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

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

DATE: October 15, 2019

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2019 – 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 NOVEMBER STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the October 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. 92nd National FFA Convention Review (October 30-November 2) – Talia Priore
 - B. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting – Nicole Sickler
 - C. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 18-19) – Talia Priore
 - D. Fall Career Development Events (November 21) – Ryan Jordan
 - E. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers– Nicole Sickler
 - F. Chapter Visits – Ryan Jordan
 - G. Team Goal Action Plan – Owen Donnelly
- XIV. New Business**
 - A. Checkpoint #2 (November 15-16) – Kailyn Emmett
 - B. 212 Conference (December 7) – Kailyn Emmett
 - C. Holiday Party – Talia Priore
 - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 17) – Kailyn Emmett
 - E. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 25)– Owen Doneelly
 - F. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Ryan Jordan
 - G. Member of the Month – Owen Donnelly
 - H. State Officer Mileage – Nicole Sickler
- XV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- December 2, 2019
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the October 7, 2019 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jamie Specca called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The voting members in attendance were Owen Donnelly, Kailyn Emmett, Nicole Sickler, and Ryan Jordan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble, Ms. Kristianne Dowd, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from September 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 Nicole Sickler to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

Motion by Owen Donnelly to accept Talia Priore's absence as excused.

Seconded by Kailyn Emmett. Motion Passes.

Motion by Ryan Jordan to accept Karleen Wilford's resignation.

Seconded by Owen Donnelly. 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

The committee discussed ways to reach out to members through an emailing list or google classroom, committee members also discussed about creating a social media contest for the Leadership Experience and Development conference and highlighting unique chapter events on social media. Members also reviewed the regional event survey created by Owen Donnelly.

Motion by Jamie Specca to accept the committee report as read.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

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 the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Point of order calls upon the chair to make a ruling or decision regarding an item that breaks the rule of parliamentary procedure. If a motion is not seconded and then voted on, point of order would be called. Point of order does not require a second and is not debatable.

VII. State FFA Foundation Report

The next meeting will be on October 22. The two representatives for the New Jersey FFA Association are Jamie Specca and Kailyn Emmett.

VIII. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Report

No report. The next meeting will be on October 9 at the Department of Agriculture at 6 p.m.

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

No report.

X. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report

Members discussed the Farmers Against Hunger Program's season with 850,000 pounds of food distributed, Learning Through Gardening Teacher Evaluations, and nominated new officers and trustees. The Hlubik Farm dinner will be on November 13. Members also discussed trying to connect with elementary schools that are sending students to schools with FFA programs.

XI. Equine Advisory Board Report

Members had a presentation about farmland preservation, held their end of year awards, and held a ceremony for a horse will be retiring from the military.

XII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators

NJAAE hosted the Fall Ag Ed conference in conjunction with the department and met after the conference to discuss future events.

XIII. Unfinished Business

A. Eastern States Exposition

New Jersey had three students compete at the Eastern States exposition. Brian Posluszny and Abbey Goodenough came in 6th place in their respective competitions. Unfortunately, Toni Baker and Abbey Goodenough were not selected for their respective Star Awards.

B. Fall Ag Ed Conference

Teachers and Ag Ed majors listened to a keynote speaker present about connecting with today's generations and audiences. They also discussed about CASE online, Lab Aids and MyCaert.

C. Leadership Experience and Development Conference

a.360 Curriculum

i. Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)

State officers presented in front of chapter officers from 11 chapters across New Jersey about what to expect in the upcoming year, Program of Activities, and their new roles as officers.

ii. Leadership Opportunities Training (LOC)

Hannah Mann and Morgan Rutar presented to members about the leadership opportunities that are presented to members through FFA.

b. State Greenhand Conference (SGC)

First year FFA members were able to learn more about FFA and agriculture with the help of their facilitators, Kait Tallamy and Renee Stillwell.

D. 92nd National FFA Convention

a. Flag Bearer

Ryan Jordan will be representing New Jersey by attending events to carry the state's flag.

b. Delegates

Updates are being posted to ffa.org/delegates in order to share more information for the delegates that will be presenting during National Convention. The State Association Committee sent out surveys for each state officer to complete.

c. State Booth

Talia Priore, Nicole Sickler and Ryan Jordan will be working with the Woodstown FFA Chapter to represent New Jersey Agriculture.

d. State Suite

Talia Priore, Nicole Sickler and Ryan Jordan will be sharing the shifts to host FFA chapters and guests in the state suite. Chapters have been reserving state suite tickets and many sessions are already booked.

e. Recognition Program

Officers created a script and sent their individual parts to Talia Priore to make the official script. The program will be held on the Wednesday morning at the Primanti Brothers Restaurant.

E. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony

Non-delegates had to create a written testimony that would best summarize New Jersey FFA's opinion in the committees. These testimonies are due to Ms. Dowd by October 14 to be voted on during the work session.

F. Fall Career Development Events

On November 21 at Rutgers University, New Jersey FFA will be hosting the Fall CDEs. The officer assignments of each event have changed; Nicole Sickler and Talia Priore will be at Milk Quality and Products, Jamie Specca will be at Turf Management, Ryan Jordan will be at Land Judging, Owen Donnelly and Kailyn Emmett will be at Fruit and Vegetables.

G. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Owen Donnelly, Talia Priore and Nicole Sickler have made their first payment after the deposit, finished their first course, created a new Instagram profile for ILSSO and posted a culture drawing of themselves. The second course is due October 16.

H. Chapter Visits

The chapter visit emails were sent out by all officers. Officers are working to schedule all of their visits. Officers also received more chapter visit assignments. Jamie Specca will be visiting Monmouth County, Owen Donnelly will be visiting Union County, Kailyn Emmett will be visiting Penns Grove, Nicole Sickler will be visiting Northern Burlington and Ryan Jordan will be visiting Middlesex Piscataway.

I. Team Goal Action Plan

The officers are on track with the goal action plan. The goal to eat after a state meeting is reassigned to Nicole Sickler.

XIV. New Business

A. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting

Grange officers and members from all counties in New Jersey will be holding their annual meeting at Holiday Inn Bridgeport on October 18 at 6 p.m. Nicole Sickler will attend their dinner.

B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention

The New Jersey Farm Bureau convention is from November 18-19. Jamie Specca will be speaking to the delegates on November 18.

C. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion

Iowa State University received a 3-year grant to study to soil health after prairie strips are implemented and to see how quickly to soil reverts back to its original state after the prairie strips are removed.

D. Member of the Month

Motion by Owen Donnelly to select Heather Infonte from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter as October Member of the Month.

Seconded by Nicole Sickler. Motion Passes.

E. State Officer Mileage

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

XV. Closing Ceremonies

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Kailyn Emmett, State Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: September 29, 2019

Committee: Membership and Chapter Relations Committee

Committee Members Present:

Owen Donnelly (Chair), Ms. Allen (Teacher Rep.)

Absent:

Nicole Sickler (Vice Chair), Jamie Specca (Member), Talia Priore (Member)

Purpose of Meeting:

To explore different ways to connect with members

Recommended Action(s):

N/A

Comments:

1. Ms. Allen is going to ask her students about their thoughts on google classroom for our "emailing list".
2. We talked about creating some kind of social media contest for LEAD
3. Talked about highlighting a different application every couple of weeks to get more people interested in applying
4. We discussed highlighting different "unique" chapter events on social media. This could both give other chapters ideas about stuff to do and can just let everyone know whats going on in the state.
5. We reviewed the regional event interest survey Owen made.

Owen Donnelly

Chairperson

Ms. Jenny Allen

Secretary

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger

As of September 30, 2019

FFA	Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
Check		09/04/2019	National FFA Organiz...	Agriculture Fair registration	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-245.00	-245.00	28,123.49
Deposit		09/04/2019	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit	-SPLIT-	243.00	243.00	27,878.49
Check		09/12/2019	National FFA Organiz...	handbooks and manuals	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-1,925.00	-1,925.00	26,196.49
Deposit		09/12/2019	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,580.00	3,580.00	29,776.49
Check		09/19/2019	Hampton Inn	Checkpoint I lodging - state officers	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-427.68	-427.68	29,348.81
Check		09/19/2019	Hampton Inn	Checkpoint I lodging - state officers	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-427.68	-427.68	28,921.13
Check		09/19/2019	Hampton Inn	Checkpoint I lodging - state officers	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-427.68	-427.68	28,493.45
Check		09/19/2019	Hampton Inn	Checkpoint I lodging - state officers	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-427.68	-427.68	28,065.77
Deposit		09/20/2019	Hampton Inn	Deposit	-SPLIT-	4,578.50	4,578.50	32,644.27
Check		09/20/2019	National FFA Organiz...	LEAD awards	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-68.50	-68.50	32,575.77
Check		09/20/2019	Pandora Diner	Checkpoint I meal	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-120.00	-120.00	32,455.77
Check		09/20/2019	Villa Marino	Checkpoint I meal	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-163.82	-163.82	32,291.95
Check		09/20/2019	Selective Insurance	supplemental insurance for all the membe...	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-849.00	-849.00	31,442.95
Check		09/20/2019	Lands End	thank you gifts	P2 (ODEs - Expense)	-1,233.79	-1,233.79	30,209.16
Check		09/20/2019	Growing Leaders	supplemental reading books for SO	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-108.56	-108.56	30,100.60
Check		09/23/2019	National FFA Organiz...	annual dues	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-12,050.00	-12,050.00	18,050.60
Deposit		09/24/2019	National FFA Organiz...	Deposit	-SPLIT-	4,202.50	4,202.50	22,253.10
Check		09/28/2019	DJ Nabbs Entertainm...	DJ services for LEAS	-SPLIT-	-300.00	-300.00	21,953.10
Deposit		09/30/2019	DJ Nabbs Entertainm...	Deposit	-SPLIT-	663.00	663.00	22,616.10

Total FFA -5,507.39 22,616.10

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NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary September 2019

	Sep 19	Jul - Sep 19	\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	5,780.00	7,630.00	-42,370.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	413.00	1,043.00	-57.00	1,100.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	4,260.00	4,260.00	-14,023.00	18,283.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	4,076.00	10,697.18	-46,363.82	57,061.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	1,500.00	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)	0.00	382.75	-3,161.25	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	16,029.00	25,572.93	-110,166.07	135,738.00
Expense				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	13,975.00	13,975.00	975.00	13,000.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	1,233.79	1,233.79	-8,334.21	9,568.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	849.00	1,432.40	-1,266.60	2,699.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	2,103.10	7,177.36	754.36	6,423.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	368.50	368.50	-18,310.50	18,679.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	60,790.16	-519.84	61,310.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	245.00	910.00	-6,513.00	7,423.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-6,450.00	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	0.00	-35.00	35.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-470.00	470.00
Total Expense	18,774.39	88,162.21	-47,290.79	135,453.00
Net Income	-2,745.39	-62,589.28	-62,874.28	285.00