January 17th, 2019

TO: SD FFA Executive Committee, consisting of: the State FFA Officers, District FFA Presidents, District FFA Advisors, Karen Roudabush (SDAAE President), Michelle Nelson (State FFA Advisor), Bailey Coats (SD FFA Alumni Board Representative)

FROM:

The SD FFA Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, Jan.17, 2019 at Drifters in Ft. Pierre, following Legislative Breakfast/District Officer Training.

Call to Order: President Colton Riley at 12:32 pm

Role Call:

 District Reps:

1. Elizabeth Deboer (Adam Franken?)
2. Emily Nold (Dave VanderWal)
3. Grace Kock (Katherine Newhouse)
4. Ryder Morttensen (Jacob Englin)
5. Jameson Bossett (Brianna Larson)
6. Henter Eide (Noelle Swanson)
7. Tucker Trout (Linda Peterson)

Items of Business include:

- Minutes of Previous Meeting

 Moved:Brianna Larson

Seconded: Linda Peterson

Pass:Yes

- Membership Report

 TJ-4,365 members

- Financial Report

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- State Officer Reports:

 Sarah- ILSSO, April Hamilton attending this year.

o State Convention

Convention theme released “Beyond”, convention dates: April 7th-9th. We will be having the State Choir and talent show again, more information will be posted to the website in the coming weeks

- District Officer Reports

1)Elizabeth- hosting donkey ball, officer jackets

2) Emily- bingo night in one of the communities within district, promotion of FFA use as a fundraiser, use the proceeds to benefit a charity: Labs for Liberty has been discussed

3) Grace- District LDE NOv. 12th, Lockin or dance in Parker, officer sweatshirts

4) Ryder - LDE’s in Mitchell, did a service project during that event. Looking to do a CDE in the spring in Platte. Next year’s LDE service project: Clothing or Hygiene drive for Mitchell residents in need.

5)Jameson- planning FFA night at a RUSH hockey game to promote FFA, getting officer hoodies

6) Hunter: District LDE’s in November, hoping to do a pre-session at State Convention within their district

7)Tucker- Barn dance to get entire district together, district t-shirts

Old Business:

- Chapter Visit Evaluation

Carolyn- 70 chapters visited

- National Convention Evaluation

Marie- 2 members in National Band, 1 member in National Chorus, 29 members competing in the Agri-Science Fair, 1 national proficiency finalists (1 National Proficiency winner - Hadley Stiefvater) and Bridger Gordon from Sturgis was second in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE.

- State Bus Evaluation

Only sent 1 bus of students, struggled to find 3 chaperones. Looking for input as to if this is a valuable thing to consider.

- State Leadership CDE Evaluation

 59 chapters and 481 students competing, this year was difficult because of weather (see new business for further discussion)

- Legislative Breakfast & District Officer Training Evaluation

Well: Elizabeth- met legislators, talked about impact of FFA and youth leadership

To Improve on: Ryder- sit by own reps at table

Mrs. Swanson- update program, 5 minutes for kids to talk about what school offers as far as classes, intro 3 circle model (3 sentence) then lead a facilitated discussion

New Business:

-District Reporting Forms-

State Degrees:

Move to approve reporting forms as submitted by their district advisors:

Moved: Linda Peterson

Second: Dave VanderWal

Pass: Yes

Further State Degrees Discussion:

How to handle state degree handing out for students with mental or physical handicaps who would not meet some of the standards set.

District 7 awarded a state degree last year to a student with these circumstances

Mrs. Swanson: Participation vs Competition, should there be modifications for these students to avoid lawsuits?

Consult legal/national FFA, to avoid future problems and set a policy

Department of Ed or National FFA

Mrs. Nelson to reach out the Shad Christman, attorney, on the FFA Foundation Board

There are opportunities other can competing for students (leadership retreat)

IEPs do carry over to CDEs when they need to be read, but can the number of questions be reduced?

Mrs. Nelson will research within the DOE and legal services and see what options are available. No committee was formed to cover matters relating to this topic.

Move to approve reporting forms as submitted by their district advisors regarding students submitted for Star categories:

Moved: Mrs. Swanson

Second: Mrs. Peterson

Pass: Yes

Move to approve reporting forms as submitted by their district advisors regarding supporters submitted for Honorary State Degree awards:

Moved: Mr. Franken

Second: Mrs. Swanson

Pass: Yes

Move to approve reporting forms as submitted by their district advisors regarding supporters submitted for Distinguished Service awards:

Moved: Mr. Franken

Second: Mrs. Swanson

Pass: Yes

 Move to approve reporting forms as submitted by their district advisors regarding supporters submitted for Honorary American Degrees:

 District 1: Jerry Nolz

 Moved: Liz Deboer

Second: Adam Franken

Pass: Yes

Brad Renke Investment Report:

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New investments have more specific targets that don’t allow funds to go farther away because of the high risk they include. New investments are less expensive.

With the long term investment account the intent with account is to provide a second state staff person to handle increase in membership and duties. Fund second person by pulling interest earned from account. Need approximately $1.4 million in account to fund a second person. We do not currently take out of this account because we are trying to reach that $1.4 million in order to maintain a yearly salary for a second person. Added money the last 3-4 years, amount depends on how the year is for the association.

Discussion:

Restructuring the account will lower our cost and will allow Rick to do his job faster and better.

Motion regarding the proposed realignment for our long-term investment account:

Moved: Mrs. Swanson

Seconded: Ryder Mortenson

Pass: Yes

 Move to place $30,000 into investment account:

Moved: Mrs. Swanson

Seconded: Liz Deboer

Pass: Yes

- Alumni Board update

 An alumni board was formed in April, and they have been settling in. Originally, the appointed representative on behalf of the Ag Teachers had been Mrs. Coats from Doland, but just this past week it was transitioned to Russ Swanson. Alumni board will be meeting on 1/19/19 - any requests to present on South Dakota FFA Association behalf:

 Discussion:

Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Nelson - miscommunication on Mrs. Coats not being on board anymore.

 Mrs. Peterson- better communication, increased transparency

 Hunter Edie- Does the Alumi do anything at State convention?

Ryder- Scholarships and grants would be the biggest thing we would ask of the alumni in the future

 Sarah- Help districts provide grants for events

- Changes to State LDE’s: One day contest?

 Ms. Mayrose: Some judges preferred a one-day event, some did not. It is something we could look at to consider. Advantages are that it would be easier to move should there ever be a snow day, some chapters could save expenses, consistency with everyone being scored in one day. Disadvantages are uncertainty about the banquet, some judges did not prefer it, and it makes for a very long day.

Discussion:

Mrs. Nelson- this has come up many times, survey 5-6 year ago split 50/50 yes/no

Hunter- One day disadvantages: it is fun staying overnight, multiple events (team and individual) are difficult to prep for in one day. If there are two days it allows for one day to focus on team events and one to focus on individual events.

Mrs. Peterson- Moving to one day didn’t save anything, still had to stay overnight, kids and judges were fried, kids had nowhere to go when they had to check out of hotels. When CDE committee members verifying scores it was hard to spot mistakes if you don’t know where to look. Move away from NAAE and away from fruit deliveries.

Mr. VanderWal- all district 2 advisors had to stay Sunday/Monday. Others had to make the choice to get home super late or skip the awards banquet. Thought it was the right thing to do for this year but need to keep it Sunday/Monday in the future.

Mrs. Swanson- Leave it Sunday/Monday. The way done this year was very good.

Ms.Mayrose- already have dates for 2019, 2020, 2021

Mrs. Nelson- NAAE is hard to plan around

Grace Kock- Carpool with other advisors is an option

Ryder- two day event, better experience, not a whole day of stress. Attendance numbers are the banquet were down because on 1 day event.

Jameson- all of district 5 liked two day option better, if one day option if it would start earlier

State Fair Work-Day Discussion:

Discussion for changes to the State Fair Workday work assignments. District Officers, and Advisors:

Emily- District two thoughts of sign-up sheet for half days, working full day or to work one morning and another morning etc., districts can still sign up together, sometimes could be more desired. Conflict in the morning for training,but afternoon could just overlap positions for training.

Mr. VanderWal- problems with workers switching in middle of day,

Ms. Mayrose- any new plan would take some ironing out but we need the people there so a new option is needed

Mrs. Nelson- Could do a webinar training for district officer training and also have written expectations.

Mrs. Larson- District 5 would rather do a afternoon and then a morning as it works better for driving arrangements

 Ryder- Teammates left to show and help was limited. Also if you get to do two

 shifts you could have time visit the fair.

Mrs. Swanson- it is up to students to find replacements, could be for just one shift or for both shifts, advisors do not want to cover shift of holding chicks

Mrs. Nelson- has a list of whole left this year during the workday. There has been $150,000 into building in the last three years so it is important to show up. Is also a net working experience with the sponsors. District officers would not be limited to only two shifts. There would be a time period for choosing sign-up times, if a person has not signed up within that time frame then they are assigned a time.

Liz Deober- All of district one are good with either option or as long as they are working with their team.

Ms. Mayrose- Help of District Presidents to spread message, pick two on a first come first serve basis, people can switch, age of people in AAC limited to one year out of high school (just graduated members).

Ms. Larson- District 5 gets first preference of times because they are driving the furthest and will all be working the same day most likely.

Carolyn- when elected all district officers said they would work at state fair

Colton- It was made clear in the district officer interviews what the expectations were for state fair

Motion to use a sign-up sheet to sign up for two half day shifts at the state fair.

Moved: Mrs. Larson

Seconded: Ryder

Pass: Yes

- Strategic Planning, Summer 2019

 Mrs. Nelson- Good to have long term goals to explain future ideas for sponsors. Looking at putting together a group in June to do some strategic planning for the Association. It was discussed with Don Nortan to have him facilitate it, his goal for it is for it cost us nothing (usually $3,000) because he would get funds from sponsors. We want the board to be more functional, instead of just meeting twice a year to say we met and serve the FFA members.

- Constitutional Update Project

 Mrs. Nelson- needs updated, Newhouse, Franken, and Larson went through entire constitution and found things to address. Update wording (like vocational change to CTE). Has already met with Dr. Troy White and planning on doing soon again. Constitution has to go through delegate body and BOD. Go through delegates first and then through BOD in the fall.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Mrs. Swanson

Seconded: Mr. Franken

Pass: Yes

District 1:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships:

District 2:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships:

District 3:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships:

District 4:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships

District 5:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships:

District 6:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships

District 7:

State Degrees: refer to reporting form

Star Candidates:

Honorary State Degree:

Distinguished Service

Scholarships

State Recommendations for Honorary State Degree:

* Stan Wise, Farm Forum Editor
* Bill Zortmann

State Recommendations for Distinguished Service:

* Farm Forum?