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STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HACIENDA MOTEL
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JANUARY 20-21, 1984

Call to Order

The Mid-Winter meeting of the State Executive Committee of the California Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Michael Gayaldo at 1:10 p.m. Roll call showed that 14 members and 3 advisors were present. President Gayaldo welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Review of Minutes

Christine Anderson, State Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Daron Spears, Central Region President, moved to accept the minutes as read. Cheri Morrell, North Coast Region President, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Agenda Items

Mike Gayaldo called for additions to the agenda. The following items were added:

20. Dues
21. Slide Update
22. Thank You - Mr. McMillen
23. Pictures of Proficiency Winners
24. Get Well Card
25. State Proficiency Awards
26. State Farmer Pins
27. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional Changes

Kevin Schoonhoven, State Vice President, explained to the Committee how to submit proposed constitutional amendments. He announced that the State Officers had proposed one, which he asked Steve Arnaudo, the State Reporter, to explain. Steve read the proposal which was as follows:

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Section A. The California Association, Future Farmers of America shall hold an annual conference during the month of May, the time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee, and should be at least forty-five days prior to the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Each local chapter in good standing shall be ~~entitled~~ guaranteed at least two voting

delegates at the annual meeting, A chapter with a starting base membership of thirty receives an additional delegate, and then each increment of sixty members above the starting base receives an extra delegate. All of the above figures shall be derived by the previous year's state membership totals.

Discussion followed.

Andrea Swartz, Superior Region President, moved to submit the proposal, as written, to the FFA Chapters. Daron Spears seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 11 for and one against.

Regional Reports

The Regional Reports were given by the respective Regional Presidents. SEE APPENDIX 1.

Membership Report

This report, given by Mr. Sandy Beck, was a very positive one. He indicated that the 1983-84 membership goal for the state probably would be reached.

Chapter Officer Conferences

Nancy Swain, State Treasurer, described the three types of leadership conferences which were held throughout the state this year. They were: the two-day State Officer Conferences; the one-day Sectional Conferences in the Superior Region; and the one-day Regional Conference in which the Southern and Southwestern Regions participated.

National Convention

Steve Arnaudo gave this report. He discussed the activities that he, Mike, Kevin, and Chris participated in before everyone else arrived. Kevin and Chris both participated in the Public Speaking Finals, where they took third and second, respectively, in the Western Region. Steve mentioned all of the other winners California had, including Hanford with its two national winning judging teams.

Nancy Swain then described the activities of the trip to Washington, D. C.

Goodwill Tour

Mike Gayaldo gave a report on what the trip was like for the six State Officers and Mr. Davis. He listed the places visited and stressed that the purpose of the tour was to thank the supporters of the FFA.

California FFA Foundation

Mike Gayaldo reported on the last Foundation meeting. He indicated that Foundation members want to encourage FFA members to apply for Proficiency

Awards and want Regional Reporters to submit pictures of each Proficiency Winner and the Sponsor.

Chapter Visits

Christine Anderson, State Secretary, listed the chapters which the State Officers have visited so far this year. She mentioned the chapters they will be contacting in the near future. She encouraged the Regional Officers to visit the chapters the State Officers will not have time to cover this year.

Farm Equipment Shows

Steve Arnaudo indicated that the Colusa show will be held February 6-8, 1984, and the Tulare show will be conducted February 14-16, 1984. The Regional Officers are responsible for manning the booth at the shows. One or two State Officers will attend each of the shows.

Region Meetings

The Regional Presidents reported what will be going on at their meetings. The dates are:

North Coast Region - February 24
South Coast Region - March 22
Superior Region - March 10
Central Region - February 25
San Joaquin Region - February 25
Southern Region - April 7
Southwestern Region - April 7

State Farmer Degree Ceremonies

Nancy Swain reported on this item. This year these ceremonies are a priority. The State Officers will try to attend as many of the regional meetings as possible. However, when they conflict with the State Farmer Ceremonies, the offices will attend the State Farmer activity. In the event that two regions hold there ceremonies on the same day, the State Officer Team will split up.

State Program of Work

Kevin Schoonhoven reviewed this item and the amendments proposed by the State Officers.

Daron Spears, Central Region President, moved that the State Executive Committee recommend to the State Program of Work Committee that the State Program of Work amendments be accepted. Wendy Roarty, Southwestern Region President, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

State Convention

Theme - Kevin Schoonhoven indicated the "theme" would not be released

until the State FFA Conference. However, if the regions follow the state theme, "FFA - EXPERIENCE IT!", for their regional conferences, they will be right in line with the State Conference Theme.

Registration - Christine Anderson told the Regional Officers that registration will once again be their responsibility. Registration should take place before the Conference starts or at the Regional Meetings.

Executive Committee Meeting - Mike Gayaldo reported that the State Executive Committee Meeting will be held, as always, on the Friday before the Conference (May 4, 1984).

Honorary State Farmer Degrees; Distinguished Service Awards - Brett Robinson asked the Executive Committee for some ideas on individuals who should receive the Honorary State Farmer Degree or a Distinguished Service Award. The following were suggested: Walt Shaw; Karl Kartcher; Laura Tower, Rose Ann Vuich; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Parreira; Assemblyman Bill Jones.

Star Reporter; Star Advisor - Steve Arnaudo reported on the application for Star Reporter. He said it needed to be changed and would be out sometime in February.

Kevin Schoonhoven went over the new Star Advisor application which had been developed by the State Officers.

Kevin Schoonhoven, Vice President, moved that the State Executive Committee accept the Star State Advisor application. Jeff Kurasz, Southern Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Jeff Kurasz moved to refer it back to the State Officers and Mr. Davis to look over again. There was a second.

Joe Decker, San Joaquin Region President, moved to amend the referral to read: ...to refer it back to the State Officers ~~and Mr. Davis~~ to look over again IN THE PRESENCE OF AN ADVISOR. Debate followed. Daron Spears, Central Region President, moved the previous question. Wendy Roarty, Southwestern Region President, seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 11 for and one against.

The amendment to refer to the State Officers and an advisor failed by a vote of three for and seven against.

Debate on the main motion resumed. The question was called and seconded. The main motion that the State Executive Committee accept the Star State Advisor application passed by a vote of ten for and one against.

Courtesy Corps - Brett Robinson reviewed this item. Regional Presidents are responsible for finding three people from their region to

to serve as Courtesy Corps members. Regional Presidents must give the names, addresses, and chapters of these people to Brett at least two weeks before the State FFA Conference.

Committee Assignments - Mike Gayaldo discussed this topic. He asked the FFA Executive Committee members for some recommendations.

Daron Spears, Central Region President, moved that this item be postponed until the next day. Joe Decker, San Joaquin Region President, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Talent - Brett Robinson informed the group that the State Officers would be looking for some talent in addition to the State Talent Winner to perform at the State Conference in May.

Recess

Mike Gayaldo, President, recessed the meeting until 8:00 a.m., January 21, 1984.

Call to Order

Mike Gayaldo, State President, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m., on January 21, 1984.

NEW SEED

Steve Arnaudo, State Reporter, discussed this item. He indicated a lot of articles had been submitted. All major articles are due on February 4; small articles and chapter chatter are due on March 1. Steve voiced concern over the loss of FFA control over NEW SEED, which Cal Poly prints for the FFA at a designated cost. Discussion followed.

Jeff Kurasz, Southern Region President, moved that the State Executive Committee recommend to the NEW SEED staff that they correspond with the State FFA Officers before publication. Joe Decker, San Joaquin Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed. The motion passed by a vote of 13 for and none against.

Status Report

Mr. Sandy Beck, substituting for Mr. Jerry Davis, gave a status report. He said that Vocational Agriculture and the FFA are on an "up swing." He reviewed the latest happenings in the Legislature on the AB-8 Funding situation and the work of Senators Jim Nielsen and Rose Ann Vuich. He indicated that "thank you" letters should be sent to those supporters.

National FFA Week

Brett Robinson told the Committee of the plans for National FFA Week. The Governor will issue a proclamation. Radio Station KRAK will be

airing public service announcements. That station will be sending the announcements to forty other stations.

State Best Informed Greenhand Contest

Kevin Schoonhoven described the structure of the contest. The test was written by the State Officers and Mr. Davis. The contest will be sponsored by the California Farm Bureau. Kevin asked the Regional Presidents to notify him as soon as possible of the winners of each sectional contest.

FFA Dues

Mr. Beck indicated there are some problems with collecting dues because a charge cannot be made for education. FFA must be part of the Agriculture program because it is one of the components of the educational process - Classroom Instruction, Supervised Occupational Experience, and FFA. Mr. Beck asked the members of the State Executive Committee for some ideas. After discussion, the group came up with the following:

- Registration fees for chapters
- Dues paid by the district
- Every chapter paying an equal fee
- Charges made for the extra-curricular part of FFA such as basketball tournaments (have members pay for activities as they occur)
- Strengthen the FFA Alumni Association and utilize it to pay the dues
- Have all chapters put on a yearly fund-raiser to earn the dues money
- Find a sponsor to pay the National Dues and pick up the tab the dues in California normally would pay

Brett Robinson, State Sentinel, moved to present these ideas to the State Staff for consideration. Andrea Swartz, Superior Region President, seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Brett Robinson moved to amend his motion to read:present these ideas to the State Staff for consideration AND TO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION AT THE STATE FFA CONFERENCE. Cheri Morrell, North Coast President, seconded the motion. Debate followed. The amendment to the main motion passed by a vote of ten for and three against. The main motion passed unanimously.

Slide Update

Steve Arnaudo gave a slide update and said the State Officers need help in a few specific areas to get good pictures to use for the slide show at the end of the year. The areas are:

- Rocklin
- Southern, Southwestern, and Superior Chapter Officer Conferences

- State Fair
- National FFA Convention

Regional Officers are supposed to take pictures of the regional meetings and of the Proficiency Winners in each category and their Sponsors.

Thank-You Letters

Mike Gayaldo asked all of the Regional Officers to write a thank you letter to Mr. Dick McMillan and his mother for the support they have given to the California Association FFA.

Photos

Steve Arnaudo once again reminded everyone that Regional Reporters and Regional Presidents are responsible for sending in pictures of each of the Proficiency Winners, together with a small write-up on them.

State Farmer Pins

Mike Gayaldo indicated that the California FFA Foundation is going to pick up the tab for State Farmer Pins.

Mr. Davis

Daron Spears, Central Region President, moved that the State Executive Committee send a gift to Mr. Davis during his illness. Andrea Swartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Statement

Nancy Swain reviewed the statement with the committee. It indicates that the association is well off right now.

Adjournment

Mike Gayaldo, State FFA President, adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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