

Minutes
58th Annual Pennsylvania Young Farmers Delegate Meeting
February 7, 2018
Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA

Meeting called to order by PYFA President Jason Rentzel at 9:45am.

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Seating of Delegates:

Berlin Brothersvalley- Samuel Dively, Judy Croner

Cedar Crest- Glen Krall, Linda Krall

Gettysburg- Dan Wilkinson, Carl Keller, Jr.

Kutztown- Bobby Tercha, Grace Hoppes

Lewisburg- Irvin Reynolds, Robert Pardoe, Jr.

Mifflinburg- Jim Sanders, Matt Sanders

Northern Lebanon- Jennifer Balmer

Rockwood- Blaine Walter, Ken Zimmer

Shippensburg- Jeff Rohrer

Solanco- Samuel Glick, Anna Mary Glick

2017 Delegate meeting minutes were reviewed. President Jason Rentzel called for any corrections. Jeff Rohrer, moved a motion to approve minutes. Judy Croner seconded. Motion carried.

Officers reports were reviewed.

PYFA Treasurer Ed Zug reviewed his 2018 budget and report on page 34 of the program booklet. Question was called about the significant difference between 2017 actual expenses and the 2018 proposed expense amount. Ed explained that all of the 2017 Shippensburg convention costs got passed through the state account, whereas in 2018, Berlin and Rockwood were handling their income and expenses themselves. Ed stated that the 2017 Shippensburg Convention broke even. Hershey Equipment promised \$500 that was never received. Lizzie Bailey is checking to see if the funds can still be collected. Any proceeds from Shippensburg will benefit the Fred Dillner fund. Linda Krall moved a motion to approve the 2018 proposed budget. Carl Keller seconded. Motion carried.

2018- 2019 Board positions were reviewed. Judy Croner nominated Lizzie Bailey as President Elect. Glen Krall seconded. Motion carried. The 2018-2019 PYFA Officers are as follows:

President- Jason Rentzel

President Elect- Lizzie Bailey

Past President- Denise Leydig

Executive Secretary- Betsy Huber

Secretary- Becky Nas

Treasurer- Ed Zug

Membership- Deb Zug

Public Relations- Jennifer Balmer

Northern VP- Stephen Kline

Eastern VP- Dan Fox, Ken Sanner

Western VP- Judy Croner

SouthCentral VP- vacant- needs filled

Linda Krall moved a motion for the board to fill the SouthCentral VP position. Carl Keller seconded. Motion carried.

Carl Keller moved a motion to approve the entire slate of officers. Grace Hoppes seconded. Motion carried.

Resolutions were reviewed. Linda Krall moved a motion to approve the resolutions as written, Judy Croner seconded. Motion carried.

Denise Leydig reported that the finance books were audited and proved to be correct. Jeff Rohrer moved a motion to accept the auditing committee report. Dan Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Ed Zug reviewed the 2018 budget. Judy Croner asked about the Fair Fund. Ed stated that he received a check for 2017 and will apply for 2018 in November. Ed let the fair funds out of the proposed budget because it is not known if we will receive those monies. Carl Keller moved a motion to approved the 2018 budget as written, Glen Krall seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Rentzel reviewed upcoming PYFA Winter Convention sites. 2019- Lewisburg/Mifflinburg, 2020- Cedar Crest, 2021- available.

Membership Chair Deb Zug reviewed her report on pages 33 and 35 of the program booklet. Deb stated that she is very pleased that we got some members from Selinsgrove and Red Lion back. Deb will accept 2018 dues anytime. Linda Krall moved a motion to accept the membership report. Jeff Rohrer seconded. Motion carried.

Judy Croner reviewed the convention educational workshops.

Bob Pardoe reported for PACFO. Bob stated that he accepted to represent PYFA at the quarterly PACFO meetings. He was able to attend one meeting. Steve Kline is the alternate, and he too was able to attend one meeting. Pending state legislation was reviewed. Bob mentioned that he has had scheduling conflicts. If there is someone else that is able to attend more regularly, they are welcome to fill his position.

Dan Wilkinson reported on the NYFEA Delegate Session that took place in December 2017 in Savannah, GA. Stan Deal was elected President, Kenny Boyd is President Elect, and Tim

Folkner is Secretary. Dan reviewed highlights from the Savannah Institute. Dan reported that he and Denise Sanner gave a presentation for the 2019 NYFEA Institute being held in Pennsylvania. Dan reported that they distributed baggies of Lancaster caramels and pens. Dan also reported that Pennsylvania donated two baskets to the Savannah Institute auction. One basket brought \$250 and one brought \$550. PA Delegates in Savannah were, Steve Kline, Denise Sanner, Ken Sanner, and Dan Wilkinson. Dan reviewed highlights for 2018 Institute being held in Rogers, AR. Registration forms are available online and are being accepted. 2019 PA Institute Planning meetings will be held in conjunction with the state board meetings until there is a need to break out to hold planning meetings separately. When the time gets closer, planning meetings will be held independently from the PYFA board meetings. The next NYFEA Institute planning meeting will be held on Sunday, 3/11 at Hoss's in Carlisle beginning at approx. 2pm.

Sarah Sparks called in her report for the FFA Foundations. Sarah reported that they are operating with a full 15 seat board of trustees. They will have one open seat coming available in June 2018. Any interested member of PYFA is welcome to fill the vacancy. In the last fiscal year of 2016-2017 they raised \$170,000 for Ag education in PA. That consisted of \$140,000 from the State FFA Association. The endowment investment that was set up 20 year ago has been pulled because the foundation felt like it was invested a little too risky. It has been reinvested into a more conservative plan with Fulton Bank. The Young Farmers investment balance is in the amount of \$8500 earning 4% interest. When the annual interest is pulled to use for the scholarship through their investment endowment, it will be in the amount of \$340, down from \$425 per year. Sarah stated that their annual golf outing is planned for July 19, 2018 if anyone is interested in attending. They are always grateful for our support.

Ed Zug called for delegate input. Ed stated that in previous years, PYFA presents a college scholarship to help the winning applicant attend the NYFEA Winter Institute. Application deadline is February 15. In previous years the scholarship amount was \$425. In 2017, there was a deficit of \$85 that the PYFA board chose to cover. Ed asked the delegates wishes towards the scholarship? Should the amount be lowered to \$340, stay the same at \$425 or raised to \$500 and PYFA will make up the \$160 balance? Question was asked if we can afford to raise it to \$500. Ed feels certain that we can afford it. Officer expenses are down, so there has been a surplus for the last several years. There has been less interest in the scholarship. This may be due to the required financial information that PYFA asks of the applicants household. Linda Krall moved a motion to increase the scholarship amount to \$500. Judy Croner seconded. Motion carried. Judy Croner moved a motion to revise the scholarship application to ask annual income and remove the tax return requirements. Jim Sanders seconded. Motion carried. Bobby Tercha moved a motion to state that the applicant must be in an Ag related field of study. Criteria was reviewed and found that criteria rankings are sufficient. Motion withdrawn.

Management was reviewed by Denise Leydig. Denise reiterated Betsy's request for current chapter happenings and information so that it can be posted to the website.

Betsy Huber gave her technology report. Betsy stated that she and Deb Zug might be compiling a statewide/ chapter based email list. Betsy is currently emailing newsletters. Betsy stated that the web manager is very responsive. Betsy requests any kind of a chapter newsletter or activities so that she can post them online.

Denise Leydig noted that Berlin Brothersvalley has started a Facebook page. They have had a noticeable increase in interest.

Past Officers meeting reported on by Carl Keller. The past officers and advisors had met. He reports that the biggest issue is the lack of state funding. Carl calls for chapters to encourage members to step up into state officer roles. The PYFA Board is being asked to form a committee to communicate with the PA Dept of Education. There needs to be a connection kept and strengthened with the department. Carl calls for chapters to submit award applicants. Carl noted that the display at AG Progress Days needs to be manned more consistently. If there are interested people with questions, there needs to be someone there that can give them some information.

Public Relations Report given by Jennifer Balmer. Jennifer stated that she had only received one application for community services and one application for outstanding advisor. More people need to apply for the awards being offered.

No old business.

No new business that has not previously been covered.

President Jason Rentzel called for a motion to adjourn at 10:43am, moved by Linda Krall, Jeff Rohrer seconded, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Becky Nas, Secretary.