FFA | | | | | | 7,454.80 | 94,199.42 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | 7,454.80 | 94,199.42 2 |

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2. Closing Balance on January 31, 2023 was \$94,199.42