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California Association

Future Farmers of America September 1984

PLACE: Farm Bureau Headquarters Office

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

The first State Executive meeting for the California Association of Future Farmers of America for the 1983-1984 year was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Farm Bureau Building in Sacramento by Mike Gayaldo, State FFA President. Roll call showed 13 members present and 1 advisor.

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the members of the executive committee that they should act at all times in the interest of the members. He also went over the agenda for the next two days.

Kevin Schoonhoven discussed the first item of business which was the proposed constitutional amendment for the 56th National FFA Convention. The Missouri proposal said to strike out the word "or" in the National FFA Constitution, Article V. Membership, Section B. Active Membership.

Steve Arnaudo, State FFA Reporter moved to recommend to the official delegates to the National Convention (Mike Gayaldo, Kevin Schoonhoven, and Chris Anderson) to vote yes on the proposed constitutional change.

Daron Spears, Central Region President seconded the motion.

Debate Followed.

Daron Spears, Central Region President moved the previous question.

Motion carried by a vote of 12 for, and 1 against.

The motion for the State Executive Committee to recommend to the official delegates to the National FFA Convention to vote yes on the proposed constitutional change passed with a vote of 12 for, and 1 against.

Mr. Davis discussed the next item of business which was the National FFA Convention trip. Mr. Davis first announced that all of the State Officers and the Regional Presidents attending the National Convention would receive a \$100 dollar scholarship from Santa Fe Railway. Everyone receiving a scholarship was supposed to send a date to the Railway of when they could present the check in a ceremonial manner. Mr. Davis then reviewed the duties of the Regional Officers at the National Convention. Which are as follows: 1- help supervise members of their respective regions, 2- do bed check every night on the trip, 3- check rooms in the morning, 4- to attend the American Farmer ceremony, 5- to attend all the sessions in which Jan Eberly is presiding. Mr. Davis also stressed the fact that we all should remember "when you look good California looks great!"

Kevin Schoonhoven gave some insights on the upcoming National FFA Convention. He announced to the committee that the official delegates to the National Convention would be Mike Gayaldo, Kevin Schoonhoven, and Chris Anderson. He also announced that the kick-off speaker for the convention would be Zig Ziglar. Kevin then gave the committee an up date on the activities of the National Board on which our State Advisor, Mr. Donald Wilson serves. The board has recommended that the National Milks Quality contest, and the Poultry judging contest be dropped on the National level. The board also recommended that a new contest be added which is Forestry judging. He also mentioned that everyone would be receiving more information on the National Convention in the mail.

Chris Anderson, State FFA Secretary moved to make sure we, as an association do something special for Jan Eberly at the National FFA Convention.

Nancy Swain, State FFA Treasurer seconded the motion.

Debate followed.

Brett Robinson amended the main motion to read that Nancy Swain, and Brett Robinson would be responsible for thinking of something both special and fun to do for Jan after her retiring address.

The motion passed as amended by a 13 to 0 vote.

Kevin Schoonhoven added to his business about the National Convention that at last year's National Convention the dues were raised fifty cents.

The next item of business on the agenda was the State FFA budget. Mr. Davis gave an overview of this year's budget to give the members of the State Executive Committee a better understanding of how the money of our association is being spent. He discussed the amount of money allotted each year for Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences, about 32,000 dollars. Of that money not every region uses their share. He discussed AB8 funds and the VEA money available to Vocational Agriculture Programs.

Mike Gayaldo recessed the meeting and gave everyone fifteen minutes for a break.

Mike called the meeting back to order and turned the chair over to Nancy Swain to discuss State Officer chapter visits. She said that we would be visiting all of the chapters that did not get visited last year and if there was time the State Officers would visit the chapters that were declining in membership. She stated that the State Officers would start their visit when school started.

The topics the State Officers selected to talk about while on chapter visits are as follows: Experience it, SOEP, Communication, Community Service, Setting Goals, Award Incentives, Program of Activities, and What is FFA.

Steve Arnaudo, State FFA Reporter brought up the next item of business which was the Good Will Tour. Steve made a brief overview of the trip that the six State Officers and Mr. Davis would make December 11 through the 18. The idea of a "Good Will Tour" started in 1967 and the purpose was to thank supporters of the FFA. Steve stated that the tour still had that very same purpose. He went on to explain that the seven would start in San Francisco and there they would visit Santa Fe Railway and California Bankers Ass. Next the crew would travel to Sacramento and have meetings with Mr. McMillen, Mr. Bill Honig, Senator Jim Nelson, Senator Voitch, the Grange and schools such as Davis and Chico. From Sacramento the team would travel to Los Banos and visit with the Pierra family. After a short time in Los Banos they would drive to Fresno and meet with representatives from Loyds Bank, Producers Cotton Oil, Crooker Bank, and Rancher Cotton Oil. The last business stop on the tour would be in Los Angeles where the State Officer team along with Mr. Davis would visit Security Pacific Bank, Carnation Company, and Sunkist Orange. After all of the business was over the group would head to Fallbrook, to the home of the Eberly's and have their Christmas party.

Mike dicussed the next item of business which was the Mid-Winter Executive Committee meeting. Which would be held app. the 16, and 17 of January.

Brett Robinson, State FFA Sentinel moved that the State Executive Committee recommend to Mr. Jerry Davis, and Mr. Don Wilson to make an investigation to find funds to sponsor a Mid-Winter Executive Committee which all of the Regional Officers could attend, with a strong suggestion to hold it in Fresno.

Daron Spears, Central Region President seconded the motion.

Debate followed.

Jeff Kurasz, Southern Region President amended Brett's motion by adding on to the end of the recommendation the words "on a Friday and Saturday."

Joe Decker, San Joaquin Region President seconded the motion.

Debate followed.

The motion fails 4 against and 2 for.

Brett Robinson, State FFA Sentinel moved that the State Executive Committee recommend to Mr. Jerry Davis, and Mr. Wilson to make an investigation to find funds to sponsor a Mid-Winter Executive Committee meeting which all of the Regional Officers could attend, with a strong recommendation to hold it in Fresno on Monday and Tuesday.

Daron Spears, Central Region President seconded the motion.

Debate followed.

The motion passed 10 for and 3 against.

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

Then Kevin Schoonhoven talked about the fact that him and Mike attended the State Presidents conference in Washington D.C.. They had the opportunity to visit the White House and hear President Reagan speak. Kevin mentioned that he and Mike had the opportunity to meet with the Secretary of Agriculture, John Block. The two also met with their congressmen. Both felt that the best thing about the conference was that they had the chance to make new friends and share experiences. While at the conference they had pre-National Convention meetings.

Mike Gayaldo, State FFA President adjourned the meeting at 4:30p.m.

Mike Gayaldo State FFA President called to order the second session of the California Association of FFA State Executive Committee meeting at 8:10 a.m.

Mr. Davis discussed the first item of business which was FFA Advisors inservices. The state officers are to put these on for Agriculture teachers throughout the state of California. The goal for this year is to put them on in all of the 29 sections.

Brett Robinson, State FFA Sentinel gave a report on the State Fair. Regional Officers from North Coast, San Joaquin, Central, and Superior regions worked at the booth at the fair along with the State FFA Officers. 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 and that the FFA booth should be in the agriculture building and not with the other youth organizations.

The next item was the Regional reports given by the respective regional presidents.

Central Region - Had their first planning meeting July 12. Year long theme "Communications through Involvement." Started an incentive program of giving out watches to promote involvement in leadership activities. Set a goal to have a regional news letter once a month. During National FFA Week each officer is going to make a presentation to a service club in the Central region, and 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 first planning meeting in July. Put on auction and all the proceeds went to the region, the money is going towards paying for members trip to the State Convention. The region will be having sectional leadership conferences with the theme: "FFA Image". The leadership conferences were to help increase the membership and involvement in the region. The next meeting to be held at Chico State. October 1 or 2.

San Joaquin Region - Had their first planning meeting the end of August. Plan to have a parent officer meeting, a mid-year meeting, and an end of the year meeting. The team also designed a very complete calendar of events and they wrote a program of work.

Southern Region - Officer planning meeting was held on June 4. The region will put on leadership conferences at the sections. They are hoping every member will be able to attend. Their theme is "Bustin Loose" Three officers will be at each conference. Also the team is hoping to stress SOEP and potential of members.

South Coast Region - Plan to have a meeting with all of the sectional officers to help them plan their year. The team is going to send out a news letter with a story about each officer. Also in the first letter will be 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 first planning meeting July 30,31. The theme for the year is "FFA Soaring to New Heights." The team plans to make chapter visits to the chapters that the State Officers will not be visiting. At the visits they will meet with the chapter officers and encourage them to attend the State FFA Conference. They are also planning to send Regional Officers to different service clubs to promote public relations.

Southwestern Region - Had planning meetng before Rocklin. 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 titled "Southern Cal." The conference will be one day. And the theme is "Let Your Potential Shine."

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

The next item of business was membership. Mr. Davis went over the state goals and how each region was doing.

Mr. Ken Harris, Executive Secretary for the CATA filled the State Executive Committee in on what the FFA Foundation has been doing for the past year. And asked the committee how it felt about the Foundation sponsoring various activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Recommendation of sponsorship</u>
Buy State Farmer Pins	Yes
Awards-Sectional Proficiencies	No
Merit Award on State Level	Yes
Camp Lillard Awards	Try to find other sponsor, if not investigate whether the foundation could handle that financial burden.

Steve Arnaudo gave a report on the New Seed. He mentioned that there would be two issues this year and he encouraged everyone to write articles and send them in. He also mentioned that 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 sponsor who donated the award.

Kevin Schoonhoven, went over the program of activities. 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 Greenhand Best Informed test.

Brett Robinson gave a report on the National Leadership Conference for State Officers which 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 trip lasted about a week. Brett said the best thing about the whole conference was the opportunity to talk to other state officers and share our experiences with them.

The last item of business was covered by Kevin Schoonhoven and Chris Anderson. They requested that everyone write thank you letters to the people at the Farm Bureau. Each member of the Executive committee was assigned to write certain people.

Mike Gayaldo, State FFA President adjourned the meeting at 11:03a.m.