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MINUTES
WINTER STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 11-12, 1980
Sacramento Inn

The Winter State Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the Sacramento Inn in Sacramento by President Harmon Kaslow.

Roll was taken. Twelve executive committee members were present. Will Rodriguez was sitting in for Mary Borer who was late. Paul Fernandez was absent. Dia Stringall was taking his place. Thirty-three regional officers were present including FFA advisors Nick Bowles, Tranquillity FFA; Robert Kuntz, Gilroy FFA; Duane Penfold, Apple Valley FFA; Dr. Ken Baker, North Coast Region FFA Supervisor; and Jerry T. Davis, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Agendas for the meeting were passed out by State Sentinel, Brian McCabe.

During the opening remarks, Harmon urged all regional officers to debate all issues; he also reminded them that the regional president was the only voting member.

State Treasurer, State Andrade, stated the current report on the money which the California Association FFA has is \$103,942.54 as of January 10, 1980.

The minutes of the Fall Executive Committee were approved as written.

The next item discussed on the agenda was the state FFA membership. Mr. Davis gave a report on the current membership; as of January 10, 1980, the state FFA membership is 12,251. Discussion followed. Some points to take note of are: Final acceptance for membership and dues is May 15, 1980. The other point being that the State Executive Committee will examine the use of the incentive program. Mr. Davis stated that we should concentrate on the FFA chapters which have not yet paid their dues.

The next item on the agenda was the minutes of the 51st State FFA Convention. The minutes have not been submitted yet. Steve made a motion to have a letter sent immediately to Sue Henderson requesting that she send the minutes of the convention immediately. Sandy McGuire seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. Melvin Muela stated that he would send Sue Henderson a letter.

The next item on the agenda was the nomination of the Honorary State Farmers. The recommendations by the State Executive Committee for Honorary State Farmers were: Dr. Jay Lark, Teacher Educator, Cal Poly-Pomona; Dr. Leising, Teacher Educator, University of California-Davis; Dr. Joe Sabol, Teacher Educator, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously. The above names will be submitted and presented to the delegation at the 52nd State FFA Convention.

The next item on the agenda was the constitutional changes which would be considered and voted on by the delegates at the 52nd State FFA Convention.

Article III, Section B: Membership -- Steve Andrade moved to change the state constitution to comply with the national constitution. Jim Hyer seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII, Section F: Insignia and Uniform -- Will Rodriguez entertained a motion to change Article VIII, Section F to comply with the national constitution. Paul Bianchi seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Article VIII, Section G: Insignia and Uniform -- Paul Bianchi moved to change Article VIII, Section G: Insignia and Uniform, so that our constitution would comply with the Official FFA Manual. Sandra Clary, Southern Region President, seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Sandra Clary amended the motion by adding the words "and appropriate footwear". Dia Stringall seconded the amendment.

Discussion followed on the amendment. Vote: Amendment passed unanimously.

Vote on the main motion which now complies with the Official FFA Manual and with the words "and appropriate footwear" replacing the words "and black shoes". Motion passed unanimously.

BY-LAWS, Article II, Section B: Jim Hyer introduced a motion to strike out the words "California Future Farmer" and replace them with "FFA Newsletter". Brett Hedrick, San Joaquin Regional President, seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

BY-LAWS, Article II, Section B: Duties and Responsibilities -- Blake Alexandre moved that the State Executive Committee be in favor of adding the following duties to the office of State President (please refer to the attached sheet with the proposed amendments). Florence Conklin, South Coast Regional President, seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. It was stated that the State President is already carrying out these duties and they should be outlined in the constitution.

Vote: Motion passed with no objections.

BY-LAWS, Article III, Section C: Committees -- Brian McCabe, State FFA Sentinel, proposed a motion to add the Convention Review Committee to the list of mandatory committees which are already a part of the state constitution. Will Rodriguez, Southwestern Regional Vice President, seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. This committee would contribute to the state officers by telling them of the likes and dislikes of the members attending the state convention. Vote: Motion is approved by members present.

BY-LAWS, Article III, Section J: Committees -- If the above committee is approved at the state convention by the delegates, then the following proposal is strongly recommended by the State Executive Committee (please refer to the attached sheet of constitutional changes).

This motion was moved by State Treasurer, Steve Andrade. The motion was seconded by Jim Hyer, State Reporter.

Discussion followed. Vote: Motion passed successfully with no objections. For further information regarding the constitutional changes, please refer to the attached sheet. A list of the constitutional changes which would be considered at the 52nd State FFA Convention will be sent to every FFA chapter in the state 30 days prior to the state convention.

The next item on the agenda which was discussed was the 1980 State FFA Convention at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, May 3-6, 1980. A rough draft was passed out to all the members present. Some of the changes which will take place at the 52nd State Convention are:

1. The Parli-Pro Contest will be held at Fresno State University.
2. All contest awards and State Farmer Degrees, along with recognition of proficiency award winners and announcements of the Star Agribusinessman and Star Farmer of California, will be made on Saturday, May 3, 1980.
3. On Saturday, May 3, 1980, there will be time allowed for regional meetings in the evening.
4. All delegates not assigned to a convention committee will attend a leadership program entitled "Chapter Dynamics" presented by the student teachers from the different agricultural college campuses.
5. A special outdoor program entitled "The Best Things in Life are Free" will be held in the Architects Plaza on the Cal Poly campus.
6. Regional officers are to plan a program for a regional breakfast which will be held Monday morning, May 5, 1980, at 7:00 a.m.
7. A leadership program presented by Bobby Tucker and Phil Benson will be held from 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Monday night, May 5, 1980.
8. A dance will be held on Monday night, May 5, 1980, in Crandall Gym.
9. The theme for the State Officer Report is "A Step of Many".
10. There will be a special delegate barbeque on Sunday, May 4, 1980.

There were a lot of suggestions for the state convention, and here they are:

1. Have a "hot box" for the state officer candidates.
2. Regional presidents should have the newly elected regional president come to the state convention.
3. The Creed Contest should be on Tuesday, May 6, 1980, between recognition of parents and installation of officers.

Special features and guests include: Bobby Tucker, Phil Benson, and a GM speaker. Special affects include a two-way screen.

The Courtesy Corps and Ushers Committees will be chaired by State Sentinel, Brian McCabe.

Regional officers were encouraged to scout up talent for our talent program during the state convention.

At 5:00 p.m., the duties of the chair were relinquished to State Vice President, Sandy McGuire.

The First Session of the Winter State Executive Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by State Vice President, Sandy McGuire, on January 11, 1980.

Saturday, January 12, 1980 -- Winter State Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the State Vice President, Sandy McGuire at 8:13 a.m.

The first item discussed was the State Officer Tour. Sandy gave a brief report on our week's activities which included visiting Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America, Santa Fe Railroad, Crocker Bank, Security Pacific Bank, United California Bank, and Federal Land Bank Executives.

Jim Hyer, State Reporter, gave a report on the sectional and regional conferences which have been visited by the state officers. For further information regarding the conferences, please refer to the report on sectional and regional conferences.

A report on the National FFA Convention was given by Brian McCabe. It reads as follows: The delegates from California were Sandy McGuire, Brian McCabe, and Harmon Kaslow. Sandy was on the W.E.A. Committee, Harmon was on the Membership Committee, and Brian served on the Alumni Committee.

On the constitutional changes, the outcome was like the California delegates voted.

Steve Andrade submitted his report on The Role of the Sectional Officer. Brian McCabe moved to accept Steve's report as written. Florence Conklin seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The next report given was the Chapter Visitation report given by Linda Marquez. Brian McCabe passed out the report while Linda led a discussion about chapter visits.

A motion was made by Blake Alexandre to accept Linda Marquez's report on chapter visits as written. Sandra Clary seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Mr. Bowles, Tranquillity FFA Advisor, suggested that the officer spend time at the school. Brian McCabe stated the importance of finding out the need of the chapter. Jim Hyer suggested that you prepare and know something about the chapter before you visit. Sandy McGuire stated the importance of getting to know the officers. Melvin suggested that we talk to the administrators.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the regional reports. Each president gave a report on their respective regions.

Melvin Muela, Past Vice President, California Association, gave a report on the Executive Meeting.

Vice President, Sandy McGuire, called for a break at 10:15; the meeting was resumed at 10:30 a.m.

Brian McCabe, State Sentinel, passed out the agendas and materials which will be used for Fairs and Shows Conference.

A report on the state officer brochures was given by Brian McCabe.

National FFA Week was discussed. February 18-24, 1980, is designated as Official FFA Week.

Jim Hyer gave a report on the calendar which was compiled by Jim and Brian McCabe.

A report on the chapter presidents' conferences was given by Steve Andrade. The report which was mailed to the members of the Executive Committee was read and discussed.

Linda Marquez made a recommendation to the Executive Committee to have the regional secretaries retype and submit the minutes of the chapter presidents' conferences. Mary Borer seconded the motion.

Discussion followed. Linda stated that it would help next year's state officers with planning the presidents conferences for next year.

Vote: Motion passed with no objections.

The next item on the agenda was the Southern California Leadership Conference. The conference will be held on February 9, 1980, starting at 6:30 a.m. with a breakfast. The state officers are responsible for a thirty-minute program along with a ten-minute program at the end of the conference.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Davis who explained the next few days of meetings.

Melvin stated the importance of learning together and working with the other students of the other vocational youth organizations attending the conference on fairs and shows.

Each of the officers gave a few closing remarks and wished everyone a successful next 2 1/2 days while attending this conference.

The Winter State Executive Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. by State Vice President, Sandy McGuire.

Respectfully submitted,

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