

PYFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday March 21, 2017
Hoss's Restaurant, Carlisle, PA

Meeting called to order at 9:11 am by PYFA President Jason Retzel.

Those in attendance were: Jason Rentzel, Judy Croner, Ken Sanner, Denise Sanner, Dan Fox, Steve Kline, Ed Zug, Deb Zug, Becky Nas.

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Dan Fox moved a motion to accept February's board meeting minutes as written. Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried.

Becky Nas read the Executive Secretary report prepared by Betsy Huber. Betsy was in Washington D.C on this date for National Agriculture Day. Betsy reported that the new website master is now John McDonald. Press releases were given to all farm press regarding PYFA award winners from winter convention. One scholarship application was received from Tony Rice. Betsy suggests asking Bob Pardoe to represent PYFA on PASCFO's board and Dennis Wolfe to serve on Farm Show Committee. Steve Kline offered to ask both nominees to serve. Ed Zug moved a motion to ask Bob and Steve. Steve Kline seconded Ed's motion. Motion carried. Betsy requests all articles from officers for the Spring newsletter by April 15.

Ed Zug reported that he received a thank you card from Tony Rice for PYFA sending him to Ag's Promise. Tony was very grateful to be able to attend that event. Ed moved a motion to accept Tony Rice's scholarship application, Judy Corner seconded. Motion carried.

Ed Zug distributed the treasurer's report. It was reviewed by the board. Treasurer's report filed for audit.

Deb Zug gave her membership report. Deb stated that she has received 2017 dues from the following chapters: Lewisburg, Mifflinburg, Rockwood, and two individuals from Red Lion. All 2017 chapter dues are due. The board discussed the four regions and listed exactly which chapters are in each region.

Vice President Reports:

Northern- Steve Kline

Steve reported that their northern region banquet is coming up. Their auction will benefit the Wounded Warrior Fund. They have Dave Schwartz, Perry County Extension Agent speaking.

Western- Judy Croner

Judy reported that they have been doing fundraising in preparation for our 2018 Winter Convention. West Virginia University had conducted research trials at PYFA members, Van Gilders Farms.

Eastern- Ken Sanner and Dan Fox

Ken reported that Kutztown has had Monday night meetings since January on various topics. Kutztown held their annual Valentine's dinner in February and their Spring banquet is coming up on March 31. Dan reported that Ephrata held a banquet in early February and hosted Jack Hubley as a guest speaker, and Ephrata's Spring Banquet was being held this evening.

Old Business

There is interest from the board to invest the funds held in the PYFA Life Membership bank account into interest bearing accounts. Deb Zug has not had time to date to contact her financial advisor and research options. Deb will research options to report at Julys meeting.

The board updated the Program of Work.

NYFEA- Denise Sanner reported on her and Dans progress in planning the 2019 National Convention. She and Dan are meeting in Lancaster on April 9 to discuss preliminary details. She will prepare a newsletter release to get to Betsy before April 15. There was interest from the board in holding it at the Lancaster Convention Center. Denise has had interest from Mike Brammer to include FFA in the convention. She would also like to include PA State Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding into the agenda. Denise also calls for help in compiling a current member list from each chapter and/or region. Denise states that we need to start working on securing sponsorships. Start brainstorming for Pennsylvania companies or manufacturers to really put together all of what PA has to offer.

Our Summer Conference will be held on July 16 at Jason Rentzel's farm, 241 Rentzel Road Gettysburg, PA 17325. It will be a picnic, eating at 1pm. Please bring side dishes to share.

The board called to adjourn. President Jason Rentzel granted adjournment at 10:58 am.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Becky Nas
PYFA Secretary