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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 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 – 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 Agriculture Educators – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIII. Unfinished Business**
 - A. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 4-6) – Nicole Sickler
 - B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 20-23) – Ryan Jordan
 - C. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 27) – Kailyn Emmett
 - D. National FFA Week (February 22-29) – Talia Priore
 - E. National Ag Day Event (March 23-24) – Jamie Specca
 - F. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 13-14) – Kailyn Emmett
 - G. Winter (Online) CDEs (March 25) – Talia Priore
 - H. Spring CDEs (April 23) – Kailyn Emmett
 - I. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jamie Specca
 - J. Statewide Community Service Project – Talia Priore
 - K. Chapter Visits – Ryan Jordan
 - L. Team Goal Action Plan – Owen Donnelly
- XIV. New Business**
 - A. New Jersey Agriculture Society Gala (March 14) – Ryan Jordan
 - B. Retiring Address Workshop (April 8) – Owen Donnelly
 - C. State Applications Judging (April 9) – Nicole Sickler
 - D. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Nicole Sicker
 - E. Member of the Month – Owen Donnelly
 - F. State Officer Mileage – Nicole Sickler
- XV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- April 6, 2020
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

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

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jamie Specca called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 Ms. Kristianne Dowd and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from December State Meeting

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

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion Passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

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

Motion passes pending audit.

Ms. McCluskey brought attention to outstanding chapters from the 212 conference.

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

There were no guests in attendance.

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. The committee will be meeting next week to review possible keynote speakers.

Jamia Specca resumes duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

To rescind a motion it is to repeal, nullify, and invalidate a motion, contract or written direction. This requires a second, needs to be debated, and can be amended. This could be used if future discussion leads to a change in a voted upon motion.

VII. State FFA Foundation Report

The Foundation met on January 14. Jeremy was able to create an account for the Foundation to start using Google Classroom and the group heard a presentation on the health of their investments. The next meeting is on April 14th at 6 P.M. at the Department of Agriculture.

VIII. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Report

The next meeting will be February 12.

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

The next meeting will be at the Ag Convention on February 5.

X. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

The New Jersey Agriculture Society is hosting their annual Gala on March 14 at Boathouse of Mercer Lake and the officers have been invited to assist with the event. The Farmers Against Hunger acquired 390,000 lbs of produce from gleanings at local farms. Learning Through Gardening reported on Crop Grants applications were completed.

XI. Equine Advisory Board Report

At the end of February, a Horse Expo will be hosted in Harrisburg, Rutgers published two books about veterinary care of equine, and the advisory board is looking to finalize turning over Meadowlands horse race track.

XII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators

Teachers are getting ready for the New Jersey Agricultural Convention that is taking place in Atlantic City and had worked on preparing a resolution to be presented to the delegate body.

XIII. Unfinished Business

a. 212 Conference

The 212 conference was facilitated by Thomas and Taylor who helped our members dive deeper into their different emotional, physical, mental and social aspects of their lives. Jamie and Owen participated in the Teach Ag! Conference and helped the facilitators, Renee Stillwell and Hannah Mann during this part of the overall conference.

b. Holiday Party

Officers celebrated the holidays together with Mrs. Noble, Mr. Noble, Ms. Dowd, Ms. McCluskey and Mr. Goodenough by swapping gifts and decorating ugly sweater cookies.

c. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Owen, Talia and Nicole all returned from their trip from Spain and Portugal. They were able to represent the New Jersey FFA Association while making lasting friendships and memories as they traveled.

d. Banquet Speech Workshop

Officers, state staff, advisors, and parents all supported the officer team while they were delivering their banquet speeches. The officers received feedback from everyone in attendance and videos of themselves speaking to help them continue developing their speeches.

e. State Officer Candidate School

Officers hosted the State Officer Candidate School at the Stonebridge Middle School in Allentown, NJ where they helped members understand the dynamics of being a State Officer. Hannah Mann and Christine Albrecht helped members understand how to run for nominating committee and how they can make an impact by being a nominating committee member. Evaluations were included in the meeting folders.

f. New Jersey Agricultural Convention

On February 5, the officer team was invited to attend at the New Jersey Agricultural Convention in Atlantic City, NJ. There they were helped escort the 4-H Youth Ambassadors and Jamie delivered an impactful speech on the importance of Agricultural Literacy. The team attended the Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council meeting and Owen provided remarks on behalf of the organization.

g. Fuel-Up Retreat

On February 20, officer will head down to Little Egg Harbor Township where they will dive deeper into State Convention planning, finalize their retiring addresses and develop goals for the rest of their service year.

h. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day

ALLD will help encourage members to determine what they want to advocate for in agriculture, while hearing more about what our panelists advocate for.

i. National FFA Week

Officers are traveling around to various chapters to help members celebrate National FFA Week. Owen Donnelly and Kailyn Emmett are attending the Jersey Fresh Cook-Off at Salem Tech and Nicole Sickler is going to Allentown for an Award Breakfast.

j. Ceremony Practice Schedule

Officers are continuing to practice award ceremonies in preparation of State Convention. Officers should know the Blue Jackets ceremony by the February Work Session.

k. Chapter Visits

Officers are currently 94% complete for all chapter visits.

l. Team Goal Action Plan

Currently, officers are on track with their goals. They are continuing to post about upcoming events and conferences, building on their teamwork and team relationships.

XIV. New Business

a. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients

Submitted chapter nominations were read to the board. The state executive board submitted their list of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award nominations.

Motion by Owen Donnelly to accept the selected chapter nominations as the recipients of the Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion passes.

b. National Ag Day

National Ag Day is on March 24. Jamie Specca will participate in the National Agriculture Day event in Washington, D.C. She will receive training on forming key messages and the meeting with U.S. Senators and Representatives.

c. Horticulture Exposition/ Floral Design CDE

Horticultural Exposition is March 13-14 with the Floral Design CDE held on March 13 at Mercer County Community College. Shifts will be scheduled so the expo is manned at all times throughout the two days.

d. Statewide Community Service Project

Officers are continuing to research various organizations to that can benefit from the Statewide community service project.

e. Agriculture Education Issues

The coronavirus is having a heavy impact on citizens' health, but also the local agriculture. Farmers are currently struggling for any trade to occur for their produce within their own country along with the United States. This can impact their own lives with a loss profit.

f. Member of the Month

Motion by Owen Donnelly to select Alyssia Carotenuto from the Allentown FFA Chapter as the February Member of the Month.

Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion passes.

Congratulations Alyssia!

g. State Officer Mileage

Reminder for all state officers to turn in their mileage reports to Ms. Dowd before 2 p.m. of the next month state meeting.

XV. Closing Ceremonies

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

Respectively submitted by Kailyn Emmett, State Secretary

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger

As of January 31, 2020

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							
Check	12/05/2019	Rutgers, The State U...	Fall CDEs	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-480.00	-480.00	43,314.22
Check	12/11/2019	Hampton Inn	lodging - return from National Convention	P7 (National Conven... - Expense)	-104.34	-104.34	42,834.22
Deposit	12/17/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,954.00	2,954.00	42,729.88
Check	12/17/2019	Hampton Inn	lodging - return from National Convention	P7 (National Conven... - Expense)	-104.34	-104.34	45,683.88
Check	12/17/2019	Expedia	lodging - return from National Convention	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-126.23	-126.23	45,579.54
Check	12/17/2019	Hampton Inn	lodging - facilitator for checkpoint II (night ...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-226.96	-226.96	45,352.58
Check	12/17/2019	Hampton Inn	state officers lodging - checkpoint II	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-113.48	-113.48	45,239.10
Check	12/17/2019	Hampton Inn	state officers lodging - checkpoint II	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-113.48	-113.48	44,999.39
Check	12/17/2019	National FFA Organiz...	lodging for 4 state officers during Nationa...	P7 (National Conven... - Expense)	-1,418.04	-1,418.04	43,581.35
Check	12/17/2019	Twin Oaks Caterer	212 boxed lunches	P 11 (212-Expense)	-320.00	-320.00	43,261.35
Check	12/17/2019	Twin Oaks Caterer	Teach Ag boxed lunches	P 11 (212-Expense)	-415.50	-415.50	42,845.85
Check	12/17/2019	Shoprite	checkpoint II meals	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-81.12	-81.12	42,764.73
Check	12/17/2019	Vista Print	holiday cards	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-146.46	-146.46	42,618.27
Check	12/17/2019	Ryan Jordan	July - Dec 2019 SO mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-498.40	-498.40	42,119.87
Check	12/17/2019	Nicole Slickler	July - Dec 2019 SO mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-552.02	-552.02	41,567.85
Check	12/17/2019	Talia Priore	July - Dec 2019 SO mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-647.85	-647.85	40,920.00
Check	12/17/2019	Kailyn Emmett	July - Dec 2019 SO mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-357.35	-357.35	40,562.65
Check	12/17/2019	Owen Donnelly	July - Dec 2019 SO mileage reim	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-648.55	-648.55	39,914.10
Check	12/17/2019	Jamie N Specca	Supplemental Insurance for FFA event pa...	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-793.80	-793.80	39,120.30
Check	12/31/2019	American Income Life...	Deposit	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-367.80	-367.80	38,752.50
Deposit	01/14/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,155.67	1,155.67	39,908.17
Deposit	01/14/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	1,081.00	1,081.00	40,989.17
Deposit	01/14/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	6,838.00	6,838.00	47,827.17
Deposit	01/14/2020	NJ Dept. of Agricultur...	ALLD Career Fair	P10 ALLD (Income)	30.00	30.00	47,857.17
Deposit	01/15/2020	National FFA Organiz...	FFA banner & banquet speech workshop ...	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-164.71	-164.71	47,692.46
Check	01/22/2020		Deposit	-SPLIT-	2,370.00	2,370.00	50,062.46
Deposit	01/23/2020		Deposit	P 11 (212-Expense)	-1,147.00	-1,147.00	48,915.46
Check	01/28/2020	Rutgers, Univ Inn & C...	room rental for 212	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-403.80	-403.80	48,511.66
Check	01/29/2020	National FFA Organiz...	State Convention supplies (Nom Com & ...	P7 National Convention (Income)	255.00	255.00	48,766.66
Deposit	01/30/2020	NJ Department of Agr...	reim for Nat Con registration	-SPLIT-	160.00	160.00	48,926.66
Deposit			Deposit				
		Total FFA			5,612.44	5,612.44	48,926.66
		TOTAL			5,612.44	5,612.44	48,926.66

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FFA Monthly Budget Summary

December 2019 through January 2020

	Dec '19 - Jan 20	Jul '19 - Jan 20	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	9,626.00	44,380.00	-5,620.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	448.00	2,194.00	1,094.00	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)	800.00	13,880.00	-4,403.00	18,283.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	2,240.00	13,405.18	-43,655.82	57,061.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	255.00	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)	1,575.67	2,008.42	-1,535.58	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	14,943.67	77,782.60	-57,955.40	135,738.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,975.00	976.00	13,000.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	480.00	2,215.89	-7,352.11	9,568.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	532.51	1,964.91	-734.09	2,699.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	4,305.70	11,483.06	5,060.06	6,423.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	15,518.04	-3,160.96	18,679.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	403.80	61,193.96	-116.04	61,310.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	1,626.72	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)	1,882.50	1,967.02	1,932.02	35.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	84.52	-385.48	470.00
Total Expense	9,231.23	117,147.32	-18,810.66	135,956.00
Net Income	5,712.44	-39,364.72	-39,144.72	-220.00