**South Dakota FFA Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Nordby Building, Huron, SD**

**10:00am CST, Friday, September 17, 2021**

1. Board President Shane Gross called the meeting to order at 10:08am.
2. Board members present:
   1. District 1: Matti Boomgaarden
   2. District 2: Dave Vander Wal
   3. District 3: Bridget Twedt
   4. District 4: Nicole Roth
   5. District 5: Genetie Hendrix
   6. District 6: Shane Gross
   7. District 7: Linda Petersen
   8. ER Representative: Shane Mueller (present at 10:12)
   9. WR Representative: Ty Hendrix (present at 10:26 via zoom)
   10. Post Secondary Rep: Lori Tonak
   11. Post Secondary Rep: Mary Christiansen (present at 10:45 via zoom)
   12. Alumni Rep: Kaden Eisenbraun (via zoom)
   13. Ex Officio members: Gerri Eide (via zoom), Kelly Dunkelberger, Brianna Fabris, Tara Fastert (via zoom), Dani Herring
3. Dave Vander Wal moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion Passed.
4. Bridget Twedt moved to approve the minutes from the January 2021 BOD meeting. Seconded. Motion passed.
5. Election of Officers – Linda Petersen was nominated to fill the vacant Vice President role. Election was approved by unanimous consent.
6. Financial Report was postponed to the Executive Secretary Report.
7. Committee Reports
   1. CDE Committee
      1. See the CDE Committee report, all action items were moved by Kelly Dunkelberger as committee chair. Seconded and passed unanimously.
      2. One Point of note: discussion was held on qualification for state convention, that decision will be delayed until the January board meeting to get input from each district.
   2. Awards and Applications Committee
      1. See the Awards and Applications Committee report, all the items were moved by Tara Fastert as the committee chair. Seconded and passed unanimously.
      2. One point of note: We are working on a solution to get state star applicants their comments and scores back. Problem is with judges writing comments that we don’t want students to see. Dani and Tara are going to hold a judging zoom prior to state convention to train judges and hopefully alleviate that problem.
   3. Agriscience Committee- no report
   4. Membership Report
      1. Last year we were one of the only states that did not lose membership. We were about just under 5000 members for the 20-21 year. We are also at 99 chapters for 20-21, and up at 102 chapters for 21-22.
   5. Alumni Report- no report.
   6. Foundation Report
      1. See the Foundation report that is in the board packet.
   7. District Representative Reports:
      1. District 1: All their teacher positions are filled for the school year.
      2. District 2: 2 busses going to National convention.
      3. District 3: Oct 1st they are hosting a greenhand day at Swan Lake sponsored by SD Farm Bureau.
      4. District 4: Oct 2 Scotland is hosting a bon fire for the area and they have a district bus.
      5. District 5: Belle Fourche is hosting one of the CHS Leadership 360 events.
      6. District 6: Northwestern Area Alumni is holding a BBQ competition.
      7. District 7: Harrisburg is hosting one of the CHS Leadership 360 events.
   8. State Officer Report: Tessa shared activities that have happened since the January board meeting.
   9. Executive Secretary Report
      1. SD FFA Leadership Development Coordinator
         1. We have been talking about hiring a second state staff position for several years. This new position would be responsible for state officer management, leadership event planning (DOT, retreat, etc.) and press releases/media relations. Brianna and Dani have a meeting with Amy Miller with DOE Sept. 23rd to discuss next steps.
         2. Lori Tonak moved to move forward with hiring process of a Leadership Development Coordinator for the SD FFA Association. Seconded. Motion passed.
      2. Financial update: Casey Peterson and Associates has started the process of filing the tax returns for FY17, FY18, FY19, FY20 and FY21. They are working on the reasonable cause statement and preparing the actual returns. Dani is working on filling out the 1023 for to reinstate our non-profit status and answering questions as needed from the accountants. We will also be moving our fiscal year to align with school districts and the FFA Foundation’s fiscal year that run from July 1-June 30. That will be done in July of 2022. Bridget Twedt moved to approve the financial report. Seconded. Motion passed.
      3. Genetie Hendrix moved that Dani Herring is approved to reimburse herself with proper receipts pertaining to her duties as Executive Secretary. Those expenses will include the cell phone bill, travel related expenses, meals, etc. Seconded. Motion passed.
      4. SWOT Analysis discussion. SDSU has departments fill this out so the board was asked for input on what could be recorded as Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of the SD FFA Association. Responses were compiled from both the student and adult boards.
8. Unfinished Business
   1. Constitution/By-Laws Updates: There is a document that has all of the constitution updates and proposed changes that we have gotten from various people. Please review that document and leave any comments so we can send it on to the committee that was formed at the January 2021 meeting. That committee will come up with proposals to bring to the board at their January 2022 meeting.
9. New Business
   1. New Bank
      1. Linda Petersen moved to allow Dani Herring to transfer the South Dakota FFA Association checking account from Wells Fargo to DakotaBank. Seconded. Motion passed.
      2. Linda Petersen moved to add Dani Herring, Brianna Fabris and Lori Tonak as signers on the checking account. Seconded. Motion passed.
   2. New dates for meetings
      1. Board meeting dates were discussed. We will now meet in September with that location rotating around the state, the second meeting of the year will be tied into the Proficiency Qualifier day that is held in Kimball and a third meeting that will be held virtually in May to wrap the school year.
   3. Policy Manual Review
      1. Policy manual clerical updates and program changes were discussed. It was sent out prior to the meeting. Dave Vander Wal moved to accept the changes to the Policy Manual. Seconded. Motion passed.
      2. Late Fee Policy: Lori Tonak moved to approve the state due date late fee policy. Schools that miss state due dates (except the Dec 1 roster payment due date) will be fined $50 for each deadline missed. Seconded. Motion passed.
         1. Late fees will be sent to the Principal and Ag Teacher.
         2. Students will be allowed, with approval of event coordinators, to still participate in events, regardless if their submission was late.
         3. Chapters submitting late entries or missing dates will be eligible to participate in any event, unless it is deemed too close to the event to adequately prepare.
         4. The exception to this will be the Dec. 1st chapter roster payment due date. Schools failing to meet this deadline will still not be allowed to receive awards at any state level event for the remainder of the school year.
      3. Homeschool Policy review and Approval
         1. We had a lawyer look at our current homeschooling policy with the new homeschool law that went into effect in July of 2021. According to that lawyer, our current homeschooling policy does not need to be updated to reflect the current law. d
   4. FFA membership waiver: Bridget Twedt moved to approve the South Dakota FFA membership waiver. Seconded. Motion passed.
      1. Estelline: Dave Vander Wal moved to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.
      2. Gregory County: Matti Boomgaarden moved to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.
      3. Faith: Linda Petersen moved to approve. Seconded. Motion passed.
      4. Bowdle: No vote needed, they are entering their grace period.
   5. Alumni Association Dissolution
      1. SD FFA Board President Shane Gross appointed the following people to be the new board of the South Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters and Association:
         1. Nicole Roth- Chairperson
         2. Matti Boomgaarden
         3. Shane Mueller
         4. Lori Tonak
         5. Genetie Hendrix
      2. Chairperson Roth called that meeting to order.
      3. Lori Tonak moved to distribute the South Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters Association assets to the South Dakota FFA Foundation as required by SDCL 47‐26‐6. Seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent.
      4. Shane Mueller moved to dissolve the South Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters Association according to SDCL 47‐26‐9. Seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent.
   6. State Convention Discussion
      1. We will be meeting with SDSU administration to discuss our relationship going forward and what needs to be done to make sure it is a mutually beneficial to both parties.
      2. Districts are encouraged to discuss what you would like to see going forward for state convention. Stay in Brookings permanently? Get into some kind of rotation with Rapid City? Reorganize the CDE/LDE calendar to be able to move convention, but keep a state level event in Brookings? More discussion will happen at the February 2022 BOD meeting.
10. Nicole Roth moved to adjourn at 1:56pm. Seconded. Motion passed.

Reminders:

Next Meeting February 12th, 2022 in Kimball with Proficiency Qualifier.