

2018 FFA Planning Committee Meeting

November 6, 2018

Attending

Milton Natusch
Elena Hovagimian
Donna Woolam
Dr Ken Parker
Dr Dave Hopson
Jim Pomeroy
Loren Andrews – laa56@cox.net
Andrew Zamora
Danny Quinn – dannyquinn2014@gmail.com
Karen Hutchinson

Meeting called to order – 9:31 am

Secretary's Report – Accepted. Posted online.

Treasurer's Report – Dr Parker – See attached

Communications if any

Several thank you notes were given out and passed along to Jim Putnam and Gene Cassidy. Milt made a concerted effort to get them done.

Reports -

Donna Woolam – The Big E – Please see attached

Motion to accept minute. Seconded. Accepted.

Treasurers Report: Ken Parker
Participation fees from 9 states
CDE expenses
Stars – goodly number
Needs Storrowton Bills.
See attached.

Any questions. Milton asked about the difficulty of states to pay, New Jersey and New York. They can not pay without W-9 Going to go through ESE per Donna.

Ken will stay on as Treasurer.

Motion to accept. Passed. Accepted.

Donna gave her report. Attached

Karen Hutchinson. Report.

Kevin Keith has retired. Putting together a print and comments from others. Email comments to Karen.

Have to have National Officer here.

Comments to CDE and Awards to be put into National.

Milt got his VIP Award.

Milton and Danny's Report. Attached.

Floral Design and Landscape Competition

Hope to have 5 landscapes.

Banner denoting school name not allowed. Highlight in the rules that don't put the name on the drawing as well

Will let us know about future years.

Interview CDE: Look at hospitality room.

Floriculture – Chas Retired

New Business –

Retirements. Same as in the past. Dave Hopson action. Jim Moved. Andrew 2nd

Replacements Mark Burdick – Mike Kingsburg Middletown High; Parly Pro – Milton looking for. Alan

Rathbun from Delaware – Karen to contact. Daniel ?? Agronomy needs someone. Prepared Public

Speaking – needs confirmation from Kim LaFleur is going to continue. Marie Denault might be able to continue.

Acknowledgement – Donna and Jim. And Milton for his VIP Award.

Procedural considerations for implementing guidelines for safety and security of FFA students at the fair and off-site contest sites.

Identify the key people of chain of command – this is how you handle it. Able to reach them in a timely manner

Off site versus on-site

Waiver Form – list the event – more clearly. NY state Fair needs to submit out a Document service for cloud permission forms.

Looks at Pennsylvania

ESE approved an internal child protection policy. Requiring youth under 18 would need to be approved for working with youth. Procedure manuals are in progress. 4-H and FFA. 4-H is well covered. Question of interns to be cori checked and/or be over 18.

At a National Level – what is the determinations as to what the cori checked vs checked. Texas A&M.

The fairgrounds has a child protection officer on grounds at all times.

What is the procedure for those who are not ag teachers. Will need to get them all in place.

Finalized list. We will communicate how to get protected. Along with a procedure.
Get Id Cards done

Require the events to do it as a pdf. Stars; Ag Marketing; Job Interview; Prepared Public Speaking in a pdf form. To make it easier for the judges to manage. 5 pages maximum. Personal Page; Resume and Big E Stars application. Fairvault. Look into Fairvault to see if we can use this to manage pdfs for the paper cdes. Put together a proposal together for them to use Fairvault. It is secure.

Milton Natush makes a motion to move from paper forms to electronic forms when possible. Ken parker. Unanimous

Milton Natush makes a motion to simplify the stars application . Personal Page; Resume and Big E Stars application. Ken Parker Second. Unanimous

Coaches Meeting – What is the value? Contact of the Superintendent. Is that necessary? Hang over from. Very low attendance. Rules and Regulations all on the website. Milton Motion made to eliminate coaches dinner. Second Jim P. Unanimously passed

Superintendent's dinner will continue.

Move

Election of officers – Dr Parker is looking for a replacement and is willing to work with them for one more year. 40 years is enough.

Election of Officers - Officers retained. Unanimously passed.

Next meeting date - November 5, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 11:02 am

National FFA Report – Kevin Keith – Report attached.

Coaches asking for Parking credentials on Thursday morning needs to stop. Please make sure you plan ahead. Superintendents we would like to ask to have Judge's names in on time so we can give a check out before they leave.

Donna would like intern program added to Kevin Keith's report. There was difficulty in getting National Officer to attend The Big E. The intern program is an important component. Donna will send Kevin an email addressing this. Milton suggested sending a note to National FFA. This is of value.

Asst Coordinators Report – Danny – See attached. Half the Eastern Region was here. Enjoyed the breakfast with Donna . Loved media party and event but did not like location. Interns did different jobs and the pre-bio was of value to the Fair to allocate people as needed.

Big E Coordinators report - Milton Natusch – FFA Corsage booth. Problem is there are several days the Booth is empty. Develop a quality pull down in the booth. Look at wording the value towards marketing re volunteer hours. The booth was full 60% of the time. Video is going. Table the item until the spring.

CDE Superintendents Report

Stars program report – Harrison Griffin (Given by Milt Natusch) - Going to miss Jim Putnam. But he will continue to be involved. The circus The tent and the redesign. The pageant went off very well. Donna mentioned that there may be a different tent.

Agriscience – Harold – Lots of people to judge these things. Always looking to be judges.

Floral Design and Landscape. – Both contests went really well. Clear up the email problem. 41 competitors in Floral Designs. Scoresheets and feedback to be given back. Judges would be appreciated.

Themes for 2020 –

2020 – Aquascape for Landscape 2020 – Beachcomber

2019 – Apple crates – will be implemented. 2018 Shelves continue for 1 more year.

Purchase Floral Putty. Farm-A-Rama staff to purchase.

Thank you to Norm for his years of service.

Safe Tractor – Andrew and Jim – Had a great year. Everything went smooth. Judge, participants and all went well. Interns were great. Thank you to Donna and Bart's Trucking.

Sheraton – Needs to be notified as to what the times are for the events not the rental times.

Floriculture – Milton Natusch – Charles Mavrelion has a lot of contestants. It was brought up that the floral items available are not consistent to each participant. Everyone should get the same starting set to make sure that all are being evaluated fairly. Milton to address with Charles.

Awards Banquet – Norm Hammond – Interns are great. Derek Hill had a great time. Everything went smoothly.

Livestock – Donna Woolam. Judges are a challenge. New rooms were created with pipe and drape to give reasons.

Old Business

Stipend allotment for FFA State Staff to attend Big E FFA Days. - Milton addressed this, that State Staff is not covered in terms of travelling. Limited budget and have to choose what event to spend funding on. There would need to be a vetting process via Janet Hammond. Donna Woolam proposed a mini-grant option. Exploration needs to be made, to specify the requirements. An application process to apply for a grant based on the IAFE scholarship. Up to \$250 to attend the Big E. Receipts must be submitted. Information would be based on need. This would be up to \$250 and must explain their responsibility to their state office and promoting their FFA role. 2016 Motion rescinded by Dr Parker. Second by H. Griffin.

New Motion- to have a committee to look at this. Motion Made by Jim Pomeroy. Second by Andrew Zamora. Exploration needs to be made, to specify the requirements. An application process to apply for a grant based on the IAFE scholarship. Receipts must be submitted. Information would be based on need. This would be up to \$250 and must explain their responsibility to their state office and promoting their FFA role. By January 10 information needs to be prepared. Elena, Milton and Dr Hobson to be the committee.

Quiz Bowl LDE Pilot - There was brief discussion about this motion. We need someone to run the competition.

New Business

Consideration of Purchasing FFA Items – Applied Icon llc Chairs and pop up tent. Discussion ensued regarding placement and location for this. No motion made.

Recognition of Retiring Superintendents – Norm and Janet Hammond – are retiring. Award presentation made. It was noted that Norm and Janet have been very giving with their volunteer hours. It is very much appreciated how they both have helped out over the years. They were presented with their gifts.

Data Collection of Emergency Contact – Child Protection Policy Donna working on. Donna discussed as she will keep information flowing. Chain of Command in regarding students participating in FFA is already established through the school. Emergency contact information. Include the form for emergency

contact information in each CDE to include a sign in period. Jim Pomeroy to get information regarding emergency and registration to the waiver form.

Other Items

Zoom - To be included as part of the 2018 meeting.

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