

## Ag Education State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Present:

- Charles Parker
- Jill Sperling
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Greg Beard
- Hugh Mooney
- JessaLee Goehring
- Hannah Garrett
- Mat Patton
- Maria Maberto
- Cari Brown
- Kerry Stockton
- Trisha Chapman
- Jen Van Conett
- Maureen Funk
- Jackie Jones

Called to Order: 10:03 am

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State Finals this weekend – Chuck is going to be there to supervise to replace Shay

MFE/ALA

- Currently 3 of them are healthy, 3 are sick (one positive, one ear infection, one throat issues)
- Need to make sure that students are wearing masks at events
- Most students were very cooperative – but some schools have teachers that are not cooperating with our protocols
- Parker does not mind sending a letter to the teacher's principals explaining to them that their teachers were not in compliance and will not be able to participate in future events if it continues
- State Officer's really appreciated Mooney approaching the teachers and students about the masks
- Did have one student test positive for COVID at last week's MFE/ALA
- Hannah will send information to teachers and principals regarding this weekend's MFE/ALA conference
- Check if State Officers are boosted – if not, should probably get them before State Conference

## State Conference -

- 4,308 members registered , 251 chapters registered
- What are we going to do if they are requesting refunds?
  - Send them to Matt – topic at Adult Board meeting this week – cancelations, refunds, etc
- Parker sent out information for the app
  - Draft of program
  - Check to see if we are missing something from the app?
  - Is the information that is there accurate?
- Wristbands – Golden 1 is probably not going to take them
  - Big question – how do we know if they have paid registration?
    - Wristband?
    - Golden 1 wants us to use a ticket
    - Electronic Ticket?
      - Teacher’s would need access to ticketmaster
    - Print out tickets and give to students
    - Teacher’s print out the paper that has the students’ tickets on them
    - Badges? Delegates currently get them and at least that shows that those students are able to go to the floor.
    - Suggestion in comments: electronic tickets and badges that are different colors that say : Advisor, Delegate, Participate, etc
- Buses
  - The chamber / city were going to assist in bringing students and teachers into the city
  - Buses would only run once in the morning and once in the evening
  - Want to put out a survey to get some information to see if this would be something teachers would want for their chapters
  - If not, can we use the money that they set aside for buses, for something else?
    - Covid tests?
  - Do we give programs that are bringing their own charter buses a parking pass and they are assigned a spot ? And pay a fee?
- Entertainment for the conference
  - Currently, nothing, but Hugh is looking into Dave Brisbee (but would be during the Career Show)
  - Visit Sacramento – activities for teachers and students – not ag related, but something to do. Toosje is currently working on that.
- Delegates
  - Not being able to attend – is there a virtual option?
  - In the beginning of the year, we discussed not having a virtual option

- We do need to have alternative plans to attend convention
- If you have questions like that, feel free to send them to their regional supervisors
- If Regional Supervisors are approached, inform the teacher of the following–
  - We are not providing a virtual option
  - If your district is not allowing you to go, please write a letter to Mr. Parker to be looked at the State Executive Committee explaining why they cannot attend.
- What happens if they are on probation and cannot go? Are we really going to pull a charter?
  - Not necessarily, but they need to know the protocol that needs to be taken
- As a staff – we need to have a deeper conversation about it on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> (next State Staff Meeting)
  - Could things change the 15<sup>th</sup>?
  - As we're formulating ideas, some schools and teachers are in a different situation (2 kids get it and the whole school shuts down). Some teachers will take advantage

#### Nominating Committee:

- Send nomination committee members, 2 per each region

#### AIG

- Send funding to Parker
- Specialized Grant – get that to Parker as soon as you can

#### Roger and the AIG application

- Take a look and see if you have any issues
- Some schools didn't automatically match with Nationals
- Parity – the stuff there for participation, leadership activities – just hit the different tabs
- Make sure you are looking at 20-21 (last school year) – you'll get more realistic numbers
- You can look up class size as well – you can do a filter by teacher

#### State Conference Workshops

- Will be light on workshops
- Please reach out to the community colleges in your own backyard

## Governing Board

- Approved the dismissal of the team activity for Livestock Judging
- Farm Power will be revised in certain areas
- Regional President's will check the TIN for your CATA accounts
  - Need to get their own TIN for your regional accounts
- No decision was made to take away from Vet Science – still a qualifying contest
- Livestock and Farm Power were affecting the host sites – Vet Science was coming from a chapter
- Qualifiers for COOPs & BIG - do not worry about them competing at the section level first. Will wait for it to be reviewed
- Ag Computers – up for review
  - Inform coaches that they'll need to modernize it so it is more relevant
- Spanish Creed Contests
- Water Resources
- CATA Banquet Theme: The Derby

Time Ended: 11:15 am

Next Meeting: Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am