

PYFA Board Meeting

December 29, 2015
Historic Abraham Lincoln Hotel
Reading, PA

Meeting called to order at 8:55 a.m. by president Dan Wilkinson.

Those in attendance were,

Bill Zollers	Denise Leydig	Doyle Paul
Dan Wilkinson	Linda Krall	Deb Kammerer
Betsy Huber	Debbie Zug	Jason Rentzel
Nathan Jamison	Ed Zug	Becky Nas

Blessing offered by Doyle Paul.

There was one correction made to the October meeting minutes. Motion made by Ed Zug to approve the corrected minutes from the October meeting. Second by Debbie Zug.

Executive Secretary Report given by Betsy Huber. Betsy attended the Penn State Ag Council meeting in October. She stated that she has visited with the Ag teachers of Octorara twice to see about getting a chapter organized. Hasn't heard back from them since mid- November. Jeff Stoltzfus is very supportive of getting a chapter started there. He could possibly serve as the advisor, or maybe Charlie Graydus, Ag teacher. Doyle offered to send an email to Charles and see if something will come about from that.

Glen Krall added that Octorara had a charter that became inactive. Follow up needs to be done to see if they can still utilize that one, or establish a new one. Doyle will follow up with Chris Weller to determine the charter status.

Betsy suggested that the responsibility of representing PYFA at the PA Council of Farm Organizations be taken up by someone else. Meetings are held quarterly in Harrisburg.

Treasury report given by Ed Zug. He reported that all National dues have been paid. He noted that there was one discrepancy in that Mike Lowery reported that 10 members paid the full \$15 National dues, however Ed only physically received for 8 members. Ed caught up to the two, Doyle Paul and Dick Moore, who have paid in the past, but did not for 2015. So those names need taken off of the roles. Ed reported that 815 affiliate members that have been paid for. Fair fund has been sent and paid. Ed and Betsy both received W-9 forms from Dauphin County CTC, who issues us grant money. Betsy filled it out and sent it back. 2016 budget should remain very similar to 2015. Motion made by Bill Zollers to accept the treasury report and file it for audit. Denise Leydig seconded.

Public Relations report given by Debbie Zug. She confirmed that there is a local Weis in Reading to hold the media blitz for the winter conference. Linda will make contact with store to line things up. Debbie notified Bill that Kutztown needs to line up 2-3 judges for the

spokesperson contest. She urged us all to get people to apply. Theme is, "What Does Agriculture Mean to You?" Application deadline in January 10th.

Penn State Report given by Doyle Paul. He circulated a report prepared by Dr. Ewing outlining Penn State Ag Ed Program enrollment and faculty updates.

V.P. Report

SouthCentral- Jason Rentzel

Deb Kammerer noted that at their recent officer meeting in Gettysburg, they went through their membership roster and are going to try to sort through it to reignite participation and drop those that aren't active and paying dues. They need to stir new membership interest so that they have people to draw from for local officers.

Western- Jessica VanGilder

Doyle presented Berlin Brothersvalley pamphlet that outlines their 2016 schedule of events. They have four counties participating in their events.

Eastern- Bill Zollers

Bill stressed to relay convention information to our chapters. Kutztown has been working hard to get all of the details nailed down for the Winter Convention being held in Reading on February 2-4, 2016. It's sure to be an educational and enjoyable time.

Details were discussed for the winter convention booklet.

Old Business

The decision on purchasing promotional merchandise to hand out at Ag Progress Days was referred to the Public Relations Committee to research items, quantity and cost for future discussion. Discussion was held about budget amounts for bills. Doyle suggested checking to see if there are any leftover check stuffers that had been made in the past. PR committee will research and report back.

A suggestion was made to add "Chapter pins" on the map at the locations where there are active chapters across the state. The push pin display is a successful "attention getter".

The Program of Work will need revised. Membership Chair, Mike Lowery, has expressed interest in stepping out of his position. Deb Zug will update the membership on page #37 in the booklet.

There was a suggestion made for PYFA meetings. Hold a parliamentary procedures officer training biannually. In addition to the state officers, this could be extended to local chapter officers as well. Doyle offered to facilitate this training in the future. Could be done at one location in the state, or regionally.

New Business

Shippensburg is slated to host the PYFA winter convention in 2017. Jeff Rohrer committed to plan it and when he presented the task to his local chapter, he received no support. Suggestion was made to contact Dennis Diehl to help salvage any hope that they can pull something together. Dan will follow up with Jeff to see if they have held a recent meeting and if they have made any progress.

A company called V-Cube had emailed Dan and Becky. They are an on-site web broadcasting company. They were interested in being hired by PYFA to record the winter conference. The general consensus from the board was that their cost was quite high, and we need to decide if there is an audience if we decide to pursue recording/streaming in the future. And to verify who has the rights to the videos that are made. Bill Zollers made a motion to decline V-Cubes offer. Jason Rentzel seconded.

Denise Leydig made a motion to make Debbie Zug membership chair. Linda Krall seconded. Secretary Becky Nas moved to close the nominations, Jason Rentzel seconded. President Dan Wilkinson called upon Becky to cast a unanimous ballot to make Debbie Zug membership chair. Bill Zollers seconded.

Treasurer Ed Zug expressed concern about adding a second name to the PYFA bank account. Denise Leydig moved to replace A. Dale Herr's name with Glen Krall as assistant treasurer/ co-signer on the PYFA account. Jason Rentzel second. Nathan Jamison made a motion to also add Glen Krall onto the life membership bank account. Seconded by Jason Rentzel.

Next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday February 2, 2016 at the Historic Abraham Lincoln Hotel.

NYFEA Delegates Report given by Dan Wilkinson. The 2016 slate of officers is: President Elect Pam Berning, Secretary Stan Deal, Past President Denise Sanner, President Jeff Bergman. The 50th anniversary NYFEA Institute will be held December 6-11, 2016 in Tampa, FL.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Zollers at 12:05pm. Motion seconded by Denise Leydig.