

Maryland FFA Board of Directors
MidAtlantic Farm Credit
April 11, 2019 5:30 p.m.
Conference Call Number: 443-339-3131

Richard O'Hara, Terrie Shank, Robert Dinsmore, Emily Muller, Quinn Martin, Tom Mazzone, Brenda White, Karen Nicklas, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Greg Stull, Karen Myers, Laura Ramsburg, Naomi Knight, Sydnie Grossnickle, Sabrina Mann.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Richard O'Hara at 5:34 p.m.

Richard O'Hara asked that everyone introduce themselves as there were new Board Members present.

The minutes from the October 12, 2018 meeting were presented. Robert Dinsmore moved to approve the minutes of the meeting. Amy Jo Poffenberger seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Laura Ramsburg. Emily Muller moved to approve the report and file it for audit. Karen Myers seconded the motion and the motion passed, the report will be filed for audit.

Financial update a report on Chapter Outstanding Invoices was shared by Naomi Knight

Approval of 2019-2020 Budget- Laura Ramsburg presented the updated operating budget for 2019-2020. George Mayo moved to approve the budget. Emily Muller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

State Officer Report was presented by Sydnie Grossnickle, President and Sabrina Mann, Reporter. Highlights included participating on the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers to South Africa and holding chapter visits.

Committee Reports:

Auditing Committee- Karen Nicklas and Amy Jo Poffenberger shared that the auditing committee met and found all accounts to be in order. They commended Laura Ramsburg on the outstanding job that she does managing the finances and keeping the records.

Unfinished Business:

4-H/FFA MOU-George Mayo shared some history on the process and noted that completing the MOU is still in the works. Karen Nicklas requested that copies of documents be shared with the Board members.

Terrie Shank shared that the MOU signing between Maryland Farm Bureau and Maryland FFA Association was being scheduled by Parker Welch to be held at a time and place in the near future.

Review of Spring Judging-

Alumni Report- Brenda White shared that 511 Lunches, Thanks to the White family for picking up and delivering the lunches. \$1400 was profited in sales from the FFA Store. George Mayo noted that the items were well displayed and commended Brenda on her leadership in providing this service to the members. Brenda shared that she is looking at some new items for sale at the State Convention which includes the winning shirts from the Alumni sponsored T-Shirt design contest. The Alumni also presented 4 scholarships to members to attend the State Convention in the amount of \$200 for each student.

Foundation Gift of Blue- Jason Watt shared that 100 jackets were presented to members. Amy Jo Poffenberger suggested that the Foundation present the jackets twice during the year, once at Spring Judging and once at State Convention. After some discussion, Amy Jo Poffenberger moved to recommend to the MD FFA Foundation that the Gift of Blue presentations be made at both the Spring events and State Convention. Karen Myers seconded the motion and the motion passed.

A review of the recent Spring Judging Events was shared from Superintendents and Advisors. George Mayo-Clear Ridge Nursery was exceptional in hosting the Nursery/Landscape event.

Greg Stull suggested Commodity judging, agronomy issue, not grading grain be a part of the Agronomy event. Liked having a review for the Advisors.

Laura Ramsburg shared that the milk quality and products event went well. She had good help.

Amy Jo Poffenberger asked if the State Farm Management could be more like the National exams and longer for students to complete.

All asked for the Superintendents get information out to Advisors earlier.

Scoring- Naomi Knight- Scoring went well. Students did a better job completing the scantron sheets.

Facilities-Emily Muller shared her appreciation to the Superintendents and volunteers for returning the classrooms as they were found and having the trash removed. The custodial staff was amazing. Richard O'Hara expressed gratitude on behalf of the Board with a huge Thank you to the Faculty/Staff/Students of Westminster High School for their support.

Other items: National Officer Candidate Interviews-Karen Myers shared that Cahlen Cheatham and Justin Arnold participated in the interview process to select a National Officer Candidate from Maryland. Following the day long process, Cahlen was selected to represent Maryland as the 2019 Candidate.

New Business:

State Convention- Naomi Knight shared with the Board the tentative schedule, Service Learning Project and on line registration using the Blue Panda program.

Need for CDE Superintendents of events-Parliamentary procedure, Conduct of Meetings, Ag. Sales and Poultry. Karen Nicklas asked if there were guidelines or requirements of Superintendents and the events. Terrie Shank will provide that information.

Brenda White shared that the Maryland FFA Alumni would like to sponsor an ice cream meet and greet with Dr. Brown on Monday evening at 9pm. The Board members thought that would be an excellent opportunity for Alumni and Advisors to meet. A room for the event will be secured.

Last minute drops of students and teams from CDE-George Mayo expressed concerns about students and teams dropping from events in the week/days prior to an event. The Superintendents have already purchased materials, have facilities secured, rotations within events planned, and for the Alumni, lunches ordered and paid for. It is frustrating to those who are trying to provide quality programming and then not have the expected participation. Karen Myers asked if a Letter could be given to students when they register for CDE from the Advisors to let parents know that this is a commitment they are signing up to do. Lori Mayhew shared some discussion at the MATA level to develop a "Best practices" for working with parents and students for the teachers/advisors since many are new to the process.

Technology for State Officers- Terrie Shank asked if the Board would support the purchase or rental of laptop computers for use by the Maryland FFA State Officers during their year of service. Karen Nicklas suggested that we rent computers for the officers. She will send the contact information to Terrie to pursue.

Other items:

Richard O'Hara commended Terrie Shank on her recent UMCP honor as an Outstanding Alumni in the College of Agriculture.

Nominating committee-Laura Ramsburg was appointed to serve as the FFA Association representative to the committee which will meet May 17-18, 2019.

Richard reminded everyone of the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.- at the MidAtlantic Farm Credit office in Frederick.

Emily Muller moved to adjourn the meeting. George Mayo seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Shank

Terrie Shank, Secretary