

PYFA Board Meeting Minutes
Hoss's Restaurant, Carlisle, PA
March 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by PYFA President Jason Rentzel.

Those in attendance were: Dan Fox, Dan Wilkinson, Ken Sanner, Denise Sanner, Steve Kline, Betsy Huber, Ed Zug, Deb Zug, Lizzie Bailey, Becky Nas

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Ed Zug moved a motion to approve the February PYFA meeting minutes and the preliminary approval of the February Delegate meeting minutes, pending final approval at the delegate session in 2019. Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried.

Betsy Huber presented her Executive Secretary report. Betsy stated that she has been receiving up to date newsletters from chapters. Betsy is preparing the PYFA Spring Newsletter. The deadline for getting articles and information to Betsy so that it can be included in the Spring Newsletter is April 2. Betsy stated that the board must decide on participating in the PAAE Conference, July 9-12 at Dover High School. The board discussed. The decision is to hold our independent PYFA summer meeting at Lizzie Bailey's house in Shippensburg, PA on Sunday, July 15 at 12 noon. There will be a meal and possible tour or speaker. All PYFA members are invited to attend. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share and please RSVP to Becky Nas at craigvnas@hotmail.com. PYFA should still have a presence at the PAAE Conference in July. When their schedule firms up, volunteers will be needed to attend.

Ed Zug distributed his Treasurer Report. Treasurer's report filed for audit. Ken Sanner moved to approve, Dan Fox seconded, motion carried. Ed stated that registration for booth space to attend Ag Progress Days will be due. The cost is \$350. Denise Sanner stated the need to participate and promote our organization as often as possible over the next two years to advertise the NYFEA Institute being hosted and held here in Pennsylvania in December 2019. Volunteers will be needed to man the Ag Progress booth on August 14, 15, 16. Dan Fox moved a motion to rent the booth space at Ag Progress, Ed Zug seconded. Motion carried. Ed stated that the Ag In The Classroom teacher sponsorship in the amount of \$750 will be due before our next meeting. Question was called if we have the funds to award the scholarship. Ed confirmed that we do have the funds. Ken Sanner moved a motion to fund a scholarship for 2018, Dan Fox seconded. Motion carried. Question was asked as to whether or not we can designate the recipient of this scholarship. Ed will find out if this is possible. Ed stated that he has not received any bills from the new webmaster. Betsy Huber will follow up with the webmaster about billing protocol. Ed had received a donation request from the Lebanon County Chamber of Commerce. Last year PYFA had donated \$100 to sponsor an award because the recipient is a PYFA member. The board concluded it was a one time donation and there will be no donation given in 2018.

Deb Zug presented her Membership Report. Deb has received chapter dues from Lewisburg, Mifflinburg and Ephrata. Deb will check on interest earned from the CD to report on for the next meeting.

Regional VP Reports

Ken Sanner reported for the Eastern Region. Ken stated that their regional Spring tour is coming up. They have a great afternoon and evening planned including a tour, an educational speaker and a meal. Cedar Crest banquet is coming up as well as the Kutztown banquet.

Dan Fox reported for the Eastern Region. Dan stated that Ephrata is scheduling a 1-2 day summer tour to Delaware. Details to follow.

Steve Kline reported from the Northern Region. Steve stated that their regional banquet is coming up on March 22. All are invited. They will have speakers and a meal.

Judy Croner had emailed in her report for the Western Region. The winter conference was a success although registration numbers were a bit light. They have had to cancel several chapter meetings due to illness or weather. They are all looking forward to Spring!

Lizzie Bailey reported on the South Central Region. Lizzie is pursuing South Central VP candidates. She is soon meeting with Rosie Dillner in hopes of confirming a SC regional VP. Lizzie attended Gettysburg's Young Farmer bowling night. Shippensburgs Farm City Banquet was held in November. They had displayed place cards on tables to inform attendees of the Fred Dillner Scholarship Fund. Lizzie reported that they received \$815 in donations from this event.

Old Business

Betsy Huber had received two scholarship applications. The applications were reviewed by the committee. They are both very deserving applications. The amount of the scholarship is now \$500. Question was asked if each winning applicant receives the \$500, or is it split between the two recipients (\$250 each). Ed Zug stated that we received the fair fund money from 2017 in the amount of \$3,200 which was not in the budget, so PYFA does have the funds to award 2 scholarships. Ed has not heard from Berlin Brothersvalley as to whether or not any expenses are due from the PYFA Winter Conference. Ed stated that we only had one contestant at the winter conference, so not much money was spent this year on awards. There was discussion over candidates. Ken Sanner moved to accept both scholarship applications. Dan Fox seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Rentzel stated that PYFA received a thank you card from PA Secretary of Ag, Russell Redding, for hosting him at the PYFA Winer Conference.

New Business

Lizzie Bailey reported that she has been working on providing member benefits for other organizations in which she is active. She stated that there is no cost to the incentive programs that she has found. Available coverage options include ASA Healthcare plans, crop insurance programs, discounts on hotel stays and event tickets. Lizzie feels that this could add value to a PYFA membership and plans to pursue more details about the programs and report on them at the July PYFA meeting.

Dan Wilkinson requested PYFA sponsorship for NYFEA Institute. This sponsorship money would be used to pay bills until the PYFA seed money being held in a CD in the amount of \$20,000 plus interest, matures on June 4, 2018. NYFEA expenses have been paid out of the PYFA general fund until they can be reimbursed when the CD matures. Dan Fox moved a motion to continue paying 2019 NYFEA Institute planning bills out of PYFA's general fund until PYFA can be reimbursed by the CD seed money account. Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried.

NYFEA report given by Dan Wilkinson. Dan stated that there were three students that attended Ag's Promise. The next NYFEA Institute is being held in Rogers, AR from December 12-15, 2018. Denise Sanner stated that it would be great to have a good contingency from Pennsylvania to promote the 2019 NYFEA Institute being held in PA. The promotion of the following NYFEA Institutes is something that has been a bit lacks in previous years. NYFEA President Stan Deal plans to reinstate five awards at the NYFEA Institutes. These awards include Ag Communications, Spokesperson, Outstanding Member, Outstanding Chapter, and Outstanding Advisor of the year. Sponsors of these awards and other details are being worked out.

Ed Zug requests an updated PYFA Program Of Work. Secretary Becky Nas will prepare.

The next PYFA board meeting will be held on July 15, 2018 beginning at 12, noon. The location is 13 N Morris Street, Shippensburg, PA. Please RSVP and bring a side dish to share.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Minutes prepared by PYFA Secretary, Becky Nas.