

Maryland FFA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2015
MidAtlantic Farm Credit, Frederick
5:00 pm

Katelyn Allen, Elizabeth Knight, Amy Jo Poffenberger, Brenda White, Allison Moore, J.D. Repp, Chuck Schuster, Terrie Shank, Naomi Knight.

The Meeting was called to Order by Chairman, Chuck Schuster at 5:10 pm.
(A quorum of the Board was not present)

Minutes from the October 7, 2016 meeting were presented. Allison Moore moved to accept the minutes as presented. J.D. Repp seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Terrie Shank/Matt Koerner/Naomi Knight. The current financial standing of the Association was shared. A listing of Chapters with outstanding debts was shared. J.D. Repp moved to accept the Treasurer's report and file it for audit. Brenda White seconded the motion and the report will be filed for audit.

State Officer Report-Elizabeth Knight, MD FFA State Reporter and Katelyn Allen. Maryland FFA State Sentinel shared highlights from the National FFA Convention, Regional Leadership conferences and other activities of the Officer Team including their upcoming trip to South Africa.

Review of State Activities: Terrie Shank shared the program highlights and participation numbers for the fall activities which included: COLT, National FFA Convention, Regional Leadership Conferences. The following activities are being planned: Day in Annapolis, February 15, 2016; Spring Judging, April 2, 2016; State Convention, June 27-29,2016 and Summer CDE on July 18, 2016.

Chuck Schuster shared remarks from the meet and greet with Dr. Beyrouy, Dean, College of Agriculture at the University of Maryland, College Park. He shared that Dr. Beyrouy would like to meet with the Maryland FFA Board of Directors and MATA to discuss Agricultural Education in Maryland.

Review of State Policy: Nominating Committee selection- This year, chapter members can submit their name for serving as a member of the State Officer nominating committee. One student representative from each Region is required to be represented on the Nominating Committee. The forms have been sent to the FFA Advisors and are due to be submitted to Terrie Shank by April 2nd.

The final participation and workshop report for the National FFA Hunger Grant has been submitted by Naomi Knight.

Participation in state events when chapters have outstanding bills/documents.-Chuck Schuster expressed his concerns with the number of FFA Chapters having outstanding debts greater than 2 months overdue. Other Board members also expressed their concerns. Suggestions included: that the Chapters of the Maryland FFA Association be notified by the Executive Director that Chapters with outstanding debts 61 days and over be that their chapter is not in good standing and members will not be able to register or participate in regional, state and national events. Once a payment and acceptable arrangements to pay the debt in full have been made with the Executive Director and Board of Directors can vote to reinstate the chapter to good standing. Invoices issued after February 1, 2016, that become more than 60 days outstanding a late fee of 20% will be added to the outstanding debt. Once a payment and acceptable arrangements to pay the debt in full have been made with the Executive Director and Board of Directors can vote to reinstate the chapter to good standing. This topic will be added to the March agenda.

Other items, Concerns

Land Judging- With the National Convention occurring in Mid-October, it is suggested that Land Judging be held in early November. Terrie will check with Jim Brewer for a possible date.

Steve Garland asked that the Board reconsider the presenting of medals to students. Chuck noted that this topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Tom Linthicum inquired of Terrie Shank about the time solely spent on programs for the FFA Association verses time spent as MAEF Assistant Director of High School Programs and MSDE tasks.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th at Westminster High School 5:30 pm. Superintendents invited for tour/dinner.

With no further business to be discussed, J. D. Repp moved to adjourn the meeting. Allison Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrie Shank

Terrie Shank, Secretary