

FFA Adult Board of Directors Meeting

January 29, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:13 in the Boardroom at the State FFA Center. Maria Roberto, Hugh Mooney, Steve Rocca, Troy, Ryan, Sam, Mike Clifford, and south coast, Chair Kristi Mattes, George Green, Sandy Dale, Carole Lindsey and Matt Patton, Randy Mendes, Mike Maderos. Conference Call Reedley College

Kevin moved to approve the minutes with the correction (change add Sam and Brenda (south coast)) from the September 28, 2015 meeting. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

FFA Executive Director /CATA Update

Still learning how the facility works and what everyone does. He is very impressed with the work that everyone does that works at the center. He would like to have discussion to move forward with a new push for the Ag License Plate program. FFA will receive 85%. This year we received \$125,000 in license plate funds. CATA is working on keeping funding flowing to CTE programs. Another issue facing CATA is the teacher shortage. We need more "quality" Agriculture Teachers.

FFA Foundation Update

Kristi Mattes reported that the face of the board is changing and their first priority is raising money to complete the FFA Center. We have outgrown the current facilities. The Foundation is planning two large events. One will be the 10th anniversary of the FFA Center. The other will be in Central Valley with 60 stakeholders to raise money. The board would like to have 6 teachers, one from each region, to serve on the committee in an advisory capacity. The current balance on the center is \$2.1 million and this is the goal for the two fundraisers.

Mr. Mooney referred to the Directors Report prepared by Dr. McCabe that was found in our packet. Ryan Bentz asked to have discussion of 7th and 8th grade FFA Members added to the new business. It was accepted and added to new business.

Katie Otto gave the Financial Services Director Report.

2015-2016 Association Budget Activity

Under class 2 the shipping cost will be less due to more chapters using online record books. In Class 4 we will see an increase of about \$10,000 in insurance cost due to the loss of the current policy. In Class 5 we will not have the expense of a booth due to the FFA helping at the Ag Expo. The FFA members at the Expo will be pushing the Ag license plate. Greenhand conference has grown significantly. We are up to 31 conferences. There was significant discussion about the logistics of the Greenhand Conference. Josiah has asked the FFA Advisory Committee to look into some of the challenges. One of the biggest issues is working with the presenters and their college schedules. We added an additional MFE and ALA. The conferences were full. We budgeted for 305 for National Convention and we had over 400 attend. Last year we went to 45 spots for SLE this year we are going to 60 spots due to the increased number of

applicants and the quality of the applicants. There will be an increase of \$1,700. There have been a number of changes to State Conference. Last year we were at 5600 people register. We are basing our budget on at least that number. We are not making a profit at all for State Leadership Conference. We are using grant money to keep the costs down. Right now the budget activity is normal.

2015-2016 Regional Budget

Most regions are showing a loss which is normal at this time. All activity is normal for this point in the year.

Mike Maderos moved to approve the Budgets. It was seconded and motion passed by voice vote.

Late Fees and Refunds

The board reviewed the requests. George Green moved to grant the cost of the MFE/ALA conference to Big Valley it was seconded. Discussion revealed that they were unable to attend the conference due to a snow storm. The motion passed by voice vote.

Mike Maderos moved to reject the request from Highland. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ag license Plate

Jim Aschwanden suggested that we develop some kind of relationship with business and industry and/or car dealerships. The dealership would give a certificate for a free Ag License Plate that the State FFA would pay for. Kristi brought up the request from Governing Board to look into getting the Ag Plate on the flier that comes from DMV.

Debbie Benson moved to give Jim the authorization to look into dealership partners. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

7th and 8th Grade FFA Membership

Ryan Bentz asked if there was a concern about the number of Ag Teachers and how could we serve even more members. Mr. Mooney led discussion on this topic. There were some questions from some of the school districts applying for CTEIG and Perkins money about why we do not have FFA for 7th and 8th graders so that junior highs could have an Ag Sector CTSO. A committee was developed to look into the feasibility of 7th and 8th grade membership. Junior High teachers would have to have the same credential as a high school teacher. There are number of teachers that have left the profession due to the time commitment. If the 7th and 8th graders were eligible for less activities there may be a chance to get some of those teachers back. There will be an agenda item at this year's state leadership conference in regards to this. If the motion passes, state staff will determine the level of participation of 7th and 8th graders.

Jim Aschwanden shared with the board that he will be looking for money to pay an intern to help Zane during the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Mendes, Secretary

