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

FROM: Jonathan Finney, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: August 29, 2022

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022 – 4:00 p.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 Mrs. Noble at (609) 913-6495, 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 SEPTEMBER STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the August State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
 - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities and State Convention Evaluation – TBD
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - D. Career 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** – Alexis Stretch-Huff

- IX. Alumni & Supporters Association Report** – Jonathan Finney
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Chase Sherburne
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** – Alexis Stretch-Huff
- XII. Equine Advisory Board Report** – Loriann De Sousa Rego
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators** – Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Eastern States Exposition – Loriann Des Sousa Rego
 - B. Leadership Experience and Development Conference (October 7-8, 2022)
 - a. 'I Am' Curriculum
 - i. Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - ii. Leadership Opportunities Conference (LOC) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - b. State Greenhand Conference (SGC) – Chase Sherburne
 - c. Timeline – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. 95th National FFA Convention (October 26-29, 2022)
 - a. Flag Bearer – Jonathan Finney
 - b. Delegates – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - c. Hall of States – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - d. State Suite – Chase Sherburne
 - e. Recognition Program – Jonathan Finney
 - D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 2-15, 2023) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
- XV. New Business**
 - A. Team Goal Action Plan – Jonathan Finney
 - B. Chapter Visits – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - C. Calendar of Events – Chase Sherburne
 - D. Springfield Community Day (September 26, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - E. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony – Alexis Stretch-Huff
 - F. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 30, 2022) – Jonathan Finney
 - G. Fall Career Development Events (November 17, 2022) – Chase Sherburne
 - H. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion – Loriann De Sousa Rego
 - I. Member of the Month – Emily Sadlon
 - J. State Officer Mileage – Chase Sherburne
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

Next State Meeting – October 3, 2022
1st Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ
4:00 p.m.

**New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the August 8, 2022 Meeting**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Jonathan Finney called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. The voting members in attendance were Jonathan Finney, Loriann De Sousa Rego, Chase Sherburne, Lexi Stretch-Huff, and Lizzie Alloway-Hunter. State Staff in attendance were Ms. McCluskey and Mrs. Noble.

II. Minutes from July State Meeting

Motion by Chase Sherburne to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as distributed.

Seconded by Loriann De Sousa Rego. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

The opening balance was \$138,210.81 and the closing balance was \$144,408.08.

Motion by Lexi Stretch-Huff to accept the treasurer's report as read

Motion passes pending audit

IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance

No guests were present. Mr. Cruzan was excused from the meeting due to a personal conflict with the date.

V. Committee Assignments

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

No Report

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

The committee met on July 11th to discuss and set goals for the year.

Motion by Jonathan Finney to accept the committee report as read.

The motion has an implied second. Motion passes.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications

The committee met on July 11th to discuss and set goals for the year.

Motion by Lexi Stretch-Huff to accept the committee report as read.

The motion has an implied second. Motion passes.

D. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No Report

E. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review

The committee met on July 11th to discuss and set goals for the year.

Motion by Jonathan Finney to accept the committee report as read.

The motion has an implied second. Motion passes.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report

Jonathan briefed the team on the concept and rules of parliamentary inquiry.

VII. Executive Committee Report

Emily asked the team about feelings and preparedness about the upcoming Leadership Experience and Development Conference. The team discussed how they were feeling and different ways they are preparing for their workshops.

VIII. Foundation Report

No Report. The next meeting is August 9.

IX. Alumni & Supporters Association Report

No Report. The next meeting is August 10.

X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

No Report

XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report

No Report

XII. Equine Advisory Board Report

No Report

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Mrs. Noble reported that the NJAAE will hold their summer planning meeting on the 17th to discuss their expectations and goals for the year. We had five new ag teachers attend the Ag Ed Bootcamp. Vineland will be chartering a new chapter in the 2022-2023 school year.

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. Summer DCE Results

a. Safe Tractor Operations Event

The Safe Tractor Operations Event took place on July 19 at the Burlington County Fair. Luke Thompson from Cumberland Regional placed 1st, Ryan Wright from Allentown placed 2nd, Gavin Byrne from Allentown placed 3rd, and Cali Lang from Allentown placed 4th.

B. State Officer Summit

State officers travelled to Washington, D.C. on July 17-21. They met state officers from around the country, saw sights around D.C., learned about advocacy and effective messaging, held legislative visits, and began the delegate process.

C. Check Point #1 & I Am Conference Training

July 26-29, the State FFA Officers had the opportunity to see the new 'I Am' curriculum for the LEAD conference in October, learned about developing and facilitating workshops, and discovered tips for effective conversation skills.

D. 95th National FFA Convention

a. Flag Bearer

Our flag bearer will be Lizzie Alloway-Hunter. She will be presenting the New Jersey state flag on the national convention stage before the opening session. More information is forthcoming.

b. Delegates

Our leadership delegates will include Jonathan Finney, Lori De Sousa Rego, and the third delegate will be Chase Sherburne. Lori will be a part of the AFNR Alignment committee, Jonathan will be a part of the Delegate Voice Equalization committee. We will recommend Chase for the Agricultural Education Empowerment committee. All officers

and executive committee members will take part in the delegate process through written and public testimony.

c. Hall of States

Our Hall of States representative will be Lexi Stretch-Huff. She will help Allentown set up their booth and model the expectations for the members running the booth. She will also make sure the members and fellow officers are attending their shifts.

d. State Suite

Our State Suite host will be Chase Sherburne. He will be the one welcoming the members and guests into the state suite and making them feel welcome.

e. Recognition Program

On the Wednesday morning of convention, there will be a recognition breakfast to recognize the accomplishments our members. Each officer will be assigned a topic they will prepare a stand and deliver for.

E. State Theme T-Shirt and Thank You Gift

The state officers put together a list of gift ideas, the logo for the state theme has been created.

F. Eastern States Exposition

State officer will not be attending the event. Jonathan has the opportunity to apply to be an intern; he is currently undecided.

XV. New Business

A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

ILSSO will be going to Costa Rica this year. There is an application that needs to be filled out by August 22nd. Only 75 state officers will be selected. Passports are needed for the trip. There is a \$400 deposit and the total cost will be \$4,600. This does not include a passport or transportation to/from Miami. Fundraising will need to be done to pay for the trip. Any donations made to the NJ FFA Foundation will be eligible for tax write-offs. There is also course work to be completed for scholarship opportunities.

B. Leadership Experience and Development Conference

a. 'I Am' Curriculum

i. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

Officers should have their specific chapter officer workshops done by August 22nd

ii. Leadership Opportunities Conference

This conference is geared towards non-officer, non-first year members and is facilitated by the alumni. This year's facilitator is Hannah Mann.

b. State Greenhand Conference (SGC)

This conference is geared towards first year FFA members. It gives an overview of FFA basics and a history of the organization. This year Emily Sadlon and Talia Priore will facilitate the conference.

c. Timeline

The officers are reminded to follow the timeline of materials closely as a way to balance the large workload.

C. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion

Chase shared that in California, six farmworkers workers were misclassified as independent contractors as opposed to paid employees on payroll so they were neglected proper pay stubs and were fired from their jobs after they filed a complaint. The state of California is now working to reinforce their laws to protect their citizens working in the agricultural industry. All the employees who were deemed wrongfully terminated were rehired, and they were financially compensated for the time they were left without jobs.

D. State Officer Mileage

Jonathan was the only officer to submit for mileage. The new rate is 40 cents to the mile, which went up from the previous 35 cents.

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

Jonathan Finney adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

***Next State Meeting – September 12, 2022
1st Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ
4:00 p.m.***

NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger As of July 31, 2022

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							138,210.81 1
Deposit	06/30/2022		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	945.00	945.00	139,155.81
Deposit	06/30/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	5,157.40	5,157.40	144,313.21
Deposit	06/30/2022	NJ Department of Agric...	reim for convention staff	P6 State Convention (Income)	5,000.00	5,000.00	149,313.21
Check	06/30/2022	Sir Speedy Printing	convention programs	P6 (State Convention - Expense)	-550.88	-550.88	148,762.33
Check	06/30/2022	National FFA Organizat...	National CDEs - Agriscience	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-292.50	-292.50	148,469.83
Check	06/30/2022	Allstate Motor Club	motor club - Sadlon	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-79.00	-79.00	148,390.83
Check	06/30/2022	Allstate Motor Club	motor club - Finney	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-79.00	-79.00	148,311.83
Check	06/30/2022	Clay Ewell Eduational ...	register Fall 2022 events	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-75.00	-75.00	148,236.83 2
Check	06/30/2022	Vista Print	business cards	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-169.28	-169.28	148,067.55
Check	06/30/2022	chili's	Basecamp dinner	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-138.15	-138.15	147,929.40
Check	06/30/2022	Hampton Inn	basecamp lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-340.44	-340.44	147,588.96
Check	06/30/2022	Hampton Inn	basecamp lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-340.44	-340.44	147,248.52
Check	06/30/2022	Hampton Inn	basecamp lodging - faciliator	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-340.44	-340.44	146,908.08
Check	07/27/2022	Davison, Eastman & M...	legal retainer	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-2,500.00	-2,500.00	144,408.08
Total FFA						6,197.27	144,408.08
TOTAL						6,197.27	144,408.08 3

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August 1, 2022

Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association
Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger
As of July 31, 2022

1. Opening Balance on July 1, 2022 was \$138,210.81
2. All entries dated June 30, 2022 are for FY22
3. Closing Balance on July 31, 2022 was \$144,408.08

NJ FFA Association
FFA Monthly Budget Summary
July 2021 through June 2022

FY22

	<u>Jul '21 - Jun 22</u>	<u>\$ Under / Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income			
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	48,925.00	-2,075.00	51,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	2,690.00	1,590.00	1,100.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	234.65	234.65	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	7,910.00	-1,840.00	9,750.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	51,406.82	7,341.82	44,065.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	1,500.00	-665.00	2,165.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	1,732.00	-1,268.00	3,000.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	3,874.00	120.00	3,754.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	3,760.00	-115.00	3,875.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	-220.00	220.00
Total Income	122,032.47	3,103.47	118,929.00
Expense			
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	13,381.05	-218.95	13,600.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	6,314.00	-3,704.00	10,018.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	1,896.20	-903.80	2,800.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	8,609.99	1,559.99	7,050.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	3,924.81	-7,784.19	11,709.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	7,377.69	-39,312.31	46,690.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	6,452.42	2,311.42	4,141.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	4,024.14	-3,915.86	7,940.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	-3,746.00	3,746.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	4,557.35	-2,377.65	6,935.00
P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	1,984.24	-1,895.76	3,880.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	-216.00	-636.00	420.00
Total Expense	58,305.89	-60,623.11	118,929.00
Net Income	63,726.58	63,726.58	0.00

NJ FFA Association
FFA Monthly Budget Summary
 July 2022

FY23

	<u>Jul 22</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Under / Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	0.00	52,175.00	-52,175.00	52,175.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	0.00	2,035.00	-2,035.00	2,035.00
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)	0.00	36,953.00	-36,953.00	36,953.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	61,020.00	-61,020.00	61,020.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	2,960.00	-2,960.00	2,960.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	0.00	3,400.00	-3,400.00	3,400.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	0.00	3,901.00	-3,901.00	3,901.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	0.00	3,750.00	-3,750.00	3,750.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	11.00	-11.00	11.00
Total Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>166,205.00</u>	<u>-166,205.00</u>	<u>166,205.00</u>
Expense				
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	2,500.00			
Total Expense	<u>2,500.00</u>			
Net Income	<u><u>-2,500.00</u></u>	<u><u>166,205.00</u></u>	<u><u>-168,705.00</u></u>	<u><u>166,205.00</u></u>

Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee Report

July 11, 2022

Committee Members Present:

Loriann V. De Sousa Rego, State Association

Jonathan Finney, State Association

Purpose of Meeting:

To outline the committee's expectations, review the convention report, determine priority areas, and set 2-3 goals for the committee.

Recommended Actions to be Taken:

- Complete 100% of Chapter Visits throughout the year
- Create and begin managing officer social media pages that are designed for specific state officer roles, something like the national officers have.

Comments:

- During the convention, the committee recommended actions that mentioned many recommendations that had to do with IDE (Inclusion, Diversity, and Equality). IDE is necessary but the committee decided that we don't have any set goals for it at the moment, but we suggest still including it when possible in all that we do.

Loriann De Sousa Rego, State Association - Chairman

_____ - Secretary