

California Association, FFA  
Adult Board of Directors Meeting  
January 27, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 12:56 pm at the FFA Center in Galt CA.

**Old Business**

Tim moved to approve the minutes from the September 30, 2016 meeting. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

2016-2017 Association Budget Activity Report was discussed. All activity was normal. Tim moved to approve the Association Budget Activity, it was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

2016-2017 Regional Budget Activity was discussed. All activity was normal. There was some discussion on the amount of money in the various Regional money market accounts. Nick moved to approve the Regional Budget Activity Report, it was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

Aschwanden gave a brief report on the history of CDE support and insurance for FFA Activities. The board feels that there should be a policy adopted that states that the FFA will not provide insurance for CDE activities. Jim will write some policy that we will be able to review and adopt at our next meeting.

California State FFA Advisor Lloyd McCabe gave his report. We have record numbers of kids in FFA and a record number of ag teachers in the state. We have record numbers in FFA and CATA activities. We do have some major challenges. Jennet (superior region supervisor) will retire. We are hoping to replace that position. If you are not moving toward industry based student certification you will regret it. We all need to be moving toward industry certification. There will be a taskforce that will look into how to make professional development for Agriculture Teacher more effective. We are looking into strategies to increase teacher retainment. There are a number of people in leadership positions within the "Ag Family" that are and will be retiring soon. We need to talk about middle school programs. Saying no is not acceptable. SB1070 was not in the governor's budget which will eliminate \$15 million that goes to Ag Education. There is a reorganization of the CDE. We need to think outside the box to make FFA the best it can be.

Jim Aschwanden gave his CATA/FFA foundation Report. Ag Incentive Grant was in the Governor's budget. It seems that CDE wants CTE to move to Community College. Perkins money is going down and the salaries for CDE are going up. We may lose some of the Ag CDE positions that are funded with Perkins. The FFA Foundation is going well the Gala will be on February 22. There will be a teacher and an FFA member at each table. The Sailer's? Lawsuit has been dismissed and Sailer has signed off that FFA will not be held liable. The city of Fresno is still suing FFA. There is an Ag plate promotion that is being done with dealers. Dealers will give away ag plates and FFA will reimburse the dealer.

**New Business**

Tom moved to approve the two fee waiver requests, it was seconded and discussion followed. The motion passed by voice vote.

There was a request for stipend for the people that are taking care of some of the FFA duties that were done by the retiring regional supervisor.

Tom moved to approve the Superior Region Staffing Compensation, it was seconded and discussion followed. Motion passed by voice vote.

There was discussion about some of the bussing problems at National Convention. We asked the bus company for \$4410 for what the students missed. The bus company wrote us a check for \$2500.

Sandy moved to reimburse the full \$4410 to the students, it was seconded and discussion followed. Motion failed by hand count.

Tim moved to reimburse the participants the \$2500 settlement from the bus company. It was seconded and discussion followed. The motion passed by voice vote.

The audit report will be approved at our June meeting.

Sam moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at CATA Summer Conference.