

PYFA Board Meeting
Winter Conference
February 2, 2016
Historic Abraham Lincoln Hotel
Reading, PA

Meeting called to order by President Dan Wilkinson, 8:15 am.

Those in attendance were:

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

Ed Zug made a motion to approve December's meeting minutes, Nathan Jamison seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Ed Zug

Linda Krall moved to approve 2016's budget as written, Nathan Jamison seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Chair- Deb Zug

Deb stated that she received all of the membership info from Mike Lowery. Scott Myers (CTC) send in his dues, so he is up to date. Deb has 2016 membership packets ready to distribute to all chapters.

Public Relations- Linda Krall

We have four great contestants to participate in the Spokesperson Contest. Kennedy Cavalier and Ayla Blatt from Kutztown, Lisa Boltz from Northern Lebanon and Tony Rice from Mid-West.

Penn State Report- Doyle Paul

Doyle stated that they are now at full staff at Penn State. Due to the budget impasse, he will be checking on available funding for our program from PDE. We advised that we all encourage our high school students to consider applying to Penn State to become Ag Teachers. There are 100 available positions posted to date across the country, and not nearly enough students with their degrees to fill them. Doyle sees this demand continuing in the future. He also stated that as funding and programs get cut, the support from Penn State to agriculture programs and Young Farmers remains strong.

Regional VP Reports

Eastern- Bill Zollers stated that he will be attending Ephrata's meeting on Saturday.

Western- Doyle Paul offered an update for Jessica VanGilder. He stated that they have held all of their scheduled meetings to date.

South Central- Deb Kammerer offered an update for Jason Rentzel. She informed us that Bill Tindall, Ag teacher at Gettysburg High School), is planning a trip to NC in late March for his FFA members and Young Farmers. This will be to visit the research triangle and BASF. They are checking on the logistics of the trip. There may be an issue with adult clearances for taking a trip with students.

Old Business

Becky Nas received a quote back from Graphcom about video recording PYFA workshops and posting them to our website for later viewing. The quote was over \$2000 for a four hour meeting session, so it is something that we are not entertaining at the time.

Jeff Rohrer of Shippensburg says they are on track to host the 2017 winter convention. They are using the new Courtyard Marriott at Shippensburg University. Ed Zug committed to take care of registration and run the money through the state account for their convention.

Doyle Paul had been in contact with Chris Weller about an establishing an Octorara chapter. Chris confirmed that they by paying state dues, they can reactivate their existing charter. In follow up with Charles Gradus, Ag teacher, Charles stated that there is not enough interest at this time but he appreciated being informed of that information. Doyle is still working on Wayne Irish, Coudersport, Potter County, to establish something in that area. Doyle also informed us that Cliff Day is retiring in March of 2016.

Bill Zollers nominated himself to be PYFA's representative for the PA Council of Farm Organizations. Ed Zug made a motion to nominate Bill Zollers to the council. Nathan Jamison seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Upcoming winter convention sites:

- 2017- Shippensburg
- 2018- Somerset
- 2019- Cedar Crest

Dan Wilkinson mentioned that Past President Frederick Bohn, Tulpehocken, passed away. There was nothing mentioned in his obituary as to where to direct donations. Ed made a motion to donate \$50 in Fred's name to Kutztown's convention community service project (food bank). Bill Zollers seconded. Motion carried. Becky Nas will send a card on behalf of PYFA to Fred's widow, informing her of our sympathy and contribution.

There are several spots that still need filled to complete our 2016 board. At this time our slate of officers are the following:

President- Denise Leydig
President Elect- Jason Rentzel
Past President- Dan Wilkinson

Secretary- Becky Nas
Treasurer- Ed Zug
Public Relations-
Membership Chair- Debbie Zug
Regional VP's-
 Northern- Steve Kline
 Eastern (2)- Bill Zollers, Dan Fox
 South Central- Lizzie Bailey
 Western- Judy Croner
Executive Secretary- Betsy Huber

Next meeting date will depend on scheduling a parliamentary procedures meeting. Looking at March 30th, 2016.

Executive Secretary Report- Betsy Huber

Most of her time since last meeting was spent preparing the booklet for the current convention. Betsy received an invitation to the Career and Technical Education celebration dinner in Hershey on February 9th. The Presidents of Career and Technical Students Organizations will be recognized. Dan Wilkinson will attend. Betsy will confirm his RSVP. Betsy attended Farm Show reception. We did not have a display there this year because she had never heard anything from Cliff Day or Chris Weller regarding space for it. On her most recent conference call for NYFEA they discussed the 2016 Winter Institute In Tampa, FL., December 6-11. An addition to the auction, there will be a "Most Unique Basket" contest for most creatively made basket. Betsy brought examples of giveaways to share with us. We all decided on the bookmark size paper with a felt herb seed pod attached. We will further discuss at the March meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Nathan Jamison at 9:45am. Denise Leydig seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Becky Nas
PYFA Secretary