

PYFA Board Meeting
December 20, 2017
Seven Springs Resort, Hemlock Room
Champion, PA; Somerset County

Meeting called to order at 9:30am by PYFA President Jason Rentzel.

Those in attendance were:

Jason Rentzel, Judy Croner, Steve Kline, Denise Leydig, Lizzie Bailey, Jennifer Balmer, Becky Nas, Ed and Deb Zug, Betsy Huber, Dan Fox, Linda Krall, Ken Sanner, Denise Sanner, Gary Weimer

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Ed Zug moved a motion to approve the October board meeting minutes as written, Denise Leydig seconded. Motion carried.

Betsy Huber offered her Executive Secretary Report. Betsy shared that all contest applications are up to date on the website. All applications are due by January 1, 2018. NYFEA Institute updates have been posted on the website from the convention in Savannah, GA. Betsy reported that there were about 260 people in attendance in Georgia. Betsy requests all officer reports a.s.a.p. for the PYFA Winter Conference booklet. She will be preparing the program book in the coming week. Scholarship applications are due by February 15, 2018.

Ed Zug gave his Treasurer's Report. Ed distributed a hard copy of his report as well as a projected 2018 budget. Denise Leydig questioned the current amount available being held from A. Dale's auction money. Ed reported that there is \$3475 left out of the initial \$4000 that needs used on special projects, scholarships, etc. Ed sent money in for 2 FFA jackets. PYFA's annual grant money distributed through Dauphin County CTC, in the amount of \$5500, is pending. These monies are usually used to pay insurance, speakers, newsletters, website, etc. Ed is also awaiting fair fund money. NYFEA Delegates from Savannah were, Ken Sanner, Betsy Huber, Steve Kline, and Dan Wilkinson. Ed stated that PYFA reimburses travel and registration costs for two delegates, pending submission of bills. Protocol was reviewed and declared that current board members holding the offices of President, Past President and Regional VP's have seniority for reimbursement. Dan Fox moved a motion to stick with the bylaws to determine reimbursement. Judy Croner seconded. Ed reviewed 2018 projected budget. Denise Leydig moved a motion to approve 2018 proposed budget. Judy Croner seconded.

Deb Zug reported for Membership. Deb will accept 2018 dues any time. There is currently \$1955.58 in the membership account plus a \$25,000 CD. There are currently 831 state members. PYFA dues are due by March.

Jennifer Balmer presented her Public Relations report. Jennifer reviewed contest applications. Everything on website is current. She urges all chapters to get members to apply! Denise Leydig and Judy Croner recommended using the Giant Eagle on Route 31 for the media blitz. Jenny will make the contact. FFA kids should be contacted to compete in spokesperson contest as long as they are 18 years old by the following December or can provide their own chaperone to the NYFEA Institute. The state officer team can make good participants for this contest.

Lizzie Bailey- South Central VP

Lizzie reported that the Newburg Farm City banquet has been held, hosted by Shippensburg Young Farmers. The attendance number doubled from last year with the only change being that they created a Facebook page for the event this year. Lizzie urged the use of social media for events. She also asked if the regional VP's can be added as editors on the state Facebook page so that they can add regional happenings to the state page. Lizzie has been in touch with Tara Ingram and Dr. John Ewing at Penn State. Lizzie plans to meet with Dr. Ewing to maintain the connection that has been made through Doyle Paul.

Judy Croner- Western VP

Somerset has held a conference fundraiser. Judy distributed a schedule from Berlin's planning meeting for 2018. Berlin's new advisor is Samuel Dively.

Dan Fox- Eastern VP

Dan reported that Ephrata had a very good tour to Vermont. They held an ice cream social in August, a Christmas party on 12/19, and a banquet is planned on February 3. Dan also stated that Deb Seibert, advisor for Manheim, is retiring at the end of 17/18 school year.

Steve Kline- Northern VP

Mifflinburg's corn contest/awards banquet is in January. Historically they have very good participation from corn seed dealers at the banquet where they give away bagged units of seed corn. In December, they held their officer elections. Planning meeting is being held on December 27. January 10 they will be meeting to work on 2019 Winter Convention planning. They plan to do a website.

Ken Sanner- Eastern VP

Ken and Denise took three kids to NYFEA Institute in Savannah, GA. Kutztown's weekly meetings are scheduled from January 8 through March. February 14 will be their Valentines Day outing. Ken requests info from chapters in his region so that he can make plans to attend events.

No Old Business

New Business

Gary Weimer noted that Rockwood and Berlin were very successful in receiving donations because of utilizing naming rights and signage.

PYFA Winter Conference booklet was reviewed.

The booklet should contain a page with a photograph and dates entitled "Convention Dedicated to the Memory of Doyle E. Paul".

Auction items are needed and the community service project is monetary donations being given to Somerset County Mobile Food Bank.

There is no online posting for 2018 PAAE summer conference. Dr. Ewing is invited to the winter conference. If present, he will be asked to give a preview of the 2018 PAAE/PYFA Summer Conference.

NYFEA Updates

Dan Wilkinson and Denise Sanner made their presentation to National for PA to host NYFEA Institute independently. National did not accept their proposal. National will be responsible for handling all contract negotiations and registration for the 2019 NYFEA Institute held in Pennsylvania. Please consider and urge members to sign up for planning committees.

Ag Decision makers had two participants. There was positive feedback to only having two as it enabled more in depth discussion between the participants.

Del Val and the University of Tampa became affiliate members of NYFEA.

The next PYFA board meeting will be held at Seven Springs Resort on February 6, 2018 beginning at 8am.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02pm.

Minutes prepared by PYFA Secretary, Becky Nas.