

Approved Minutes – May 1, 2009

Board meeting called to order by President PJ Adam at 6:30pm in room 309 at PDA, Harrisburg.

Opening ceremonies were performed by the State Officer team. In attendance were: PJ Adam, Tyler Witter, Hannah Wentworth, Laura Machmer, Tim Mihoerck, Andy Fisher, Grace Gutshall, Lance Waybright, Jared Smith, Wayne Irish, Cliff Wallace, John Hines, Valerie Fry, Dave Steinfelt, Sherisa Nailor, Tiffany Grove, Kerry Richards, Ron Frederick (also for PSU), Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Cliff Day, Chris Weller, Jean Lonie, Gretchen Dingman, Penny Brammer and Mike Brammer. Introductions were made by all in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented by Mike Brammer. *Gutshall/Hines moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.*

Financial reports were presented by Mike & Penny Brammer. ACES/SLLC income and expense reports were provided. ALL reports will be filed for audit.

Mike Brammer presented a written Executive Manager's activity report.

The State Officers activity report was presented by Grace Gutshall. A written report was provided.

PDA Report – Jean Lonie reported the AG ED Annual report is being approved by PDE. It should be available soon. National Farm City Week – Nov 16-20, 2009 – City Hall in Philadelphia, mobile AG ED lab. Foundation grant has been signed off – sent to treasury – Budget process continues for 2009-10.

PDE Report – Mr. Weller stated program reviews are continuing – 47 American Degree applications – Possibly one star application – Voting for teacher representatives to the board are complete – (West – Mr. Wallace – 3 year term, South – Mr. Hines – 3 year term, East – Mrs. Dingman – completing a 2 year term from Mrs. Fry)

FFA Foundation – Working with the Association on budget issues – Golf tournaments are set. Individual donor cards are ready for distribution. Will need help during APD in the food booth.

FFA Alumni – **Sherisa Nailor** reported Alumni grant program will be out next week. State Officer Candidate training program will be June 6-7. East and North regions have directors positions open – Oct 3 Blue and Gold Ball, also a state officer reunion – Oct 6 HOSS's benefit night – Krista Pontius has cards.

PSU Report – Mr. Frederick reported 2 new staff has been hired. Student teaching assignments are done. Workshop planning for next year is underway.

PAAE Report – Wayne Irish reported spring meetings are done. Good input from teachers concerning the budget. Registration is now available for summer conference – In the west.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

WEST – Mr. Lohr (not present) provided a written report concerning the CDE results and also sent a note stating he would not be requesting reimbursement of expenses or his stipend.

NORTH – Mrs. Gray reported CDE's were held.

SOUTH – Mrs. Bier reported regional CDE's were held at HACC – All went well.

EAST – Mr. Frederick reported Two Regional CDE days were held – Only ONE Parli-Pro team will be advancing – approx 450 students in attendance for spring CDE's.

COMMITTEES

Activities Week – Mr. Day reminded the Board that Tuesday is Official Dress day for everyone. Courtesy Corps is requesting two adults per dorm for check in. CDE Chairs are in place for all CDE's. PDA representative will be on hand taking photos at CDE's. Discussion on dress code for ALL CDE's.

Keystone Degree Application Committee – Mr. Frederick reviewed all proposed changes to the application. He will bring back to the next Board meeting a final application.

Record Book Program Committee – Dr. Hoover provided a written report of the survey findings and comments. More to follow at the next meeting.

State Officer Committee – Kelly Over sent a message that a full report will be available at the next meeting.

Management Committee – Mr. Irish reported the committee met during SLLC. No major concerns. All areas of the PDA work plan were met last year.

Budget Task Force – Mr. Irish reported the committee has met twice and corresponded by numerous e-mails and phone calls. Great response to the survey – Thanks to Jean Lonie (PDA) for making that available. A full report of the committees recommendations were covered by Mike Brammer and Wayne Irish. A budget for 2009-10 was presented as suggested by the committee. *Hines/Wentworth moved to accept the proposed budget for 2009-10. Motion passed.* More work to be done on the 2010-11 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

SLLC Review – Tyler Witter provided a written and oral report on the conference.

Nominating Committee Update – Mike Brammer reported eight students (two from each region) have been selected. Mr. Hines will represent the Board, Kathy Zimmerman will be the Past State Officer. One business and industry representative has been confirmed. Still searching for one more to represent the west. Mr. Hines asked if there were any objections to him serving since he has a candidate – No objections noted.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW FFA Charters - *Mihoerck/Witter moved to accept Lycoming CTC and Delaware Valley College as two new FFA Chapters. Motion passed.*

Convention Preview – Tim Mihoerck presented an oral preview of the upcoming 80th convention. Two planning meetings have been held by the Officer team. Script is being prepared – 99% of the awards are ordered. Invitations to be sent within one week.

Honorary/Citation Awards – Laura Machmer presented the list of candidates for Citation and Honorary Degree awards. *Mr. Frederick/Machmer moved to accept all listed. Motion passed.* Mr. Brammer will send letters of invitation.

National Convention Hall of States – Mr. Brammer asked the board to think about whether we should continue to have a display since the location of the displays will be in Lucas Oil Stadium this year. More discussion will follow at the next Board meeting.

Election of Board Officers – *Nailor nominated Mr. Irish for President. Motion to close nominations passed.* Mr. Irish will serve the 2009-10 year as President. *Witter nominated Mr. Wallace for Vice President. Motion to close nominations passed.* Mr. Wallace will serve the 2009-10 year as Vice President.

NLCSO (National Leadership Conference for State Officers) – Mr. Brammer reported Pennsylvania will be hosting the conference in August 2009 in Gettysburg.

OTHER

Future Meeting dates – Proposed future meeting dates were provided. Mr. Irish and Mr. Brammer will meet after the Board meeting to determine the next meeting after Activities Week. Future dates will then be set by the July meeting.

Mr. Day stated PDE will provide **NEW CHAPTER PACKETS** to all newly chartered chapters. Large Farm Show displays will be partnered with Food Processors.

Mr. Hines commended the Officers on a great job at SLLC. Dr. Richards commented that letters from students at SLLC to their Legislators worked well. The Foundation has received responses. Mrs. Nailor commended the Officers on a great job all year. Mr. Brammer provided comments to the team on their year of service.

President PJ Adam Thanked the Board for their help, commitment and service.

Closing ceremonies were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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