The FFA Executive Board of Directors Meeting was held at 12:00 p.m. at the Drifters Event Center in Fort Pierre on January 18th, 2018. Dalton Larson, State FFA President, presided the meeting.

**Roll Call:**

D1: Danielle Haughtaling, Mr. Janish

D2: Anna Schrader, Mr. VanderWal

D3: Madeline Loewe, Mr. Wilson

D4: Sydney Hoffman, Mr. England

D5: Shelby Ruland, Ms. Naomi Lermon

D6: Chloe Brand, Mr. Kettlehut

D7: Austin Joppa, Mrs. Peterson

Others: State FFA Officer Team, Ms. Mayrose, Mrs. Nelson, and Mr. Swanson

**Items of Business**

Minutes of last meeting were sent out to all board members by email. Mr. VanderWal moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting. 2nd was by Mrs. Petersen. Motion passes.

Membership Report:

Elle Moon reported that we have 4,355 members registered in South Dakota. Also, a reminder that spring registration is permitted until March 1st.

Financial Report:

Aaron Linke announced that we have $161,290.34 in the Association checking account. In the investment account, there is $569,470.23.

Aaron moves that the Association approves the financial report as read and make a $60,000 payment to our investment account. 2nd by Danielle Haughtaling, District 1. Motion passes.

State Officer Reports:

A report about ILSSO and State convention was given by Clayton Sorum. Andrew Streff and Jaclynn Knutson attended ILSSO in South Africa. State convention will be held April 15-17, with the theme being “All In”. State convention will also implement a State FFA Choir and Talent show. More information will be added to the State Convention page of the website.

District Officer Reports:

District 1: Alex’s Lemonade, money goes toward childhood cancer. Members also went to Clark for grand opening of Midwest Vet clinic. They sold root beer floats and donated the money to local chapter.

District2: Team Bonding Exercise, helped over 300 people by volunteering in Sioux Falls. Also in the future, if a disaster hits a local chapter, they hope to help chapters to recover.

District 3: Team Bonding Exercise by hoping to have a lock-in or escape room. Also plan to package food for a food pantry, serve at a banquet in Sioux Falls, and possibly hold a district dance.

District 4: District LDE packaged 46,000 meals. Dakota Access is also providing mock events of CDEs for younger ages to be introduced to. These will take place on February 10th at McCook Central and February 19th at the Winner school.

District 5: Members from the district are invited to attend the Rapid City rush game the first night of FFA week.

District 6: Will have a food drive throughout the district for the food pantry.

District 7: In the past they have done fruit sales and hosted a petting zoo. They hope to sell district t-shirts to raise money for a district dance.

**Old Business:**

Leadership CDEs:

Implemented online uploading of documents, went smooth, looking at doing more events alike since it was easy.

Discussion for improvements:

Sydney Hoffman- back up plan for round tables,

Breakfast and facility, much better

Legislative breakfast- shows teamwork and DO leaves impact

List for photos need to improve, and have designated area for photos

New Business:

State Degrees #s

D1: 26? Star farmer, agri-science, greenhand

D2: 41, star farmer 2, placement 1, greenhand 4

D3;

D4 71, 2 ag placement, 4 greenhand, 3

D5 30, no stars

D6 44, 1 star in every area, 2 greenhand

D7 49, 2 star farmers, 1 greenhand

Honorary state degree and distinguished nominees were suggested, listed

Honorary American degree nominated, district 7, Patty Larson

Brad Reinke gives report:

Switched to new firm, wasn’t a choice (bought out) called LPL, and hope to have historical tracking data, unlike the past. Stocks are up and best they have been in a very long time. $569,000 now $599,000. Good diversity in portfolio. Looking at taking interest and using access money for providing another state employee.

$600,000. 5% interest right now. Trying to have a second position for the FFA

 Nelson moved for random check of degrees to make sure they are filled out, Petersen 2nd, motion passes

VanderWal moves to accept honorary state degrees, Petersen 2nd, Motion passes

Nelson moved to approved honorary and distinguished was approved by districts. Petersen 2nd, motion passes

Petersen Move that the board establish committee of 3 for alumni. 2nd

Discussion was held: one rep for each district, find one for state committee. One adult that is not an ag teacher. Try building membership state-wide.

Motion passes

Nelson moves to adjourn meeting, Clayton 2nd, passes,

Meeting concludes and 12:56 pm