

## Approved FFA Board Minutes – March 9, 2012

**The March 9, 2012 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Hall** at 6:30pm in room 309 at the PA Department of Agriculture.

**Opening Ceremonies were performed by the State Officer team.** Those in attendance were Casey Hall, Tyler Schaeffer, Sarabeth Royer, Sarah Kessler, Jenna Moser, Matthew Dodson, Tyler Claypool, Sherisa Nailor, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, David Steinfeldt, Daniel Foster, Stephanie Shirk, Kerri Wickard, Cliff Day, Ron Frederick and Mike Brammer. Guests included Mrs. Lohr.

**President Hall welcomed everyone** and thanked them for attending.

The **minutes from the previous meeting in December** were presented by Mike Brammer. A motion made by Kessler/Moser to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed. Motion to concur by Wickard/Hines. Motion passed.

**Financial reports** were presented by Mike Brammer. Written reports were provided for the current year budget comparison, a listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting, and a listing of CD's. With no objections the reports will be filed for audit.

The **State Officer Activity Report** was presented by Sarabeth Royer. A written report was provided.

**FFA Foundation report** was presented orally and written by Stephanie Shirk.

**FFA Alumni Update** was presented by Sherisa Nailor, orally and written.

**PDA** was presented by Mike Brammer. Executive team at PDA will be participating in the National Teach Ag Day event.

**PSU report** was presented orally by Dr. Foster.

**PDE report** was presented by Cliff Day. Written report was provided.

**PAAE report** – A written report was provided.

### Regional Coordinators

**Northern Region – Annette Gray** was not in attendance.

**South Central Region – Kelly Bier** was not in attendance.

**Eastern Region – Ron Frederick** reported on his regions activities.

**Western Region – Cecil Lohr** reported on his regions activities.

### Committees

**Activities Week – Cliff Day** reported that Agronomy still needs a chair person. Teachers and chaperones must choose a CDE to help with during registration. PSU policy – ten students per chaperone. Registration should go live April 1. No increase in fees.

**ACES 2012** review given by Matthew Dodson.

**SLLC Preview** was presented by Tyler Claypool and Sarah Kessler. 414 registered. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this conference.

**Ag Career Network/membership update** – Mike Brammer reported changes continue on the AgCN. A discussion on extending the deadline for rosters without a penalty fee followed.

*Motion – Hall/Steinfeldt moved to extend the deadline to May 1, 2012 without penalty. Motion passed. Schaeffer/Kessler moved to concur. Motion passed.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Policy Manual revisions** – *Motion by Schaeffer/Claypool to accept the policy manual as presented. Motion passed. Hines/Steinfelt moved to concur – Motion passed.* Recommended that everyone review before the second vote in May!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mileage reimbursement proposal** – A proposal was presented to increase the mileage rate used by PA FFA. *Foster/Hall moved to match the state rate for mileage reimbursement. Foster/Hines moved to postpone definitely until the May Board meeting so this matter could be included in the policy manual. Motion passed. Dodson/Kessler moved to concur. Motion passed.*  
Foster to provide a written recommendation to the policy manual committee.

**Benefit Walk proposal** presented by Jenna Moser. *Hall/Schaeffer moved to allow the name PA FFA be used with this event and Jenna Moser to serve as the coordinator. Foster/Hines moved to refer this matter to a committee of four, consisting of a representative of the Foundation, Alumni, and two State Officers, to be appointed by the chair and report back in June. Motion passed. Dodson/Royer moved to concur – Motion passed.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vet Tech CDE** - Teams that participate in the 2012 pilot National vet science CDE can participate in the 2013 official event, if they meet all the other eligibility requirements including current membership and grade in school. Teams that compete in the 2012 pilot event cannot participate in another CDE that same year. *Motion by Hall/Wickard to allow the top two teams (in order) placing at the state event to attend the National CDE (at their own expense). Motion passed. Schaeffer/ Kessler moved to concur. Motion passed.*

**Mike Brammer announced** at the next Board meeting in May we will need to elect a President and Vice President for the 2012-13 year.

**Mike Brammer announced** at the next Board meeting we will need to confirm the Eastern Region Board member who will serve on the nominating committee for FFA in June. Gretchen Dingman has been informed and is considering the appointment. Past State Officer will be from the Northern Region while we will need two business & industry reps from the South Central and Western Regions.

**Ron Frederick asked about the following:**

Should there be a code of conduct form used for ACES and SLLC? Suggested we include this in the policy manual.

Should students from chapters be roomed together at conferences? Concluded that we can split them up if chapters are willing to pay additional costs.

**Dr. Foster asked for copies of the Policy Manual and Constitution and By-Laws** to be available at each Board meeting.

**Nailor suggested a list of courtesy corps policies** be formed to be included in the policy manual.

**The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 8:55pm.**

**Mike Brammer**  
**Pennsylvania FFA**  
**Executive Manager**



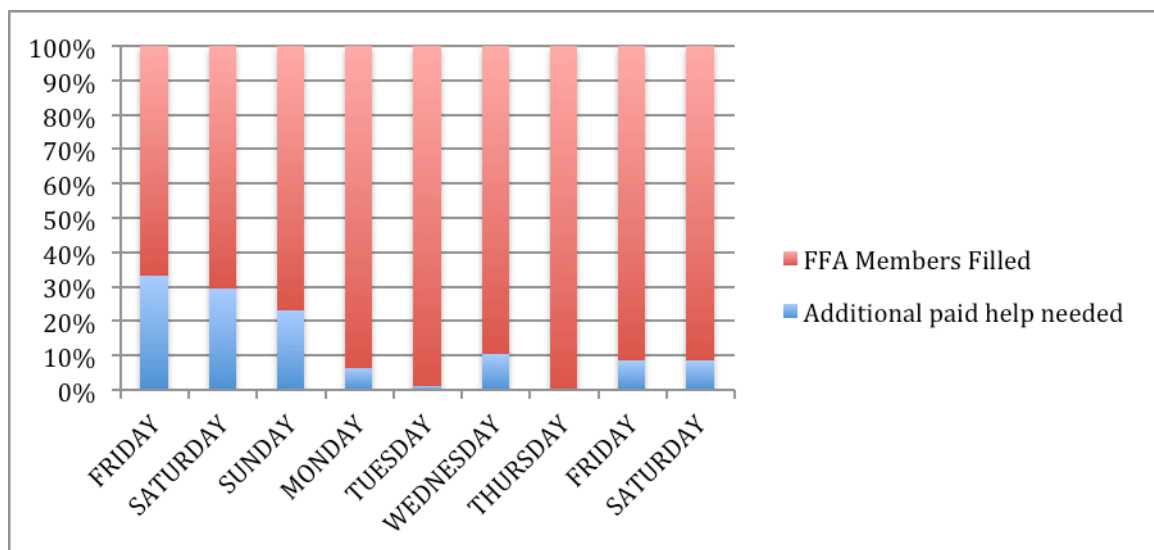
## Report for PA FFA Association Board Meeting March 9, 2012

### Farm Show

Overall, the 2012 Farm Show was a success for the FFA Foundation. With help from PDA, the Foundation sponsored an awards reception for national trip winners to be recognized with Secretary of Agriculture, George Grieg. There were many legislators also in attendance.

The Farm Show Food Stands also received positive outcomes. The Foundation extremely appreciates the partnership with Snyder's Concessions and Bob Corman to operate the pizza stand smoothly. The pizza stand was very popular and brought in a gross income of \$48,507.80 with a Foundation net income of \$17,855.77. The traditional Hatfield stand in the Main Hall Food Annex grossed \$61,112.72 and a Foundation net income of \$17,332.50.

If anyone has suggestions on how to entice FFA chapters and members to work in the food stands, please let us know. We are grateful for the 245 student volunteers. The Foundation paid \$5563.50 student workers this year. Below is a graph that illustrates the student help versus the outside help necessary. This does NOT include the help Snyder's Concessions provided for the pizza stand. This is additional help arranged by Stephanie Shirk to fill the holes where FFA members and volunteers left spots empty.



## **20th Annual FORE FFA Golf Outing — July 18, 2012**

This year's golf outing will include both morning and afternoon sessions to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> FORE FFA Golf Outing. We are currently looking for sponsors, golfers, volunteers and auction donations!!!

## **New Board Members & Requirements**

We welcomed former State Officer Michael Hess to the Foundation board this past fall. Michael is currently employed at Wenger Feeds. Eric Cowden with the Marcellus Shale Coalition is currently a nominated board member. We anticipate nominated Paul Hostetter with PennAg Industries to the board at our next meeting on March 12, 2012.

There are still a few vacancies on the board. Please continue to seek interested candidates. At this time, there is not a high school agricultural educator as a full board member. Mike Brammer fills the Association representative. Sherisa Nailor fills the Alumni representative, and SaraBeth Fulton fills the PAAE representative.

In November, the Foundation board voted to require all board members to complete a criminal history background check and child abuse clearance.

## **Website**

The Foundation has revamped its website to a more user-friendly editing system to allow changes via any computer with an internet connection. This allows changes to be made as necessary without the use of a web developer. Along with Stephanie, President Mark Lowery and VP Tony Resh have the passwords and can make necessary changes. The software is similar to a MS word application, therefore allowing more frequent changes. The Foundation is also setting up a PayPal account to accept donations. This will allow transactions to occur without the bookkeeper or administrative director having access and responsibility of customer financial information. This clears the Foundation of liability in the event of misuse.

Thank You,

Stephanie Shirk  
PA FFA Foundation, Inc.

PA FFA Alumni Association  
FFA Board Report  
March 2012

- ❖ Membership
  - New affiliates are being chartered almost every month
  - 6 New affiliates have been applied to this year
- ❖ 10,000 Hours of Power
  - Community Service goal of 10,000 hours was met
  - Announcement of total hours and winners to be announced at SLLC
- ❖ Blue and Gold Ball
  - Financially, 2011 Ball was most successful in the last few years
  - Trying to partner with Foundation for sponsor's appreciation event for 2012
  - New venues being investigated for 2012 location and entertainment
- ❖ Mid Winter Convention/Keystone FFA Degrees
  - Alumni sponsored the Keystone Degree program through the Andy Rill Memorial Fund
  - Recipients received a keystone charm, certificate and frame
- ❖ Jacket Campaign
  - 2012 – 252 Jackets provided to more than 460 applicants
  - Goal – 1 Jacket for each Keystone Degree awarded
  - Next Year – National FFA providing free shipping and FFA Tie/Scarf for each sponsored FFA Jacket
- ❖ Food Drive/National FFA Week/ACES
  - More than 3,600 lbs. were collected and donated to the Central PA Food Bank
  - Highest contributing chapter: Cumberland Valley FFA
- ❖ National FFA Convention Housing Block
  - Prices for housing block are anticipated to remain the same as 2011
  - Reservations will be required by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - Payment in full will be required by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012
- ❖ WLC Scholarships
  - National FFA Alumni and Foundation funding drastically reduced
  - Pennsylvania will continue to offer TWO FULL Scholarships - \$750 each
  - Winners of scholarships will be announced at SLLC
- ❖ SLLC Day of Service
  - Estimated cost of the shirts is \$5-\$6 each
  - Alumni will agree to sponsorship of the 2012 t-shirts and order them with counts from Mr. Brammer
  - Trying to partner with the Foundation for shared sponsorship of the shirts

- ❖ PAAE/NAAE Region VI Conference
  - Alumni will be sponsoring the Welcome Social at Appalachain Brewery Company on Monday, July 9, 2012
  - Celebration of the Ag Ed Family
  - Members of Ag Ed Family organizations or boards may attend dinner for \$15 per person. Guests that are not members will be charged \$35 per person. Anyone registered for the conference through PAAE or NAAE Region VI is free.
- ❖ Budget and Finance Report
  - 87% of funds raised through the general Alumni fund were returned to the students.
  - 2012 budget was finalized and approved with one stipulation
    - Residual funds remaining at the end of the year will be rolled to the next year for the purchase of jackets
- ❖ Andy Rill Memorial Golf Tournament
  - August 11, 2012
  - Eagles Crossing Golf Course
- ❖ General Notes
  - Looking for active and enthusiastic recruits to join the PA FFA Alumni Association Board of Directors – Interested individuals should contact Sherisa Nailor via email
- ❖ Next Meeting
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Greenwood High School ~ 6:30PM

## PDE Report to FFA Board

March 9, 2012

- 1) American FFA Degrees
  - a. Due March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Reviewers scheduled to meet March 26 -27<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Applications returned to FFA Advisors early April
- 2) Proficiency Applications
  - a. Regional and state evaluations to take place starting March 18<sup>th</sup> (SLLC site)
  - b. MUST provide record books for review /evaluation process
  - c. Kevin Keith will provide instruction in what to be looking for 2:00PM (SLLC site)
  - d. Volunteers are requested to help with State Review on March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - e. State winning applications will be reviewed by KK on April 4<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Applications will be returned following 4/4 review
- 3) FFA Board Election of Western Region Representative
  - a. Nominations being asked for by electronic mail
  - b. Ballot will be created from nominations received
  - c. Western Region teachers will be emailed a final ballot prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>
- 4) PA Garden Expo
  - a. Very limited participation in 2012 (2 chapters)
  - b. Rules and rewards changed mid-stream
  - c. Future meeting to discuss 2013 event and FFA participation
- 5) State Farm Show
  - a. All accounts indicate a successful event
  - b. Committee meeting scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Discussion concerning Department 35 needs to take place prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>
- 6) PDE Happenings
  - a. Nadine Standley- new FCCLA Facilitator started February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - b. La Verne Dixon- new DECA Facilitator started February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Re Approval Workshops
  - d. Horticultural- Creating Program of Study (POS)
  - e. Post-Secondary Articulations

## **PAAE Report to PA FFA Board**

### **March 9, 2012**

#### **1. PAAE Association News**

PAAE is working on an association policy book and Spring meeting planning.

#### **2012 PAAE Summer Conference July 9 to 12, 2012**

##### **Grantville Holiday Inn in conjunction with NAAE VI Regional meeting**

Conference is being planned by PAAE Southern region members. PSU will support the conference with Center grant money for teacher professional development.

#### **Academics and Vocational Education:**

New Keystone Testing proposals have three core subject tests to be given at the conclusion of students Biology, Algebra I and English Language Arts classes that students must be proficient in to graduate. PSSA testing will be phased out as these Keystone tests are required for the 2012 incoming freshmen class. Public hearings over the next two months will finalize PDE testing requirements.

#### **2. NAAE**

We are encouraging all ag teachers to access the NAAE Communities of Practice (COP) website to share lessons and teaching ideas. Continue to emphasis three circle model for quality ag program: FFA/SAE/Instruction.

#### **2012 NAAE National Teach Ag Day March 15**

National Teach Ag Day is for anyone who wants to celebrate school-based agricultural education, share the story of agricultural education's importance and effectiveness in the United States, and encourage students to consider careers as agricultural educators.

The Teach Ag Campaign is an initiative of the National Council for Agricultural Education, led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). It is sponsored by the CHS Foundation and Landmark Nurseries as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.



### **3. 2012 National Ag Week March 4-10**

March 8th marks National Agriculture Day. It falls during National Ag Week, a time when producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America gather to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. The National Ag Day program believes that every American should:

- understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced.
- value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.
- acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industries.

Please continue to keep our PA ag teachers who are dealing with health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

Submitted by

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