

PA Young Farmers Association
Board Meeting
July 9, 2014

The Board of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association met Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at Grandview Elementary School, Derry, PA, as part of the PAAE/PYFA Summer Conference. The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Jamison at 8:15 am. Doyle Paul offered the opening prayer. Board members present were:

Nathan Jamison	Linda Krall
Denise Leydig	Debbie Zug
Doyle Paul	Cliff Day
Edith Rhoads	Bill Zollers
Ed Zug	Robert Corman
Jason Wolfe	

Also: A. Dale Herr, Fay Herr, Sam Glick, Anna Mary Glick, Deb Kammerer

Minutes of March 28, 2014- Bob Corman raised objection to the motion made by Linda Krall because she is not a voting board member when co-chair Debbie Zug is present. Therefore Denise Leydig moved, Ed Zug seconded to approve the minutes with the correction of substituting Debbie Zug for Linda Krall in the motion under Officers Reimbursement Procedure concerning the PYFA mileage rate. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ed reported expense for the newsletter is increasing and liability insurance cost is a little lower. He received the check from the Dauphin Fund for \$5500 since this report was compiled. The secretary was instructed to send a thank you to the Dauphin County Tech School for this funding. Ed reported that three checks have not cleared the bank and members should cash their checks promptly. Bob Corman moved, Bill Zollers seconded to accept the treasurer's report and file for audit. Motion carried.

Membership Report – Edith reported receiving Solanco and Penns Valley dues today. She has dues ready to submit to National when these additions are made. She has received \$15.73 interest since last meeting.

Public Relations – Linda reported the co-chairs have decided to maintain a specified topic for the Spokesperson contest and to keep the Outstanding Agri-business Person contest the same. Following discussion on the stipend for the spokesperson winner to attend the National conferences, Debbie Zug moved, Bill Zollers seconded, to send the Spokesperson to the National Winter Institute instead of Ag's Promise. Motion carried.

Following discussion on incentives to winners to attend the conference, Ed Zug moved, Bob Corman seconded, that the Over- and Under-30 winners receive a jacket only if they attend the conference. Motion carried.

Ed Zug moved, Bob Corman seconded, that all award winners must be present at the awards banquet to receive a jacket. Motion carried.

PDE Report – Cliff Day reported that Chris Weller is recovering from hip surgery. Their supervisor Casey Simchuck is retiring this week and has been very supportive of all ag ed

organizations. He asked if PYFA has any token to present to her. No action taken. Cliff reported he submitted the request for PYFA for \$5500 in the next budget year. PA Farm Show will be January 10-17, 2015 and will again feature the FFA video competition. Each participating chapter receives \$1000 from Lancaster Farming for producing a 3-5 minute video, stage presentation, and display board on the theme "The New Crop of Agriculturalists." We should encourage our local FFA chapters to participate. He suggested that Phillip Herr's book be provided to all elementary schools in PA and possibly be reprinted in coloring book style. Bill Zollers suggested that PDA print it as a coloring book for distribution at fairs.

PSU Report – Doyle Paul reported there are currently about 100 students in ag ed at PSU and 20 student teachers will go out next spring. Not all the districts they will teach in have Young Farmers chapters, so this is an opportunity. Several school districts have too many ag students for one teacher. He suggested they could hire a teacher half time and the other half could be utilized by the Young Farmer Chapter. PA currently has more openings than teachers to place; there are 500 openings nationwide since January 1. There will be funding in the PSU Center budget for PYFA and \$100 contribution to the program book. Doyle asked that 'success stories' be sent to Dr. Ewing about great PSU students/teachers who are Young Farmer advisors.

Executive Secretary report – Betsy Huber reported attending two Council of Farm Organizations meetings, Cedar Crest and Gettysburg banquets, NYFEA conference call, a farm meeting on immigration with three Congressmen, and the National Ag in the Classroom conference. She sent A. Dale Herr's name in nomination to the PA Soybean Board. She received communications from the American Society for Asset Protection to speak at a conference, and the new Kalahari Resort in the Poconos to host a conference. She reminded members that the NYFEA Conference will be Dec. 10-13 in Louisville, KY, and 2015 in Charleston SC.

Vice Presidents' reports—

Western – Denise Leydig reported the death of Elmira Knepper. She reported that Gary Weimer is retiring but will stay on as YF advisor. August 5 will be their county picnic and they will have a display at Somerset County and Berlin fairs.

Eastern—Bill Zollers reported Kutztown is planning the 2016 winter conference. Linda Krall reported Cedar Crest's picnic is July 10.

Northern – Jason Wolfe reported they held their regional banquet and gave 2500 dollars to the Wounded Warrior project. Two members, Glenn Zimmerman and Robert Pardoe Sr. passed away. Mifflinburg's picnic will be July 13.

Old business—

Program of Work-- was distributed by President Nathan.

Reimbursement policy—the board reviewed the old and proposed policies. Discussion on a policy for substitute delegates to be reimbursed when attending NYFEA winter conference since policy states that two delegates expenses will be covered. Secretary will email the proposed policy to the board to be discussed next meeting.

Officers' Handbook—reminder to Chris Weller to print 40-50 copies to be mailed to chapters and officers.

Ag Progress Days booth—Linda will set up and staff the booth Tuesday morning, Betsy Tuesday

afternoon, Deb Kammerer Thursday 9-1, Nathan Thursday 1-5. Volunteers are needed for Wed. Suggestions to post a map with pins for chapter locations and have a list of chapters and contacts available. Denise Leydig moved, Bob Corman seconded, to purchase a new display board not to exceed 200 dollars. Motion carried; Debbie Zug will purchase.

Winter conference—Bill Zollers asked for a copy of the hosting instruction booklet. Deb Kammerer will forward her copy.

New business—

FFA Involvement- no suggestions have been received from Mike Brammer. A.Dale suggested choosing a local FFA member who may be interested and more free to participate. Bob Corman suggested each board member bring along a member of their local FFA chapter to the board meeting. Jason Wolfe said Mifflinburg is having success infusing young members into their chapter.

Youth Stipend – three stipends are available this year since we do not have two FFA board members. Application is on the website.

Officer Training—discussion on holding in conjunction with a regular board meeting or the last afternoon of the winter conference. Who would teach and what content. Cliff Day said Nathan should schedule training for February 2015.

PBR Event – Bill Zollers reported the Kutztown chapter is planning a professional bull riding event in Allentown October 10 or 11, reduced price tickets will be sold to YF members including a personal meeting with the bull riders. He will keep us informed of plans.

FFA Golf tournament—July 24, Treasurer faxed the application to sponsor a hole but has not heard back from them.

Secretary read a thank you note from the Zug family for flowers on the death of their son Brian. Nathan offered the condolences of the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am on motion by Bob Corman, second by Jason Wolfe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy E. Huber, Secretary