

Maryland FFA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Frederick Mid Atlantic Farm Credit
5:00 p.m.

Chuck Schuster, J.D. Repp, Lori Mayhew, Karen Crum, Richard O'Hara, Terrie Shank, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Joe Linthicum, Steve Garland, Diane Safar, Amanda Farmer, Ellie Grossnickle, Greg Stull and Brenda White.
Conference line: Jodi Callahan, Naomi Knight, George Mayo

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Schuster at 5:20 p.m.

The minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting were presented. J.D. Repp moved to accept the minutes, Lori Mayhew seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report was not available.

State Officer Report- The officers shared their experiences at the National FFA Convention, Big E, State Fair, COLT and their plans for the upcoming Regional Leadership 212 conferences. They will be traveling to South Africa in January with the National FFA ILSSO program. They reminded everyone that request forms for Chapter visits and banquets are available on the MD FFA website.

Unfinished Business

Review of the National FFA Convention- Teachers shared their experiences and the following comments:

Indianapolis is preferred over Louisville

Staying at the Ramada Inn was not a positive experience

We don't need to have State Photos taken

FFA Staff was very helpful

Keep the Career Show and Expo separate from the Shopping Mall

Social Media coverage/experience was good

Have one large opening session in the Lucas Oil Stadium instead of three small ones.

Keep the guest speakers in the convention sessions upbeat.

On line registration was not easy, too many times having to go into the system to update and still didn't do it correctly.

Having the CDE meals on the back of the student name badges worked well, add State name to badge.

Try color coding the badges: Advisors, Alumni, Members, Chaperones, State Staff, Guests, etc.

State Officer Applications and Process: Tom Linthicum will have a committee meeting to review the application and the way in which members are selected to serve.

Regional Leadership Conferences: Conferences start next week with Region 1 at Frostburg State University on November 1st, Region 3 at the College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick on November 4th, Region 4 on November 11th at Carroll Community College and Region 5 on November 18th at the Higher Education Center, Chesapeake College. Region 2 is tentatively scheduled for November 16th at the Frederick Elks. Amy Jo asked if

the Region 2 conference could be rescheduled to the spring since many members and advisors have missed school due to the Big E, National Convention, COLT and county activities. The Region 2 conference will be rescheduled.

New Business:

Meeting with CDE Superintendents: Discussion was held that a meeting with the CDE Superintendents should be held to review the changes in the National level events. Chuck will check to see if Baugher's Restaurant in Westminster is available for such meeting. Terrie will contact the Superintendents and request that updates be sent to her by January 15th. Amy Jo requested that the contact information for Superintendents be included with their updates or posted on the MD FFA website so that questions about an event could be sent directly to them.

FFA Day in Annapolis-The event was discussed and thought to be beneficial to both FFA members and legislators. Visiting on President's day is not optimal. J.D. Repp moved to hold the Maryland FFA Advocacy Day in Annapolis on Thursday, February 23, 2017. Lori Mayhew seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ag Science Fair-Would like for the members to set up their project displays at the State Convention. We will need to keep the Science Fair in April due to final projects and registrations being due by June 1st.

AET Training- Terrie shared that the Maryland and Virginia FFA Associations are planning a joint AET/SAE training in Virginia with the tentative dates of January 16-17 or January 24-25, 2017. This is an opportunity for Advisors to learn from Roger Hanagriff how to utilize the record system with their members. More information will be forth coming.

Invitation to Frederick Fair-Karen Crum asked if the Frederick Fair could send a letter to the local FFA Chapters inviting them to attend the Frederick Fair.

Program of Activities and Budgets-Terrie Shank reminded the Regional Coordinators that Program Of Activities and Budgets are due on November 30th and if Chapters need assistance they can contact her. Forms are available on www.ffa.org or through theaet.com

With no further business to be discussed, Lori Mayhew moved to adjourn the meeting. J.D. Repp seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Shank

Terrie Shank, Secretary
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