

Maryland FFA Board of Directors Meeting  
June 9, 2016  
Mid Atlantic Farm Credit-Frederick

Members present: Chuck Schuster, J.D. Repp, Lori Mayhew, Steve Garland, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Brenda White, Isabella Kukor, Hannah Adkins, Ed Mayne, George Mayo, Joe Linthicum (phone), Richard O'Hara, Tom Linthicum, Terrie Shank

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Chuck Schuster at 5:45 p.m.

Treasurer's Report-JD Repp moved to accept the treasurer's report and file it for audit. Steve Garland seconded the motion. Motion passed and will be filed for audit

State Officer Report-Isabella Kukor shared that the officer team has attended 27 Chapter Banquets, numerous chapter visits, State Conventions in New Hampshire, Nebraska, and Delaware. The team is in preparation for our State Convention. Isabella recently visited the Purdue Corporation along with National FFA President Taylor McNeel and National FFA Staff. The State Officers have prepared a Call to convention video which is being released on June 11th via MD FFA Facebook.

Nominating Committee Report-JD Repp, Amy Jo Poffenberger and Isabella Kukor shared the following: 11 Candidates went through the process which mirrors the national FFA officer candidate process. Nominating Committee members used scoring rubrics from the National FFA which worked well. Lori Mayhew asked questions about Social Media and the proper use demonstrated by the candidates. There were some concerns expressed by Board members as to how to identify and encourage students to be dedicated to serve; how to encourage both males and females to apply. Some brain storming ideas were to make a video on "A day in the Life of a state officer" and have it posted on the social media sites. The video could include: Chapter visits, travel, cool things officers do. Richard O'Hara suggested tracking past state officers and find out what they are doing now. Tom Linthicum shared that the image of the team is important and that chapter members are currently not seeing a unified team. The officers and staff need to be mindful of how everyone works together.

Spring Judging Events-

Time of Year- Discussion was shared about the benefits and concerns for holding the spring judging events at a high school and on a Saturday. Following the discussion, JD Repp moved to pursue Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Westminster High and April 8, 2017 as a second choice for holding the Spring judging career events. Joe Linthicum seconded the motion, Motion passed.

Location- Westminster High School- It was agreed by the Board that this was a good location, central to the chapters in the state and easily accessible.

Program to start the day-The consensus of the Board members was that having a program together was a good way to set the tone for the day. MD FFA Foundation presentation of FFA jackets to the members was well received. Maybe we could have a motivational Speaker included.

Foundation Support-The MD FFA Foundation Board has asked to be able to present the "Gift of Blue" jackets at this event. The FFA Board also concurred that this presentation should be kept at the Spring Judging events.

Alumni Support- MD FFA Alumni provided lunches for all in attendance and used the opening program to present their Washington Leadership Conference Scholarships.

Events- In addition to the CDE, an Alumni/Parent meeting could be added to the day along with the MATA meeting.

Other suggestions: Amy Jo Poffenberger: Feedback from Frederick County Teachers- Move Photographer to another location. CDE's that are having reviews after the event need to let teachers know. Activities for students when they finish the event: could there be planned student workshops, or activities. Post CDE results and information to the Maryland FFA website.

Horse Judging CDE-Isabella Kukor reported that the day worked well with the MD 4-H. Chuck Schuster asked if we should have a Workshop for students on how to give oral reasons as a concern expressed by the judges was that students were not as confident in presenting oral reasons as they could be at the State level. Ed Mayne shared that there are people in the community that could help the local chapters and work with members on presenting oral reasons.

Ag Science CDE-was held on April 30, 2016, Maryland Day at UMCP. Participation has stayed less than ten projects exhibited. Chuck Schuster asked if we should survey teachers to see if it would be better moved to another time and location.

#### **New Business:**

State Convention: Amy Jo Poffenberger: Suggestions for another year would be to adjust the schedule and move the teacher workshops from opposite the students CDEs so teachers could watch their students and assist in getting them to and from the events. Brenda White informed the group that the FFA Alumni would have a Charging station for Advisors to charge their cell phones during the convention.

Guiding Principles between MD 4-H and MD FFA- George Mayo gave an overview of the draft document. Board members were asked to review the document and send suggestions to Terrie by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Amy Jo Poffenberger asked about the value of Award Applications coming in prepared at the same time as training for career events. She suggested that MD FFA hold student and teacher workshops in the fall of the year to inform both students and teachers of the changes in the applications and assist in completing award and degree applications accurately.

Steve Garland brought concerns from his teachers that the number of award medals given to students in CDE was too low. He asked that this policy be reviewed at the August meeting.

State Tractor Driving- Will be held in conjunction with the MD 4-H on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Maryland State Fair starting at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting: August 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm MAFC  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 5pm MAFC  
January 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm MAFC  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5pm MAFC  
June 8<sup>th</sup> 5pm MAFC

Tom Linthicum moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Terrie Shank*

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