

PYFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2018
Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Carlisle, PA

Meeting called to order by PYFA President Jason Rentzel at 11:20am.

Those in attendance were Ed Zug, Deb Zug, Betsy Huber, DeElma Kline, Steve Kline, Dan Fox, Ken Sanner, Lizzie Bailey, Becky Nas, Dan Wilkinson.

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Ed Zug moved a motion to approve the July 15, 2018 PYFA minutes as written, Dan Fox seconded, motion carried.

Betsy Huber offered her Executive Secretary report. Betsy participated in the recent NYFEA conference call. There is no new news to report. Contest applications for our state conferences can now be submitted online. Payoungfarmers.com has been updated. Betsy has set up a meeting with PA Secretary of Agriculture, Russell Redding, and PA Secretary of Education, Pedro Rivera. This meeting is on December 17, 2018 beginning at 11am at PDE, 333 Market Street Harrisburg. Betsy is unsure if she can attend the meeting. Those who should attend are, Ken Sanner, Lizzie Bailey and Jason Rentzel. This meeting should address the need for PYFA to gain representation on the PDE Board as well as staying integrated in the Dept of Career and Tech Ed programs. The question was raised into the new commission of high school Ag education. Does this new commission better align itself with PYFA? Could this include adult education? There was a need expressed for support in grant application processes and learning what expenses are applicable for reimbursement. Lizzie Bailey offered to take over the grant money applications. Betsy shared a thank you card received from Tony Rice, award winner.

Ed Zug distributed and shared his treasury report. Ed distributed an up to date account summary. Ed received a thank you card from the FFA Foundation for PYFA's golf sponsorship. Life membership CD interest is now deposited in the General Fund account. Dan Fox moved a motion to approve the treasury report subject to audit, Ken Sanner seconded. Report filed for audit.

Deb Zug distributed the membership report. Deb has sent in life membership dues.

Regional VP Reports-

Lizzie Bailey, SC VP, shared that they held Corn Fest at Shippensburg. There was a good volunteer base for fundraising. Newburg will hold their Farm/City banquet in November.

Dan Fox, Eastern VP, shared that Ephrata held their 100th Annual Fair while Ephrata Young Farmers will celebrate their 50th Anniversary at a banquet in February. Dan Fox expressed his intent to resign as an Eastern Region VP.

Ken Sanner, Eastern VP, called for suggestions for planning a spring meeting/tour.

Steve Kline, Northern VP shared that they set up their display at the Union County West End Fair. Mifflinburg YF rents this booth space. From this interaction, a Spring Mills couple joined under Bob Corman. Mifflinburg also had their display at the Vintage Iron Festival. Steve distributed and reviewed registration forms and programming for the PYFA Convention in February. There was one clarification made to the itinerary wording. This is that the Wednesday night auction proceeds go to the PYFA state treasury. The community service project for the PYFA Convention in Lewisburg will benefit the three Union County Food Banks.

Judy Croner, Western VP, sent in her report and was shared by Becky Nas. Judy reported that they held the Somerset County Young Farmer picnic in August. There was good attendance. Berlin and Rockwood chapters had display booths at the Somerset County Fair. The State booth received a 4th place ribbon and the premium was sent to Ed Zug for deposit in the state account. The Berlin Community Fair was held in September. They received a visit from Secretary Redding. The State display booth received a 2nd place ribbon and the premium was donated to the Doyle Paul Scholarship Fund. The fund has been given to the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, for management. This is a non-profit public foundation primarily serving Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties. Judy expressed her desire to retire from PYFA board at the end of the year. Ed asked if Judy would be willing to stay on through the February convention. Follow up will be made to see if this is a possibility.

Public Relations report shared by Betsy Huber. Betsy stated that The Ag Progress Days booth had better manned coverage this year. A Keystone Show representative was there and approached PYFA about renting booth space at the Keystone Show. Ed Zug commented that PYFA used to have a booth at the Keystone Show however it has since become cost prohibitive.

Ed Zug received a request to sponsor 2 FFA jackets. Dan Fox moved a motion to sponsor 2 FFA jackets, Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried, Ed will send the donation money.

Dan Wilkinson shared updates from NYFEA. The Institute is set for December 12-15 in Rogers, Arkansas. The National Board is hosting the Institute at the Embassy Suites. Denise Sanner was on the last conference call. Everything is planned and ready to go. NYFEA President Stan Deal is appointing people to committees to revitalize contests. Stan's efforts are to align national contests with state contests to encourage state winners to advance and compete at the national level. Dan shared that Pennsylvania hopes to have good representation in Arkansas to help promote our hosting the NYFEA Institute in 2019.

PYFA will hold their next state board meeting in December pending availability at the Country Cupboard. Steve Kline will check on meeting room space for December 27th or 28th beginning at 10am.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 12:18pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepare by Becky Nas, PYFA Recording Secretary.