

Florida Association of Agricultural Educators  
General Member Meeting  
Mid Winter—LTC—Haines City, FL  
Saturday January 06, 2017

- I. Keitha Hall called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. 53 members and guests present
- III. Slating of Officers
  - a. President Elect 2017/2018 – Buddy Coleman
  - b. Reporter – Carrie Owen
  - c. New Member Educator – David Shwartzfager
  - d. Area I – Stan Scurlock
  - e. Area III – Farrah Johnson
  - f. Area IV – Brittany Coleman
  - g. Brett Brander made a motion to accept the slating of officers. It was seconded and the motion was passed.
- IV. Sponsorships
  - a. Table tents have all sponsors these people have spent money and time to make this
- V. Policy Manual Changes
  - a. The following changes were made at 2016 FACTE to the Policy Manual
    - i. District Representative
      - Appointed by the Area Representative
      - Under the supervision of the Area Representative
      - Reports Activities, Vacancies, and News of Note to Area Representative
      - Communicates at least once a month with Area Representative
      - Disseminates and Communicates Information from Area Representative to local members
      - Submits a newsletter article to the Area Director at least once a year.
- VI. Reports:
  - a. Team Ag Ed:
    - i. Department of Education:
      1. Position is currently unfilled
    - ii. National FFA: Frank Saldaña
      1. CDEs are changing at the National Level
      2. New system with National Convention registration went well
      3. T-shirt contest is currently going on. Could win money for your chapter.
      4. Smith-Hughs Act is celebrating 100 years. Lots of ideas on the website
    - iii. UF/AEC: Dr. Andrew Thoron
      1. Dr Myers is appointed as chair of AEC
      2. Welcome Dr. JC Bunch
      3. 17 Student Interns to start next week
      4. Deb Barry has taken over for the Plant City Campus
    - iv. Team Ag Ed Board: Chris Wilder
      1. 5 Years Ago the team made up of FFA, Ag Teachers, UF, Alumni, and Foundation began the Legislative Budget Request (LBR)
      2. Although we were not funded last year, we feel that the \$50,000 to FFA is a result of our efforts

3. If from the following counties find Buddy Coleman: Bradford, Calhoun, Osceola, and Putnam
  - a. Needed to fill in spreadsheet for information on county information for various aspects of Agriculture Teacher
- v. FFA: Ronnie Simmons
  1. State officers are currently in South Africa
    - a. Have the students engage with the students during and after the visits
  2. State Officer request system is live
  3. With the \$50,000 as part of the teacher piece we were able to hire two positions to help teachers directly
  4. Membership is look good; on track to beat membership highs
  5. Please look at CDE rules. There have been changes
- vi. Foundation: Mike Rogalsky
  1. Evie Nagel is officially the facilities manager for the LTC
  2. Next two weeks no empty days
  3. There is a summer camp that has taken up two months of the center
  4. May make one conference instead of two different conference
  5. Slowly making improvements as money and time allows
  6. Fundraising is off to a good start
  7. Beast Feast is the biggest fundraiser
    - a. Held March 25<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Clay shoot will also be added to the Beast Feast Day activities
    - c. Over next few weeks emails for chapter participation will come out
- vii. General Announcement
- viii. Raffle

Keitha Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:34 PM.