

Florida Association of Agricultural Educators
Board Meeting
FFA LTC Haines City, Florida
January 4, 2018

- I. Call to Order at 7:10pm by Brett Brandner.
- II. Board Members present: Keitha Bennett, Dr. JC Bunch, Brett Brandner, Buddy Coleman, Stan Scurlock, Samantha Dodge, Ashley Thoron, David Swartzfager, Brittany Coleman, Amy McAllister, Carrie Owens, Chris Wilder, and Matthew Dettloff.
- III. Minutes: Stan Scurlock moved to pass minutes as posted; seconded and passed.
- IV. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: Erin Johnson
 - i. Checking: \$45612.72
 - ii. Money Market Savings: \$10068.39
 - b. Reporter: Carrie Owen
 - i. Working on the Winter and Spring newsletters to help get our 4 out for the year. Needing articles asap.
 - c. Area Reps
 - i. Area 1 – Stan Scurlock:
 1. 7 new teachers working to get them involved.
 - ii. Area 2 – Ashley Thoron:
 1. Everything is going well.
 2. Lafayette will have an opening with Chad Lyons moving to industry.
 - iii. Area 3 – Brett Brandner:
 1. New Smyrna has an opening
 - iv. Area 4 – Sam Dodge:
 1. Things are going well.
 2. Next year, there will be a lot of openings with Orange County focusing on an ag program in every high school.
 - v. Area 5 – Brittany Coleman:
 1. No known openings.
 - vi. Area 6 – Keitha Hall:
 1. US Sugar is looking to partner with FFA on AG Mechanics.
 - d. Specialty Tag: Samantha Dodge
 - i. Since August 30th, there was a conference call on September 6th that requested the last two years' worth of documents. 3 things were questions: NAAE Convention, State Convention 2016, and Ag on the Hill. Mike and Erin met to get all the necessary
 - ii. FFAE has to tighten up on our spending practices. We need to start with stipends or complete reimbursement for travel.
 - iii. The July and August checks were still out. Equaling around \$6000.
 - iv. Affidavit is due in February. To be finalized in March.
 - e. UF: Dr. JC Bunch
 - i. 17 Interns; most will be here this weekend.
 - f. DOE:
 - i. Still no news at when we will be getting a representative.
- V. Old Business:

- a. NAAE Conference:
 - i. Stan Scurlock has been elected to Region V Vice-President.
 - ii. The NAAE President elect is from Region V.
 - iii. We are needing to fill spots for committees at the National level. Matthew has volunteered for one spot and two individuals from Tennessee has also volunteered. Stan will be sending out emails asking for volunteers.
 - iv. Region V Conference is in Ashville, NC June 25 – 28.
- b. New Teacher Continuum: David Swartzfager
 - i. Foundation sponsored multimeter presentation and was well received.
 - 1. Need to look into more mechanics focused.
 - ii. 22 registered with a handful of no shows.
 - iii. Is there going to be a spring New Teacher because of the canceled fall?
- c. FFA On the Hill: Sam Dodge
 - i. Ready to rock and roll. Waiting on finalization with Chancellor Duckworth and Commissioner Putnam. Grimsley and Caldwell are both lined up to speak.
 - ii. Farm Bureau is there at the same time as us and some slight changed may be made.
 - iii. Buddy Coleman will give the welcome and Chris Wilder will give an LBR update for the teachers.
 - iv. Working to get an informational video out before going out.
 - v. Maybe have public policy design a “punch sheet” to help with the how to of visiting the capital.
 - vi. Suggested to have a frame and hashtag for the day.
 - vii. The following chapters still owe from the 2017 FFA On the Hill:
 - 1. Lake Butler Middle - \$40
 - 2. Lake Gibson - \$40
 - 3. Lake Gibson Jr - \$20
 - 4. Lake Wales - \$40
 - 5. Lakeland - \$40
 - 6. Land O Lakes - \$40
 - 7. Plant City - \$20
 - 8. Simmons Career Center - \$20
 - 9. Wilkinson Middle - \$40
 - 10. Totaling: \$300.00

VI. New Business:

- a. FFAE Officer Applications
 - i. President Elect – Ashley Thoron
 - ii. Treasurer – Erin Johnson
 - iii. Reporter – Carrie Owen

- iv. Area 2 – Kaitlyn VanHuesen
 - v. Brittany Coleman moved to accept the slate of officers. Motion was seconded by Stan Scurlock; motion was carried.
 - b. NAAE Awards
 - i. Area Reps please encourage people to consider filling out applications for the 2018 Awards year.
 - c. Mid-Winter Planning
 - i. Registration was done differently: comments.
 - 1. Hillsborough County needs a detail scheduled and event at least 60 days in advance.
 - 2. We need to have a written cancelation policy.
 - 3. Possible roommate matching.
 - d. Samantha Dodge moved to set up a financial oversight committee with Buddy Coleman appointed as the chair with the ability to appoint more members as needed. JC Bunch seconded; motion was carried.
 - e. Samantha Dodge moved to sponsor up to 3 contest ribbons as needed for the Polk County ESE. Motion was seconded and passed.
 - f. Ashley Thoron moved to change Ideas Unlimited presentation to Mid-Winter Conference instead of FACTE. Matthew Dettloff seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
 - g. Next meeting will be on January 05 at 3:30pm.
- VII. Brett Brandner adjourned the meeting at 10:15pm.