

Pennsylvania FFA Association - Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President O'Neill at 4:05pm. In attendance were: Abigail O'Neill, Greg Gipe, Nina Coolidge, Molly Cessna, Trevor Maxwell, Jordan Anderson, Ayla Miller, Mark Dietrich, Doug Masser, Nathan Schanbacher, Melanie Berndtson, Jodie Hoover, Renee Cambuzzi, Kevin Curry, Sherisa Nailor, Alex Barzydlo, Curt Turner, Ron Frederick, Sarah Sparks, Mikara Anderson, Natalie Barkley, Cliff Wallace, Carole Fay and Mike Brammer.

Following opening ceremonies by the FFA State Officer team, the minutes from August 2021 were presented. *Gipe/Coolidge moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Schanbacher/Masser moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Executive Director Brammer presented the financial report. It will be filed for audit.

Coolidge presented the State Officer team report on activities since the last meeting.

CDE Committee Chair Barzydlo presented the committees report. (See attached). Big E qualifiers from 2021 will be eligible again in 2022 since the 2021 events did not happen at the Big E.

Discussion on CDE/LDE Chairs Co-Chairing with an industry professional. *With an implied second, It was recommended Jr. Prepared Speaking be a one day event and allow participation a second time unless the student has won the event. Motion passed. J Anderson/Gipe moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Affiliate Membership Committee – Dietrich presented a proposal from the committee with an implied second – (Report at the end) – After considerable discussion, *Masser/Dietrich moved to postpone this matter until the March 2022 meeting. A role call vote was taken: Dietrich-Y, Cambuzzi-Y, Hoover-N, Berndtson-Y, Schanbacher-Y, Masser-Y, Mikara Anderson-Y, O'Neill-N, Gipe-Y, Miller-N – Yes 7, No-3 – This matter referred to March 2022. It was recommended to conduct a survey of teachers concerning this matter.*

SAE Committee – No report.

Strategic Planning Committee – Dr. Curry provided an update. They will be meeting again soon.

New position – No report

Diversity & Inclusion – Masser provided an update. He will report back in March. Suggested State Officers make a video with expectations at conferences and conventions. Mentioned committee looking into Code of Conducts for FFA events. Talked about what to do when an issue arises when a member/chapter is bullied at a state level event and how to handle it.

Unfinished Business:

Review of past year/lesson learned round table discussions at FLC. Each round table moderator reported on findings. Suggested they and the State Officers bring suggestions from these round tables to the March meeting. GREAT sessions at FLC!

CDE/LDE position – Masser, no report- next meeting.

Maxwell provided a review of Fall Leadership Conference.

Jordan Anderson provided a review of National Convention.

O'Neill, Fay and Brammer provided an update on Mid-Winter and Farm Show. O'Neill reported the time and place for Mid-Winter Convention. Brammer reported that demonstration times for chapters is sent out. Fay reported judges were secured for departments.

New Business:

Keystone State Degrees – *Cessna/Maxwell moved to accept all keystones verified by the regional coordinators. Motion passed. Masser/Cambuzzi moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Parent Awards – *Jordan Anderson/Gipe moved to approve the list of parents eligible for this award. Motion passed. Masser/Cambuzzi moved to concur. Motion passed.*

NEW Charters – Brammer presented the following and recommended they be granted a charter: Moshannon Valley, Millville, Mon Valley CTC and Athens Middle School. *Coolidge/Cessna moved to approve and grant charters at Mid-Winter. Motion passed. Cambuzzi/Masser moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Brammer discussed interest from approved programs in CIP's outside the agriculture CIP's in allowing students to join FFA. Bring back in March.

Regional Coordinators provided updates from their regions.

Dr. Curry provided an update from Ag & Extension Education. 15 student teachers this spring. Professional Development for teachers being developed.

Sparks spoke on behalf of the FFA Foundation. Need help at Farm Show. Still raising funds for Leadership Conferences. Moving forward with van grant.

FFA Alumni – Nailor reported 432 jackets will be presented at Mid-Winter. 700 plus applications received. Five full ride scholarships will be presented for WLC.

PAAE Report – Berndtson reported 20 plus attended NAAE Convention in New Orleans in addition to the large group from PSU. She congratulated Nailor on her year of service as the NAAE National President. New apparel is now available from PAAE.

Commission – No report.

SAE Specialist – Carole Fay presented a written report.

Next meeting will be March 3.

Meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 7:05pm.

Respectfully,

Michael Brammer – FFA Executive Director



Nina Coolidge – PA FFA Secretary

