

Florida Association of Agricultural Educators
General Member Meeting
State FFA Convention—June 16, 2016

- I. Chris Wilder called the meeting to order at 8:02AM.
- II. 60 members and guests present
- III. Reports:
 - a. Reporter: Carrie Owen
 - i. Newsletters
 - b. Area Representative:
 - i. Area III – Lots of openings in Volusia County
 - ii. Area IV – Polk County has openings as does Osceola. Alex Smith is retiring for the Orange County after 40 years. He will be missed. New Teacher Workshop will be at University High School
 - iii. Area V – Needs teachers.
- IV. President's Report: Chris Wilder
 - a. We sponsored an Ice Cream Social for the CFFA .
 - b. Ag Institute is today, we will be assisting with this event.
- V. New Business:
 - a. FACTE
 - i. Preconference is on Monday July 25th. Tuesday is packed full of workshops and Wednesday's industry tour is still being developed.
 - ii. Please see flyer for information.
 - iii. Ideas Unlimited Applications will be going out soon. The presentations will be at our business meeting at FACTE.
 - b. Regional V Conference
 - i. Last week of June in Athens, GA
 - ii. Open to all members
 - c. FAAE State Winners
 - i. Outstanding Young Member – Ashley Thoron
 - ii. Outstanding Ag Education Teacher – Stan Scurlock
 - iii. Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Education Program – Tomlin Middle School
 - iv. Agriscience Teacher of the Year – Farrah Johnson
 - v. Teacher Mentor – Samantha Dodge
 - vi. Ideas Unlimited – Farrah Johnson
 - vii. Teacher Turn the Key – Amanda Johnson
 - d. Membership
 - i. Is growing at almost 200 members
 - ii. Liked having membership forms in their box
 - iii. Please talk to others about joining
 - iv. Credit Card link is available if you would like to apply on your own time
 - e. New Teacher Workshop
 - i. Link for workshop will be on the FAAE website
 - ii. Trying new ideas and seeing if format changes work
 - f. Legislative Budget Request

- ii. Did not pass, but was the groundwork for \$500,000 appropriation to FFA
 - iii. It was presented and had a Representative name, but no Senator.
 - iv. We had a lot of positive feedback on the language and possibility of bill
 - v. Already beginning to work for the upcoming budget year
- g. Industry Certification Concerns – Mike Buckley
- i. In Manatee County, over 1000 certifications in the 14/15 school year and only 54 of them were agriculture
 - ii. We need to be looking at ways to introduce more certifications for the Agriculture Education
 - iii. Amy McAllister moved to have an Industry Certification Investigation Committee with Mike Buckley as the chair. This motion was considered a friendly motion as was passed with general consent.

Keitha Hall moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed by general consent.

Chris Wilder adjourned the meeting at 8:55AM.