

PA Young Farmers Association  
Board Meeting  
February 3, 2015

The Board of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association met Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Doubletree Hotel, Lancaster, PA. The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Jamison at 8:11 am. Doyle Paul offered the opening prayer. Those in attendance were:

Robert Corman	Jason Rentzel	A. Dale Herr
Jason Wolfe	Linda Krall	Bill Zollers
Ed Zug	Nathan Jamison	Nathan Kreider
Denise Leydig	Doyle Paul	Edith Rhoads
Debbie Zug	Chris Weller	
Betsy Huber	Dan Wilkinson	

Minutes of the December 30, 2014, meeting were approved by motion.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ed Zug reported he received the fair fund money which was lower than last year because we did not send a Spokesperson to NYFEA or give as many awards last year. Bob Corman moved, Nathan Kreider sec. to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Membership Report** – Edith Rhoads reported sending the packets with no contact to return dues payments to since she will not be Membership chair in 2015. Bob Corman as audit chairman asked her to remain in office until 2015 dues are received. Edith declined but said she will help the new chairman.

**Public Relations** – Debbie Zug reported she received contest applications for 1 community service, 2 Under 30, 1 Over 30, 1 Chapter, 2 Agri-business. Linda Krall reported she has two contestants for the Spokesperson Contest and Media Blitz today. Judges are Dr. Arba Henry, former Solanco FFA teacher now at University of Delaware; and Doug Hershberger, a past national Spokesperson winner.

**PDE** – Chris Weller reported the Handbooks and Officers Manuals were mailed out last week, one to each Chapter Advisor and President. He encouraged Presidents to attend the Advisors meeting Wednesday morning to learn about Mifflinburg's safety program. He urged the incoming president to hold officers training at the first meeting and offered his and Cliff Day's assistance.

**Penn State** – Doyle Paul reported 19 student teachers currently out with 13 or 14 next year. He is working with new and beginning teachers to get certification in agriculture. There is interest in starting a YF chapter in Potter County with advisor Wayne Irish using Coudersport School District. Since Cooperative Extension personnel are no longer doing local workshops, there is an opportunity for YF chapters to fill that need. The PYFA/PAAE summer conference will be July 14-15 in Tyrone; no further information available yet.

**Executive Secretary-** Betsy Huber reported attending the State Council of Farm Organizations meeting Jan. 23; next meeting is Cornucopia event March 3. She attended the FFA winter convention, set up the display at the Farm Show, participated on the conference hosting committee, sent invitations, and produced the conference booklet.

**Vice Presidents Reports-**

**Eastern** – Bill Zollers reported Kutztown is preparing for next year's winter conference to be held February 2-4, 2016 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Reading. Room cost is \$75 plus tax,

includes breakfast. Free garage parking is available and several interesting tours are planned.

Nathan Kreider reported Solanco has been busy preparing for this conference and expects a great time.

**Northern** – Jason Wolfe said Mifflinburg will receive a Monsanto grant again this year. It is an easy grant to apply for by Monsanto's farmer customers.

**South Central** – Jason Rentzel reported everything “cold and white.”

**Western** – Denise Leydig said classes are in full swing with good attendance. They recently toured a local microbrewery which was very interesting. Doyle's daughter revised the Berlin Brothersvalley School District website and added a link to the BBV Young Farmers chapter with their calendar of events and photos. This could be a model for other districts—[www.BBSD.com](http://www.BBSD.com).

#### **Old business –**

Dick Moore had asked about the reimbursement for the Tom Herr family. It was sent.

2015 Winter conference – one tour was cancelled yesterday but a mushroom tour has been substituted. Registration for Wednesday's banquet is 110. Breakfast discount coupons are available for \$6. The new Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding will attend Tuesday night's banquet.

**Nominating Committee** – Dan Wilkinson reported a nomination for secretary of Becky Nas. He has no President-Elect yet. PR – Linda Krall expressed desire to step down.

#### **New business—**

Nathan received a letter from LGBT Youth asking for sponsorship for their February conference. No action was taken.

Doyle said he had been asked by legislators if February is PYFA month. Consensus was yes. Betsy said she will set up the display at Cornucopia March 3. She asked if there was interest in having a display at the York Revolution baseball Agriculture Night July 11. This will be decided at the next board meeting.

Denise Leydig moved, Jason Rentzel seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 am. Carried.

The Board was reconvened at 8:10 pm Wednesday, February 4, 2015 with Nathan Jamison, Dan Wilkinson, Jason Rentzel, Jason Wolfe, Denise Leydig, Nathan Kreider, Linda Krall, Betsy Huber, and Mike Lowery present.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to appoint Mike Lowery of Solanco YF as Membership Chair.

Jason Wolfe moved, Jason Rentzel seconded to contribute \$100 to the Brian Zug Memorial Scholarship fund at Solanco High School on behalf of the PYFA Board, adding the money to the winning bid on a quilt made in his memory by Donna Paul. Motion carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Huber, Secretary