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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
California Farm Bureau Federation Building
Sacramento CA

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1983 - 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The Fall meeting of the State Executive Committee of the California Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Michael Gayaldo. Roll was taken. Thirteen members and one advisor were present. President Gayaldo welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded Executive Committee Members that they should act at all times in the interest of the Association. He also reviewed the agenda for the next two days.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Kevin Schoonhoven, Vice President, discussed this item which was a Missouri proposal to strike the word "or" in Article V. Membership, Section B. Active Membership, in the National FFA Constitution. Steve Arnaudo, State Reporter, moved to recommend to California's Official National Convention Delegates to vote yes on the proposed constitutional change. Daron Spears, Central Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed. Daron Spears moved the previous question. Motion Carried. Vote 12 in favor; one against.

The motion passed by a vote of 12 for and one against that the State Executive Committee recommend to California's Official National Convention Delegates to vote yes on the proposed constitutional change.

National FFA Convention Trip

Mr. Davis discussed this item. He announced that all of the State Officers and Regional Presidents attending the National Convention would receive a \$100 scholarship from Santa Fe Railway. Everyone receiving the scholarship was to send a date to representatives of Santa Fe when the check could be presented in a ceremonial manner.

Mr. Davis then reviewed the duties of the Regional Officers at the National Convention. These included: (1) assisting in the supervision of members from their respective regions; (2) making bed checks every night during the trip; (3) checking rooms in the morning; (4) attending the American Farmer Ceremony; (5) attending all of the sessions where Jan Eberly presided.

Mr. Davis also reminded the group to remember, "When you look good, California looks great!"

Kevin Schoonhoven gave some insights on the Convention. He announced that California's official delegates would be Mike Gayaldo, Kevin Schoonhoven, and Chris Anderson; that the kick-off speaker would be Zig Zigler; and he

also gave the group an update on the activities of the National FFA Board of Directors upon which the California State FFA Advisor, Mr. Don Wilson, serves. The Board recommended that the National Milk Quality Contest and the Poultry Judging Contest be dropped on the national level. The Board also recommended that a new contest in Forestry Judging be added. Kevin said that more information on the National Convention would be sent to everyone by mail.

Chris Anderson, State Secretary moved that the California Association do something special for Jan Eberly at the National Convention. Nancy Swain, State Treasurer, seconded the motion. Debate followed. Brett Robinson amended the main motion to state that Nancy Swain and Brett Robinson would be responsible for coming up with something that would be both special and fun to do for Jan after her retiring address. The motion, as amended, passed by a vote of 13 to 0.

The motion passed by a vote of 13 to 0 that Brett Robinson and Nancy Swain would be responsible for developing a plan to do something special for Jan Eberly following her retiring address at the National Convention.

Kevin Schoonhoven pointed out that at last year's National Convention, the dues were raised fifty cents.

State FFA Budget

Mr. Davis reviewed this year's budget to give the Executive Committee Members a better understanding of how the money of the Association is spent. He discussed the money allotted each year for Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences. Not every region uses its share. He also discussed AB-8 Funds and the VEA money available to vocational agriculture programs.

State Officer Chapter Visits

After a short break, Mike Gayaldo called the meeting back to order and turned the chair over to Nancy Swain to discuss State Officer Chapter Visits. She stated that all of the chapters which were not contacted last year would be visited; then the State Officers would visit chapters where membership is declining. The visits will begin when school starts. The topics the State Officers will cover while on chapter visits include: Experience It; SOEP; Communication; Community Service; Setting Goals; Award Incentives; Program of Activities; and What Is FFA.

State Officers' Goodwill Tour

Steve Arnaudo, State Reporter, reviewed the trip that the six State Officers and Mr. Davis would take December 11-18, 1983. The idea of a Goodwill Tour started in 1967. The purpose is to thank supporters of FFA. This year, the tour will start in San Francisco with visits to Santa Fe Railway and the California Bankers Association. Next, the group will meet Mr. Dick McMillen, Mr. Bill Honig, Senator James Nielsen, Senator Rose Ann Vuich, and representatives of the California State Grange in Sacramento. They

may also visit schools in Davis and Chico. From Sacramento, the team will go to Los Banos, where they will visit with the Louis Parreira family. From Los Banos, they will travel to Fresno to meet representatives from Lloyds Bank, Producers Cotton Oil, Crocker Bank, and Ranchers Cotton Oil. In Los Angeles, the team will visit Security Pacific Bank, Carnation Company, and Sunkist Orange. Following this, the group will go to Fallbrook to visit the Eberly home.

Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting

Mike Gayaldo discussed this meeting which will be held approximately on January 16-17.

Brett Robinson, State Sentinel, moved that the Executive Committee recommend to Mr. Jerry Davis and Mr. Don Wilson that they find a sponsor for the Mid-Winter Executive Committee so that all of the Regional FFA Officers could attend. It was strongly suggested that the meeting be held in Fresno. Daron Spears, Central Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed. Jeff Kurasz, President of the Southern Region, amended the motion to add the words "on a Friday and Saturday." Joe Decker, San Joaquin Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed. The motion failed by a vote of two in favor and four opposed.

Brett Robinson, State Sentinel, moved that the Executive Committee recommend to Mr. Davis and Mr. Wilson that they investigate the possibility of finding a sponsor for a Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting which all Regional FFA Officers could attend, with the strong recommendation that it be held in Fresno on Monday and Tuesday. Daron Spears, Central Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed. The motion passed by a vote of 10 for and three opposed.

The motion passed by a vote of 10 for and three opposed that the Executive Committee recommend to Mr. and Mr. Wilson that they investigate the possibility of finding a sponsor for a Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting which all Regional FFA Officers could attend, in Fresno, on Monday and Tuesday, January 16-17, 1984.

State Officer Reports

The final item of business for the day was State Officer Reports. First, Mike Gayaldo reviewed the Arizona State Convention which he attended in June, 1983.

Then Kevin Schoonhoven reviewed the State Presidents Conference in Washington, D.C. which he and Mike attended. They visited the White House; they heard President Reagan speak; they met with the Secretary of Agriculture, John Block; and they met with their Congressmen. They also attended pre-National Convention meetings. They both felt the best thing about the conference was the opportunity to make new friends and share experiences.

Adjournment

Mike Gayaldo adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Second Session

Mike Gayaldo, State President, called the Second Session to order at 8:10 a.m.

Inservice for FFA Advisors

Mr. Davis discussed this item. The State Officers will put these on for agriculture teachers throughout the State. The goal for this year is to conduct them in all of the 29 sections.

State Fair

Brett Robinson gave this report. Regional Officers from the North Coast, San Joaquin, Central, and Superior Regions worked along with the State Officers at the FFA Booth during the fair. The six State Officers were also involved in putting on special recreational activities in the Special Events Tent. Brett also brought up the fact that the slide projector in the booth did not work; that the FFA Booth should be in the Agriculture Building, not with the other youth organizations.

Regional Reports

These reports were given by the respective Regional Presidents.

Central Region had its first planning meeting July 12. The year-long theme is "Communications Through Involvement." An incentive program was started to give out watches to promote involvement in leadership activities. A goal was set to have a regional newsletter once a month. During National FFA Week, each officer is going to make a presentation to a service club in the Central Region. The team is going to design a display for the State Education Building. The team also plans to revise their regional constitution.

Superior Region had its first planning meeting in July. They put on an auction, and all proceeds went to the region. The money will go toward paying for members' trip to the State Convention. The region will hold sectional leadership conferences with "FFA Image" as the theme. The leadership conferences will be to help increase membership and involvement in the region. The next meeting will be held at CSU-Chico, October 1 or 2.

San Joaquin Region had its first planning meeting at the end of August. They plan to have a Parent-Officer Meeting, a Mid-Year Meeting, and an End of the Year Meeting. The team also designed a complete Calendar of Events, and they wrote a Program of Work.

Southern Region's Officer Planning Meeting was held on June 4. The region will hold leadership conferences in the Sections. They hope every member will be able to attend. Their theme is

"Bustin' Loose." Three officers will attend each conference. The team is hoping to stress SOEP and the potential of members.

South Coast Region hopes to have a meeting with all of the sectional officers to help them plan their year. The team is going to send out a newsletter with a story about each officer. The first letter will contain a survey of the chapters to see if they want chapter visits. The team plans to have their State Farmer Ceremony separate from the regional meeting.

North Coast Region had its first planning meeting on July 30-31. Their theme for the year is "FFA Soaring To New Heights." The team plans to make chapter visits to chapters which will not be visited by the State Officers. They plan to meet with the Chapter Officers and encourage them to attend the State FFA Leadership Conference. They are also planning to send Regional Officers to different service clubs to promote public relations.

Southwestern Region had its planning meeting before the Rocklin Conference. Their theme for the year is "A New Meaning For Success." The team will have ten officers. The team will put on a leadership conference entitled "Southern Cal." It will be a one-day conference, and the theme is "Let Your Potential Shine."

Chris Anderson, State Secretary, collected from each Regional President a list of their team goals for the year.

FFA Membership

Mr. Davis discussed the goals and how each region is doing.

FFA Foundation

Mr. Ken Harris, Executive Director for the FFA Foundation, filled the Executive Committee in on what the Foundation has been doing for the past year. He then asked the Committee how it felt about the Foundation sponsoring various activities. These included:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Executive Committee Recommendation</u>
Foundation purchase of State Farmer Pins	Yes
Sectional Proficiency Awards	No
State-level Merit Awards	Yes
Camp Lillard Awards	Try to find sponsor. If none available, investigate whether the Foundation could handle that financial burden

NEW SEED

Steve Arnaudo, State Reporter, gave a report on the magazine, NEW SEED. He said there would be two issues this year and encouraged everyone to write articles and send them in. He also mentioned he may need pictures from the Regional Presidents to use in the State Officer Report at the end of the year. Regional Officers should try to take pictures of all Proficiency Winners with the sponsors who donated the awards.

Program of Activities

Keven Schoonhoven discussed this. He is building a complete calendar which includes FFA, CATA, and State activities. Kevin also gave a report on the new state contest this year which is the State Best Informed Green-hand Contest.

National Leadership Conference

Brett Robinson gave a report on this conference for State Officers. Five of the California State Officers attended. It was held in Vancouver, Washington. The five drove up to Washington with Tom Munter, Special Projects Coordinator. The officers appreciated the opportunity to talk with other state officers and to share experiences with them.

Thank-you Letters

This last item was covered by Kevin Schoonhoven and Chris Anderson. They requested that everyone write thank-you letters to Farm Bureau staff. Each member of the Executive Committee was assigned certain people they were to contact.

Adjournment

Mike Gayaldo adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m. on September 20, 1983.