

California Association, FFA
Adult Board of Directors Meeting
September 30, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the FFA Center in Galt CA.

The 2015-2016 CA Association FFA Budget was reported. It has been a good year for the FFA everything came in at or below budget.

Sam moved to approve the State FFA Association Budget. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

The proposed budget for the 2016-2017 budget was reported.

The Regional Financial Report was given. Nick moved to accept the Regional reports. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

Aschwanden reported on the CDE support and insurance for FFA Activities. CDE has agreed that they are responsible to insure the individuals at FFA functions. The question is who covers the FFA employees (i.e. Leadership Director). The FFA employee positions are on a contractual basis and paid with grant money. The FFA employees follow the direction and curriculum set by the CDE. There will be an MOU drafted to clearly describe the FFA employee's function. If there is any input from the directors they should contact Jim.

Aschwanden reported on the CATA/FFA Foundation Update. There is a plan for a Gayla on February 22, 2017 like the event that was done when the FFA Center started.

New Business

Two of the State FFA Officers are asking for a one year Deferral of their FFA Scholarships. Due to the fact that the scholarship can be claimed within three years, no action was taken.

Mayfield reported on the Leadership Conference Continuum Taskforce. The task force focused on the Gap in Curriculum (no conference for Seniors), the time frame, structure, and objective for the continuum and a timeline for implementation of new events/structure. The goal is to phase out ALA's in January and phase them into the Summer (July). By 2019 have all ALA's and a Senior Conference.

Moffet moved to front \$5,000 toward the revision of the GLC, MFE, and ALA curriculum and bill the CDE upon completion. Discussion followed. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mayfield discussed the housing of FFA members and who should be responsible for organizing hotel rooms for students. The FFA would like to get out of the housing business and give that responsibility to individual schools and Ag Teachers. The FFA will do a block of rooms at each conference and it will be up to the local Advisors and Schools to book and pay for the rooms separately from the registration for the conference.

Aschwanden shared an idea to eliminate "Late Fees" and develop a policy that gives an "early bird" discount if schools register by a certain date. Nick moved to adopt this policy, it was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

Aschwanden reported on a request from Elk Grove to not pay for National Convention registration for three students that decided not to go. The request from Elk Grove happened after the deadline, however the FFA did not pay these students so in essence we are asking Elk Grove to pay a fee that was not payed by the FFA. Jim did not send an invoice to Elk Grove. The second issue was that there was a GLC that did not fill and schools were allowed to register for a conference at the regular registration fee after the deadline in order to fill the conference. There was no action taken on this item.

There was a request from Escondido to not pay late fees because a P.O. was not processed due to the death of the son of the person that was responsible for processing the P.O.

There was an additional request from Yuba City to be refunded for GLC Registration. There was a teacher strike and several students did not come to school that day.

Tim moved to waive the fees for Escondido. It was seconded and the motion passed by voice vote.

There was no action taken on the Yuba City refund.

There was a request from some GLC sites to increase the meal allowance.

Tim moved to increase the meal allowance from \$6 to \$7 per student. It was seconded and discussion followed. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Leadership Conference

Aschwanden reported on the pending lawsuit by an individual that was injured at the State FFA Leadership Conference. Our insurance company decided not to settle for the \$5 million dollar suit. We are hopeful that the judge will rule on this by October 20.

Aschwanden shared the Fresno Convention Center and SMG charges for SLC. The labor costs were up 61% for last year's conference. There are several issues with dealing with SMG and the city in the cost of the convention and the pending lawsuit.

McCabe has directed Mayfield to look into an alternate site for 2018. Mayfield is looking at Anaheim and Sacramento on an alternating basis. Aschwanden, McCabe and Mayfield will request a meeting with the President of Fresno State and the Mayor of Fresno to explain our situation.

The next meeting will be January 27, 2017 at the FFA Center