

59th Annual Pennsylvania Young Farmer Delegate Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2019  
Best Western Plus, Lewisburg, PA

Meeting called to order by PYFA President Jason Rentzel at 9:46am.

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Seating of Delegates:

Berlin Brothersvalley- Tim Rhoads, Denise Leydig

Cedar Crest- Linda Krall, Glen Krall

Gettysburg- Larry Wilkinson, Dan Wilkinson

Kutztown- Bobby Tercha, Grace Hoppes

Lewisburg- Bob Pardoe, Lester D. Beck

Mifflinburg- Jim Sanders, D. Arthur Dietrich

Penns Valley- Jeff McClellan, Ed Wasson

Shippensburg- Jeff Rohrer

Solanco- Samuel Glick, Anna Mary Glick

Linda Krall moved a motion to approve the 2018 Delegate meeting minutes as written, Denise Leydig seconded. Motion carried.

The appointed parliamentarian is Steve Kline.

Ed Zug reviewed his treasurer's report. Question was asked as to why the 2018 promotion and grants column was so different than the actual? Ed explained that the Dauphin grant had previously been \$5500, the amount received in 2018 was \$2900. It is proposed to be back up at \$5500 for 2019. Denise Leydig moved a motion to move the budget to audit, Glen seconded. Motion carried.

Lizzie Bailey called for nominations to the 2019 PYFA Board. Judy Croner nominated Ken Sanner for President Elect, nomination accepted. Linda Krall nominated Bobby Tercha for Eastern VP, nominee declined to accept. Denise Leydig moved to close nominations, seconded by Judy Croner, motion carried. Linda Krall moved a motion for the board to appoint persons to fill vacancies, Dan Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Tim Rhoads moved a motion to adopt the resolutions as corrected, Denise Leydig seconded. Resolution 1., the date needs changed from "2018 to 2019", motion carried.

Denise Leydig reported that the auditing came out correctly.

Jeff McClellan moved a motion to accept the Treasurer's Budget as printed, Jeff Rohrer seconded. Motion carried.

Convention sites were reviewed by PYFA President Elect Lizzie Bailey. Cedar Crest will host for 2020. President Lizzie Bailey asked for volunteers to host in 2021. Seeing none, PYFA Board might look into hosting the winter conference in York County for 2021. Lizzie asks for considerations to host in years 2022 and beyond.

Deb Zug reviewed her membership report. Deb stated that the membership CD stands at \$25,000 and dues packets were sent for 2019.

FFA was represented by Advisor Mike Brammer, PA State Chaplain Millena Bashore and PA State Sentinel Roarke Miller. Millena reported that the Winter Conference was just held at the Farm Show. They issued 409 Keystone Degrees, 365 Jackets, and had 4 new chapters, including Lewisburg and Milton, to make 148 chapters across the state. June 11-13 will be the Penn State University Conference, all are invited.

Constitution and ByLaws- Betsy Huber and Dan Wilkinson presented a change for the delegates consideration. The proposal pertains to Article III, Section F and reads, "Any individual interested in or actively engaged in farming or other related agricultural occupation or education should be entitled to become a state associate member but shall not be entitled to vote at an annual fee of \$15." Bob Pardoe asked the reasoning for the proposal, Ken Sanner explained that this might be a good option for those that have folding local chapter and that the state receiving a membership check but the interested party had no local chapter. Deb Zug explained that this has happened in the past and there needs to be an option for people that want to join at the state level but might not have a local chapter to join. Jim Sanders suggested an "at large" chapter. This option might become a logistical challenge. Bobby Tercha offered that the PFB has an associate membership for the same dues price without voting rights. Denise Sanner offered comment that if you are a voting member, you should have local people that you are taking information back to share with and that at the National level, they have an affiliate membership without voting rights. Dan Wilkinson moved a motion to accept the bylaw change as written, Linda Krall seconded. Motion carried.

Dan Wilkinson presented a name change for delegate consideration. Three suggestions are: "Pennsylvania Farmer and Agribusiness Association", "Pennsylvania Agriculture Education Association", "Pennsylvania Adult Farmer Education Association". Dan moved a motion to accept "Pennsylvania Agriculture Education Association", Linda Krall seconded. Discussion was had. There is concern of too much change. A statement was made that there is a fine line between tradition and keeping up with the times. Delegates asked for FFA input. FFA State Sentinel Roarke Miller commented that the PFB Young Farmers and Ranchers are discussing a similar topic. They are considering renaming themselves to the "Young Ag Professionals Program". Roarke suggests forming a committee to discuss and revisiting the issue at the 2020 Winter Convention. Ken Sanner moved a motion to table until the delegate session in 2020, the initial name change motion, Dan Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried. Tim Rhoads moved a motion to form a committee to discuss issue, Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried.

Bob Pardoe reported for PACFO. Bob stated that he had only been able to attend one meeting. He is requesting a replacement so that PYFA can be better represented. Bob reported that the Cornucopia event always coincides with our winter convention and recommends that Executive Secretary Betsy Huber be excused from the PYFA convention to be able to attend the Cornucopia event.

Ken Sanner reported on the National Delegate Sessions. Ken stated that the 2018 NYFEA Institute took place in Rogers, AR. It was hosted by National and very well done. Kenny Boyd was elected President. Ken reported that Pennsylvania will host the 2019 NYFEA Institute and 2020 will be in Indiana.

Management report given by Denise Leydig. Denise reported that the newsletter has improved over last year and there has been much more content submitted to print. Denise also stated that the PYFA website has been much more up to date.

Technology report given by Betsy Huber. Betsy stated that the new web manager, John MacDonald, has waived all fees for his managing of our website. Betsy requests information from all chapters to post on the state Facebook page. Betsy also requests that all chapters put her on their mailing list so that she receives information.

Dan Wilkinson reported from the Past Officers meeting. Dan shared that they have met with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and Pennsylvania Department of Education to resolidify the engagement with PYFA. Steve offered a suggestion for individual members to take a specific topic and plan a meeting for the local chapters. This seems to keep interest and add diversity so that the responsibility does not always fall on the advisor. Dan reported that NYFEA is surveying states to gain knowledge of contests at the state level and align contests at the National level. The PYFA booth at Ag Progress Days in August should be well manned with more volunteers representing to promote the 2019 NYFEA Institute here in Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Balmer reported on Public Relations. Jennie reported that she had one Spokesperson contestant, Justin Kurtz, one application for Farmer over 30, and one application for Agribusiness of the year.

No old business

New business

Ken Sanner announced that he will have an Eastern Region meeting on March 13 beginning at 5pm. All are invited to attend. Please RSVP.

A motion to adjourn was moved at 11am by Jeff McClellan, seconded by Denise Leydig. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by PYFA Secretary, Becky Nas