

PYFA Board meeting minutes  
10/08/19  
Conference call

Those on the call were Lizzie Bailey, Ed Zug, Debbie Zug, Betsy Huber, Steve Kline, Dan Wilkinson, and Becky Nas.

Meeting called to order at 8pm by PYFA a President Lizzie Bailey.

Ed moved to approve the July board meeting minutes as presented, hearing no corrections, minutes approved.

Ed Zug shared his Treasurer's report. Ed stated that he submitted the newest tax exemption application. Current tax exempt status was set to expire at the end of September. Current status good for 90 days passed expiration date. Should have new approval status by the end of grace period. The 2018 tax return forms have been signed and mailed by Lizzie Bailey. Ed noted that it is time to renew the Charitable Organization status of PYFA. This status gets renewed every five years and is submitted to the PA State Department of Revenue. The accountant for PYFA is helping to prepare the renewal. There may be an expense incurred for this service. Current PYFA account numbers are- \$1617.36 in checking and \$38,463.41 in the money market account.

Debbie Zug has sent the last of the dues to National. Lizzie would like to get a meeting on the schedule to discuss membership. It would be beneficial to get the Western region Advisor Sam Dively on the PYFA Board.

#### VP Reports-

Northern Region VP Steve Kline reported. Steve stated that their display was up at the Union County West End Fair at the beginning of September. Two weeks later it was displayed at the Vintage Iron Festival. There have been a few new folks interested in the organization but have not yet committed to becoming members.

Lizzie reported for the South Central region. Shippensburg held their annual Corn Festival and are in the midst of planning their Farm City Banquet which will be held on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Western Region VP Judy Croner submitted a resignation letter from her position.

Betsy Huber presented her Executive Secretary report. Betsy attended the PSCOF0 meeting in Harrisburg. Betsy stated that she needs all updated reports and pictures for the Fall PYFA newsletter. She would like updated info for the 2019 NYFEA Institute being held in Lancaster to be included in our state newsletter.

Becky Nas will contact Jennifer Balmer about getting the upcoming PYFA State Convention details to Betsy for the newsletter and to get the boards next meeting date booked at the hotel in Lebanon.

Lizzie has been in contact with Mike Brammer. He and the state FFA officers would like to have more involvement in the state PYFA convention. They would be willing to host a workshop or something similar. A PYFA member from Cedar Crest should be in contact with Mike to follow up and find out what they would like to do.

Becky Nas reported that thank you's were sent to contributors to the Mr. Pichel fund.

Dan Wilkinson reported from NYFEA. There is no date currently scheduled for the Institute meeting. There were more details to be worked out with the hotel and Gordon before meeting again. The next meeting should be a conference call and the following meeting will be an onsite meeting at the Lancaster Marriott. Dan will notify of the date and time of conference call. Dan reported that there have been hotel rooms added at the discounted rate for Wednesday night. Steve has booked a room for the Saturday night auctioneer. Attendees should get themselves registered. Tours are solidified and posted. Attendees should get their tour selections made. Ag Communications contest needs applicants. They are really pushing Ag's Promise. Sponsorships for NYFEA Institute are still needed.

Lizzie stresses the importance of working on new interest. She is still working on getting a conference call with Dr. Ewing at Penn State. He expressed support and interest in our program and would like to connect interested students. She is also pursuing Wal-Mart grants.

Ed reported that the Fair Fund application is due on 11/15. He will prepare and submit by late October.

Betsy asked about any updates with PDE? Has a staff person been hired that would be our contact person? Dr. Ewing was to reach out to Chris Weller- Lizzie doesn't know if that has happened. Steve will be in contact with Chris Weller to find out how we can find out what are eligible expenses to access the PDE grant money.

Ed moved a motion to adjourn at 8:47pm. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by PYFA Secretary Becky Nas.