

The December 28th Board Meeting of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers was **called to order** by President Jeff McClellan at 9:05 a.m.

Those Present: Doyle Paul, Tim Rhoads, Carol Corman, Bob Corman, Jeff McClellan, Cliff Day, Ed Zug, Hannah Wentworth, Caleb Wright, Betsy Huber, Deb Zug, Members of the Committee for the 2012 PYFA Winter Conference.

Doyle Paul led opening Prayer

The **minutes** were sent out ahead of time. They were approved (Carol Corman/Tim Rhoads) and unanimously accepted pending a change on Page 2, striking Mr. B and inserting Mr. Brammer.

Ed Zug provided a **Treasurer's Report**. There was a motion to approve the report (Bob Corman/Tim Rhoads) with a unanimous vote to accept. The board approves the budget as proposed by Ed Zug.

Educational Secretary, Betsy Huber took over the floor of the meeting and discussed changes and addressed questions she had concerning the Program Booklet for the upcoming Conference.

The board was provided a tour of the facilities for the upcoming winter conference and highlighted some changes that they are making based off of previous conferences by Bob Pardoe.

Deb Zug provided a **Membership Report**. There is \$24581.88 in money market. One Life membership for John Ishler is to be transferred.

Britney Marsh was not present for a **Public Relations Report**.

The **Ag Ed Advisor Report** was provided by Cliff Day. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will be kicking out \$6,000 to the CTSO groups, but they must show that they spent it (newletters, expenses towards convention). The documentation is very important. There is one CTC Organization that is potentially having a dinner during CTE week. More information is to potentially come. Mr. Day suggested working on some leadership training for chapter officers to help to develop more potential candidates for state roles.

Doyle Paul provided a **Penn State Report**. He passed out some directories. More are available if people are interested. All student teachers will be going with their co-operating schools to Farm Show for the Mid-Winter Convention. For the rest of the week, there are activities planned. Doyle is to speak with them January 9th about PYFA. There are some teachers who will be at programs with Young Farmers Programs. They are projecting roughly 20 student teachers next year. Overall enrolment in the program is up. Activities are still going on, with teachers involved with international classes. There is a lot of outreach from the Ag Ed Program into other educational programs. There are teachers retiring and the outlook for the graduates is strong in finding careers.

Regional VP Reports:

- Eastern Region: Hannah Wentworth is scheduled to attend the Kutztown meeting the end of January. She is looking for suggestions to help guide her involvement.

- North Central: Carol Corman reported that the Regional Meeting is planned. Penns Valley is to host on March 21st. Proceeds from the auction will go towards the Wounded Warriors Project.
- Nate was absent but Tim Rhoads reported that Berlin has their schedule planned for this spring. Anyone is welcome. Carol Leydig has donated a quilt. With the changes in small games of chance, they are unsure if they can sell raffle tickets. Maybe it can be auctioned off. At Nationals, they sent out an appeal for donations for St. Jude Children's Hospital. Berlin BrothersValley is ok if the money goes to St. Jude. The Board entertained motion that proceeds from the quilt go to St. Jude hospital (Carol/Tim). Unanimous vote to approve. It was also reported that the Myersdale chapter is back on board.

Under **Old Business**, the website has been updated. Applications should be online as of today. Betsy was asked to help to update the information on the website (what to pull off and what to put on). Bob Corman is still waiting on a President Elect for nominations. He is also still waiting on Britney Marsh and Bill Zollers, however the hardest one to find is president. There is no update on the Proclamation for the Winter Conference.

New Business had only one item for discussion, Ag Promise. Ed reminded the board that the spokesperson from this conference will attend next year's Ag Promise. Delegates will go to attend workshops.

There was open discussion from the board a Motion to **adjourn** at 11:45 (Bob Corman/Carol Corman) with unanimous approval.