

Maryland FFA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017
Frederick Mid Atlantic Farm Credit
5:00 pm

Attendees: Chuck Schuster, Lori Mayhew, Naomi Knight, Kelcey Trewin, Diane Safar, Greg Stull, Doug Eaves, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Brenda White, Karen Crum, Steve Garland, JD Repp, Richard Stonebraker, Joe Linthicum, Ellie Grossnickle. Conference line: Jodi Callahan, Matt Koerner, George Mayo, Terrie Shank.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Schuster, Chairman at 5:01 pm.

The minutes of the October 27, 2016 meeting were presented. Karen Crum moved to accept the minutes with the addition of attendees: Greg Stull and Brenda White. Lori Mayhew seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was distributed to all attendees with Matt Koerner, Treasurer on the conference call to answer any questions from the group. It was explained that the report was accurate except for the credits of payment to individual chapters. Naomi Knight also distributed a detailed financial report showing the current chapters paid that was not shown on the treasurer's report. Joe Linthicum moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. JD Repp seconded by motion and the motion passed.

The State Officer Report- The officers shared their experiences from the last Board Meeting. The State Officers help to celebrate Food and History Festival at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., The four Regional Leadership Conferences were held in the month of November and had a successful turnout. Green Street Academy was chartered on November 2, 2016. All state officers attended the CTE Conference, the annual MAEF Dinner and the State FFA Foundation Dinner held this year to showcase the North Harford Ag Academy. All of the state officers participated in the Day of Service sponsored by CSX, the MD LEAD Symposium and the MD Farm Bureau Convention. In January, all state officers traveled to South Africa through the National FFA ILSSO.

Unfinished Business:

State Officer Candidate Selection concerns brought up by Chuck Schuster on behalf of Tom Linthicum

#1- How many nominees can be from a chapter? No motion,

#2- How many state officers can be from a chapter? No motion,

#3- Should we redistrict chapters into regions? No motion,

4- Nominating committee qualifications? No motion,

Amy Jo Poffenberger brought up the question, How do we get more chapter participation in FFA activities? Karen Crum moved we encourage state officers to contact chapters, establish a chapter visit and encourage them to become more active in FFA Activities. It was seconded by Amy Jo Poffenberger and the motion passed.

New Business:

Review of the Maryland FFA General Rules and Regulations- Naomi Knight distributed all the changes that need to be updated due to the 2017-21 national changes in CDE's to include LDE's, and the recent adoption of the National FFA Dress Code that was adopted at the recent National FFA Convention. The

review also included the changes to the medal count and plaques as approved at the August 18, 2016 MD FFA Board Meeting. It was suggested to add a clarification with the State CCE/LDE's that they are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances and that formal notifications would be communicated to all chapters as soon as information is made available. Lori Mayhew moved to accept the changes as discussed, Joe seconded the motion and the motion passed. Naomi will make the changes post on the mdffa.org website and send out on the MD Ag Ed Listserve.

Chapters in Good Standing- Page 5D of the General Rules which states that Chapters must submit their current Program of Activities, Budget and paid fall membership roster by November 30th of the current school year. Naomi shared with the group the Chapters that have not met their obligations by January 19, 2017. Lori Mayhew moved that if a chapter is not in good standing at time of registration for the next CDE/LDE, their chapter name will be blocked from registering. The motion was seconded by Karen Crum and the motion passed. Karen Crum moved the MD FFA Board waive the penalty on the November 30th 2016 deadline for POA, Budget and dues paid and allow chapters full participation if all three are submitted by March 1, 2017 and that all advisors will be notified that the current State Rules and Regulations will be strictly enforced starting the 2017-2018 academic school year. The motion was seconded by Lori Mayhew and the motion passed. A consensus was made to withhold the policy that if chapters do submit all requirements after the set deadline, the advisor will then select 4 CDE/LDE from that date in order to qualify for recognition, as stated in the MD FFA General Rules.

Out of state travel, Housing Blocks and Incentives for success- Terrie Shank notified the group of the importance of the Board to make a decision on whether we want to keep the state housing block or drop it. It was a unanimous decision to keep the state housing block for now. Naomi Knight explained that a formal complaint on the mismanagement of the Ramada by the Airport and was filed with the National FFA in hopes of securing a more acceptable accommodations for MD State housing for next year.

Chuck Schuster notified the group that Matt Koerner will be stepping down as the MD FFA Treasurer. Matt is requesting that the Board begin looking for a replacement. Terrie suggested to send out a notification of the opening. Richard Stonebraker suggested to contact a CPA firm or talk with Farm Credit that may want to write it off as a tax credit for non-profits.

On behalf of the Ag Mechanics CDE, 2017, Doug Eaves asked that if we can get 6 Briggs and Stratton Engines for the contest. They need to be the same specifications.

Child care at the State FFA Events- Lori Mayhew suggested that we should not be supplying child care but maybe have a designated area. Terrie Shank reported that the Maryland FFA insurance policy does not cover advisor's children of other family members that are not current FFA members. The Maryland FFA cannot support childcare or even a room for them to use. There was no motion made and the topic was dropped. It was suggested to send out a positive letter addressing the concern and show appreciation to the advisors who devote their undivided attention to their students during the events.

With no further business, Chuck Schuster declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.