

PYFA Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2017
Jason Retzel Farm
Gettysburg, PA

Meeting called to order at 2pm by PYFA President Jason Retzel.

Those in attendance were:

Jason Retzel, Denise Leydig, Dan Wilkinson, Betsy Huber, Lizzie Bailey, Ed Zug, Deb Zug, Judy Croner, Becky Nas, Denise Sanner, Steve Kline, Dan Fox, Ken Sanner

Dan Fox moved a motion to approve the March 21, 2017 PYFA meeting minutes as written. Seconded Ken Sanner.

Treasurer's report distributed and reviewed by Ed Zug. Treasurers report approved subject to audit.

Betsy Huber shared her Executive Secretary report. Betsy noted that with her help, the new webmaster has been keeping the website up to date. Betsy has extra spring newsletters to distribute at the Ag Progress Days booth. Betsy was on the NYFEA Executive Secretaries phone call on May 1st. NYFEA is forming "Young Ag Leaders Council" to keep the participants from the Ag Communicators Contest winners involved. NYFEA is making a fiscal year change. Their fiscal year will now be 4/1-3/31. National Institutes sites are the following: 2017- Savannah, GA, 2018- Rogers, AR, 2019- PA, 2020- Indiana, 2021- New Orleans, LA, tentatively. Betsy received a thank you card from Delaware Valley in regards to PYFA's donation to their "A-Day" event. They used the money to purchase new cattle clippers for their livestock club. Board of Director nominations are requested for the PA and United Soybean Boards.

Deb Zug reviewed her membership report. Deb distributed her "2017 PYFA Dues Paid" chart. All chapter dues have been received with exemption of Selinsgrove. Deb stated that she hasn't received from Selinsgrove for two years. Meyersdales' sole life member has passed so there will no longer be a chapter there.

VP Reports-

Eastern VP's

Ken Sanner stated that he had hoped to have an Eastern region get together/ tour. What he was hoping to plan fell through. He is still working on planning something.

Dan Fox stated that Ephrata held a Spring meeting. Their Vermont tour will depart on 8/5.

Western VP

Judy Croner reported that the Berlin Brothers FFA Banquet was held on March 23. On the same day, Judy attended Cedar Crest's banquet. On April 26, Berlin hosted 8 PSU Ag student teachers and their advisors. They toured the Berlin schools Ag department and attended a presentation of a grain bin rescue. May 6 was farm safety day at the Berlin Community Grove. On July 2, Berlin's PYFA Advisor, Doyle Paul passed on. Berlin plans to have a meeting at the end of July to discuss details of the upcoming winter convention.

South Central VP

Lizzie Bailey reported that Shippensburg Young Farmers held their picnic on July 14. There were 70 people in attendance including 10 local Grange members. Lizzie has been to Mercersburg area. She plans to schedule a meeting with interested people in that area. Possibly tying into the James Buchanan School District. There was discussion on seeking guidance from local agronomists to serve as an advisor for Shippensburg or other new chapters. Lizzie is requesting support to get a media release and make a membership application to pass along to recruit new members.

Northern VP

Steve Kline reported that they held a regional banquet on March 31. Out of five chapters, four were represented. Mifflinburg Young Farmers had a booth at the West End Fair. August 5th they will have a corn roast. September will begin their winter schedule, they meet approximately 11 times throughout the year. Mifflinburg will be hosting the 2019 PYFA state convention in Lewisburg. Steve noted that their chapter does not use the school district at all. All meetings are held at restaurants. Steve considers himself a coordinator, not an advisor. He sets up their meetings and writes and circulates newsletters.

Old Business

Both nominees have accepted their positions. Bob Pardoe will represent PYFA on PASCFO's board, and Dennis Wolfe will represent PYFA on the Farm Show board.

The board expressed concerns with the lack of advisor positions. Betsy Huber suggests commissioning Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding and Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera to expand the recent Ag education bill from K-12 to include adult Ag education to free up money to pay advisor stipends.

New Business

There was a suggestion from the board to start an award or scholarship in Doyle Paul's name. Another suggestion is to name an existing award scholarship in his honor. Will present to idea to delegates at winter convention.

Denise Leydig moved to send \$50 to Doyle's church. Judy Croner seconded.

Lizzie Bailey and Steve Kline offered to serve as Parliamentarian when needed.

NYFEA Updates

Denise Sanner and Dan Wilkinson are co chairs of the upcoming NYFEA convention to be held in PA in 2019. They are considering the Marriott hotel in Penns Square, Lancaster. Denise and Dan are working to have a logo design and theme by Savannah's convention in December, 2017. Preliminary idea is a "PA Proud" theme with a PA Dutch design logo. They are requesting volunteers for planning committees and will be conducting quarterly meetings/ conference calls to proceed with planning.

Next PYFA meeting date is Sunday October 22, 12 noon at Hoss's in Carlisle.

Ken Sanner moved to adjourn meeting at 4:20pm. President Jason Rentzel granted adjournment.

Prepared by PYFA Secretary, Becky Nas