

MINUTES
57th ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG FARMERS
DELEGATE MEETING
February 8, 2017
Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Shippensburg, PA

Meeting called to order at 9:36am by PYFA President Denise Leydig.

Seating of Delegates:

Berlin Brothersvalley- Judy Croner, Greg Croner

Cedar Crest- Linda Krall, Glen Krall

Ephrata- Earl Martin, Dan Fox

Gettysburg- Dan Wilkinson, Carl Keller Jr.

Kutztown- Ken Sanner, Bobby Terscha

Lewisburg- Dennis Wolfe, Irvin Reynolds

Manheim- Forney Longenecker

Mifflinburg- Matt Sanders, Stephen Kline

Northern Lebanon- Jennifer Balmer

Penns Valley- Robert Corman

Rockwood- Ken Weimer, Keith Weimer

Shippensburg- Lizzie Bailey

Solanco- Samuel Glick, Anna Mary Glick

Ed Zug moved a motion to approve the minutes of the last delegate meeting as written. Bob Corman 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report given by Ed Zug. Motion to approve treasurer's report moved by Carl Keller Jr., 2nd by Glen Krall. Report filed for audit.

Jason Rentzel reviewed available positions for the 2017-2018 PYFA Board. The current board is looking to fill the vacancy of President Elect and Eastern Region VP. Linda Krall nominated Ken Sanner for the Eastern Region VP position. Bobby Terscha seconded. Ken Sanner accepted the nomination. Motion carried. Bob Corman moved a motion to allow the PYFA board to select a President Elect. Dan Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried.

Resolutions reviewed. Bob Corman moved a motion to approve resolutions as written, Carl Keller Jr. 2nd. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkinson reviewed the auditing of the treasurer's report and life member account. All was found to be in order. A motion was moved by Linda Krall to approve the auditing report. 2nd by Bob Corman. Motion carried.

Budget printed on page 36 was reviewed by Ed Zug. Ed was reminded to apply for fair funds. Application due by November 15. Forney Longenecker called for question on why the 2017 proposed budget is \$5000 less than 2016 budget. Ed explained that due in part to the Executive Secretary not drawing a salary, our expenses have decreased and the proposed budget should reflect that change. Glen Krall moved to accept the budget as presented. 2nd by Ken Sanner. Motion carried.

Convention sited reviewed. 2018- Seven Springs, 2019- Mifflinburg, 2020- Cedar Crest.

Membership Report given by Debbie Zug, referred to Conference booklet pages 35 and 37. It was explained that when a life member pays their dues, it sits in an investment account. When a life member passes away, their membership money gets transferred into the general fund.

FFA Report- not present

FFA Foundation Report- not present

Education Report given by Chris Weller. Chris announced his upcoming retirement as the state education advisor. As of this time, there is no one replacing his position. Chris's suggestion is to work with the Ag teachers within our school districts to consolidate and support numbers. There are three counties that have added Ag programs, Wayne County, Erie County and Washington County.

Constitution and By-Laws reviewed by Dan Wilkinson. The board recommends to the Delegates, an amendment to By-Law VII Section B. This change is to improve the occurrence of having a quorum at the delegate meetings. The proposed wording reads, "A quorum for the state conferences shall be the delegates from not less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the local active young farmer chapters affiliated with the state organization. An active chapter is one that has dues paying members from the preceding year. An in-active chapter is one that has only life members. These members are encouraged to attend and vote at state meetings."

Dan Wilkinson moves to accept this change. Steve Kline second.

Bob Corman offered an amendment to the wording to add "eligible and" before encouraged. Forney Longenecker 2nd Bob's amendment. Motion carried for the amendment. President Denise Leydig called for any further discussion on the motion on the floor. Hearing none the amended motion carried.

By-Law VII Section B now states:

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An in-active chapter is one that has only life members. These members are eligible and encouraged to attend and vote at state meetings.

PA Council of Farm Organizations highlighted by Betsy Huber. Betsy stated that Bill Zollers has been the most recent representative for PYFA on this board. Given that Bill will be moving out of state, Betsy feels that someone needs to fill Bills position in representing PYFA on PACFO. This person does not need to be on the PYFA Board. They meet 4 times annually in Harrisburg.

National Delegates Session report given by Dan Wilkinson. Dan highlighted December's NYFEA Institute held in Tampa, FL. Stan Diehl was elected as the new national president. Jeremy Holsclaw was elected national secretary. 2017 institute will be held in Savannah, GA, 2018 will be in Rogers, AR, and 2019 will be in Pennsylvania. Dan Wilkinson and Denise Sanner will be co-chairs to plan the convention. Dan called for any interested people to please volunteer on whatever committee they are interested. Dan gave information on a new leadership program that NYFEA is starting. This program is through the University of West Alabama. Details and the application can be found on NYFEA's website.

Management report given by Dan Wilkinson. Dan reiterated that all chapters should be giving Betsy Huber their current events and pictures so that she can get them uploaded onto PYFA website. PYFA is contacting a new webmaster so that information is staying more current.

Technology report given by Betsy Huber. Betsy reminded all to add her to the chapter emails so that she can get the newsletters to put on the website.

Past Officer's Report given by Carl Keller Jr. Carl reported that the past officers group met earlier in the day with the advisors group. They discussed the need for getting farm oriented people on the local school boards. This will help keep the support systems in place. Chapter advisors need to get info to Betsy for the website. Carl also called attention to the need for all chapters getting people to step up to fill board member positions. The more activity and representation across the state, the better. Carl stated that we need to make sure that all the advisors are receiving the emails. He also asked the group if anyone knows if PYFA is still being represented on the Farm Show Committee? Bob Corman mentioned that no one has been signing in for PYFA. Lizzie Bailey offered to sign in for PYFA, being that she currently attends the meetings for Grange. Carl suggested that an email be sent during the summertime to remind everyone of contest applications.

Advisors Report given by Doyle Paul. Doyle stated that because of the 2017 PAAE Summer conference being held in Philadelphia, PYFA Board members have chosen to split from attending this year. PYFA will be planning their own summer meeting for 2017. Doyle stressed that this should be a temporary occurrence as it is very important to keep the relationship growing between young farmers and the teachers. Future PAAE conference sites are to be determined. Communication needs continued improvement. Community involvement is extremely important on Ag Advisory Committees, school boards and the like. Doyle stated the

the wording “Young Farmer” is a little deceiving. As members, we need to clarify that it is “any individual willing to learn. It is adult education in agriculture”. Doyle stresses the importance of working with our local FFA programs or hosting field trips and career development events. Adult Ag education remains high on the priority list at Penn State. With cooperative extension services being stretched, our programs through our Ag advisory committees should be tailor made to our local communities. Doyle encouraged all to get their spouses involved.

Public Relations report given by Jennifer Balmer. Jen stated that she received applications for every award category and has one spokesperson contestant. Jen mentioned that we might see changes to the award applications. She plans to make them a little easier to fill out and complete online.

Old business- none

New business-none

Hearing no further business, President Denise Leydig called for adjournment. No opposition. Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Minutes prepared by Becky Nas, PYFA Secretary