

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Mikara Anderson and the State Officers conducted opening ceremonies at 3:35pm. In attendance were: Mikara Anderson, Cody Lehman, Jessica Herr, Alayna Harrell, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Emily O'Brien, Emma Musser, Mike Brammer, Ron Frederick, Ayla Miller, Doug Brown, Dr. Kevin Curry, Carole Fay, Kelly Bier, Annette Gray, Amy Kline, Renee Cambuzzi, Doug Masser, Nate Schanbacher, Jodie Hoover, Alexandra Barzydlo, and Sarah Sparks.

*Herr/O'Brien moved to accept the minutes as presented from August and November. Motion Passed.
Brown/Kline moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Brammer presented the year to date Financial Reports and answered any questions. The report will be filed for audit.

Herr presented the State Officer Team report and shared on the new member video series being released, (Inside the Jacket) as well as plans for upcoming virtual conferences.

CDE/LDE Committee: Barzydlo commented on the report that was sent out about the future of CDE/LDEs. They will be moved to a virtual setting. The report was read and approved,

Bastian-Brown/Lehman moved to accept the report as stated. Kline/Brown moved to concur. Motion passed.

SAE Committee: No report was given.

Affiliate Membership Committee: No report was given. Form is coming.

New Position: Mr. Hines and the committee are continuing to meet and discuss the new position. Nothing new to report.

Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Committee: The committee has been meeting and discussing National FFA's Ag Ed for all initiative. They recommend we send representatives to these training when available. The committee is discussing both professional development opportunities for teachers, as well as learning opportunities for members.

New Charter Committee: *The chair entertained a motion to approve this as permanent policy. Bastian-Brown/Harrell moved to adopt as a second vote. Motion passed. Brown/Schanbacher moved to concur. Motion passed. NOW POLICY.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Harrell and O'Brien gave an update on the virtual Mid-Winter Convention which will be held online in January. The state officer team will be hosting a watch party over social media and are hoping to air the convention on YouTube. Jacket recipients as well as Keystone Degrees will be recognized at the Mid-Winter Convention. Miller, Cambuzzi and Bier made recommendations to change the time of convention for more members to be able to access convention.

Brammer met with Penn State to discuss the future of State Activities Week/Convention. They plan to meet at the end of January to make a decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

O'Brien/Bastian-Brown moved and seconded to accept the 234 Keystone Degree recipients as presented. Brown/Schanbacher moved to concur. Motion passed. Kline recommended that score sheets be made more clear for students who are applying in the future.

Harrell/Musser moved to accept the Honorary Degrees & Distinguished Parent Awards as slated. Kline/Brown moved to concur. Motion passed.

Brammer presented the information for the Otto-Eldred High School Charter. Musser/Herr moved to approve the charter. Brown/Kline concur. Motion passed.

The U School. Referred to the next meeting. Brammer is reaching out to administrators at the U School with recommendations for moving forward and the status of a certified teacher.

Brammer encouraged the board to continue to nominate teachers for the Golden Owl Award. Nominations are due December 31.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

Eastern Region: Frederick has continued to meet with Eastern Region teachers.

South Central Region: Bier reported the Keystone process went well. Nothing else to report.

Northern Region: Gray reported on Keystone selections.

Western Region: No report.

PA FFA Foundation: Sparks reported many students have applied for the learning by doing grants. Sparks shared about recent sponsorships by Mr. Ed Norman as well as The Lancaster Farming. We plan to participate in the Spring Farm Show Food Festival.

PA FFA Alumni: Brammer announced that there are 483 jackets that will be awarded this year. Jackets will be shipped directly to teachers from National FFA.

PAAE: Board members were directed to the written report that was filed.

SAE Specialist: Fay reported on Keystone Star Selection dates. She mentioned that grants from National FFA will be announced soon.

PSU Center/Teacher Education Report: Dr. Curry gave a report. There are 17 candidates who will be in the next cohort of students. This year's cohorts will be facilitating final presentations this week. The department is hoping to fill the position of Ms. Terra Ingram as soon as possible.

There will be a special board meeting held in February. The next meeting will be held on March 5th. The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 5:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Brammer, Executive Director



Jessica Herr, FFA State Secretary