

Maryland FFA Board of Directors
August 18, 2016
Mid Atlantic Farm Credit-Frederick

Present: Chuck Schuster, Tom Linthicum, Lori Mayhew, Brenda White, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Karen Crum, Steve Garland, JD Repp, Diane Safar, Kelcey Trewin, Ellie Grossnickle, Joe Linthicum, Terrie Shank (on the phone: Naomi Knight, Jodi Callahan) Richard O'Hara, Ed Mayne

Chairman, Chuck Schuster called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

Introduction of those present were made.

The Minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting were presented by Terrie Shank. JD Repp moved to accept the minutes as presented. Joe Linthicum seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report-submitted from Treasurer Matt Koerner. Steve Garland moved to accept the Treasurer's report and file it for audit. Joe Linthicum seconded the motion and the motion passed.

State Officer Report-MD FFA President, Ellie Grossnickle & MD FFA Vice-President, Kelcey Trewin gave a report of the activities of the State Officer team and Association. Chuck Schuster share with the Board that he attended the Pioneer luncheon which was held during the Montgomery Co Fair and that Jessica Corazza is serving as the Fair Queen. He noted that she is a MD FFA State Officer (Reporter) and she included that in her introduction which he was glad to hear.

Association Report-Terrie Shank gave an update on past Association activities and upcoming events.

Unfinished Business:

Review of State FFA Convention-Student Workshops: Diane Safar felt that the student workshops are beneficial; however, we need to work on how to get students to attend and how to keep them there. Amy Jo Poffenberger shared that she sets expectations for her students that they will attend. Karen Crum suggested that students be given a stamp/sticker for their booklet and awarded for being at the workshop. Ellie Grossnickle shared that many students are not motivated to attend and that she likes the idea of having a stamp and the advisor checking on student attendance.

Housing: Lori Mayhew suggested that Advisors have a copy of the rooming list for night checks.

Talent contest- student workshops were held in conjunction with the Talent event and the performers had no set time to be on stage. It was felt that a specific performance time needs to be set.

Teachers helping with CDE. Discussion was held and it was felt by those present that teachers should not be helping with CDE if they have a team in the event.

Having qualified judges for CDE- Discussion by the Board members on the qualifications of those helping to judge CDE. It was recommended that requests to nominate judges be sent to teachers to gain contact information and more qualified judges.

Little children attending the state convention. Discussion centered on the distraction of having small children in the event area and in the auditorium during the sessions. Suggestion was made to work with the MATA on a solution to this concern.

Posting results of CDE for supervisors. CTE Directors and Supervisors are asking for results of the events in which their students participate. Results are available and teachers can share with the supervisors. Results will be posted to the Maryland FFA website for access by all.

Teachers would like to have the Judges feedback sheets from CDE for the students. In some events, judges are not providing feedback for the students. Terrie will work on having comment sheets completed by all judges in the events and available for teachers to share with their students.

Cost of the contests- those that don't advance to a national event why the cost? Terrie Shank shared that there are costs associated with holding all events. For example: room rental fees, award pins and plaques, printing of tests and other disposable materials.

JD Repp recommended that the state convention be moved earlier in the school year in line with the other CTSO (FBLA, DECA, Skills USA). After much discussion, Chuck Schuster appointed a Convention review committee: JD Repp, Chairman, Ellie Grossnickle, Joe Linthicum, Kelcey Trewin, Terrie Shank, Chuck Schuster and Naomi Knight.

Amy Jo Poffenberger asked if a list of Maryland Honorary Degree recipients was available and if it could be posted on the website. Terrie Shank will research this and when complete, have it posted.

Delegate Issues from the State FFA Convention-FFA President, Ellie Grossnickle shared the following:

#1-Livestock Quiz Bowl CDE- The Delegates voted to hold a Livestock Quiz Bowl CDE.

Lori Mayhew moved to refer the issue of sponsoring a livestock quiz bowl to a committee to gain more information on costs and out of state competition opportunities. Joe Linthicum seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chuck Schuster appointed: Rebecca Frantz-Chairman, Amanda Farmer, Tom Linthicum, Terrie Shank and Kelsey Maslin as the committee.

#2-Awards for Career Development Events- Currently, there are 6 pins awarded.

The Delegates voted to award pins to the top 10 individuals-1st-3rd gold, 4th-6th silver and 7th-10th bronze. JD Repp moved to follow the delegate recommendation to award the top 10 individuals with pins. Joe Linthicum seconded the motion. Tom Linthicum moved to refer this item to a committee. Motion died for lack of a second. Original motion passed.

Kelcey Maslin moved that the first place individuals receive gold pins with 1st engraved on the pin. Richard O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Amy Jo Poffenberger moved that individual pins be awarded to the members of the top 2 teams, Gold to the first place team members and silver pins to the second place team members where individual recognition is not awarded. JD Repp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joe Linthicum moved that the first place and second place team members receive plaques for their awards. Ed Mayne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#3-Gender Neutral Official Dress-Policy was shared. Terrie Shank shared that the National FFA Official Dress Policy for FFA members was changing to be more inclusive. Following a final vote of the delegates at the National FFA Convention, It will be listed as black slacks or a black skirt, white button shirt or blouse, FFA Scarf or FFA Tie, Black shoes, black socks or hosiery and Official FFA Jacket.

Joe Linthicum moved that Maryland FFA follow the proposed guidelines for official dress. Tom Linthicum seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Review of Summer Career Development Events- Discussion included the suggestion to move students away from bleachers where parents and advisors were sitting. There is a need to have live birds and swine for the events if possible.

MD FFA & MD 4-H Guiding Principles-Terrie Shank share a draft document that is being developed between the two organizations. It is hoped that both MD FFA and MD 4-H leaders could meet in the upcoming months to finalize the document. Jodi Callahan shared that there is a great need on the county and state levels to support all students in both youth organizations. Karen Crum asked who will be enforcing these principles/guidelines. Would it be the State leaders of the MD 4-H/ MD FFA and MD Association of County Fairs? Terrie Shank noted that this is yet to be determined.

State Officer Candidate Application-Tom Linthicum asked that the application for students wanting to serve as MD FFA State Officers be reviewed and revised. He feels strongly that all candidates should have attended regional leadership conferences, COLT, WLC and State Convention. Some concerns were expressed that students may not have had the opportunity to attend some conferences due to the costs (almost \$800/member for WLC) and/or information provided by the local Advisor. Tom Linthicum will chair a committee to review and update the State Officer Candidate application.

New Business:

Partnership with MD 4-H at Maryland State Fair-Stuff a Trailer-Terrie Shank shared that the MD FFA and MD 4-H were partnering to raise awareness to Hunger in MD by having a cattle trailer in the cow palace for donations of nonperishable food items to be collected during the State Fair. Items will be donated to the Maryland Food Bank. Weis Markets will also be partnering with community organizations and the MD State Fair to support this event.

Auditing Committee Appointments- Chuck Schuster, George Mayo, Terrie Shank, Leasa Gudderra, Matt Koerner.

Out of state travel-housing blocks –There are some FFA Chapters in Maryland who are attending the National FFA Convention and not staying in the State Housing Block. Terrie Shank shared that there is a need for them to indicate their desire to order shirts and photos.

Land Judging- The Maryland FFA Land Judging CDE will be held on Tuesday, November 8th in Washington County. More details will follow.

FFA Board statement regarding testing in schools-Lori would like the FFA Board to think about issuing a statement regarding and students being excused from the test to participate in the leadership activities.

Review of the Calendar of Events-Terrie Shank provided the Board members with a copy of the MD FFA Calendar of events. She noted that the events are also included in the calendar on the Maryland FFA website. www.mdffa.org

Joe Linthicum moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Garland seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Shank

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