

PYFA Board Meeting  
October 22, 2017  
Hoss's in Carlisle

Meeting called to order at 1:20pm by PYFA President Jason Rentzel.

Those in attendance were:

Jason Rentzel	Denise Leydig	Ken Sanner	Steve Kline
Ed Zug	Deb Zug	Becky Nas	

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Ken Sanner moved a motion to approve July minutes as written, Ed Zug seconded. Motion carried.

Betsy Huber submitted her Executive Secretary's report which Becky Nas shared with the board. Betsy attended Doyle Paul's funeral. She worked some at Ag Progress Days booth. Betsy has answered several NYFEA emails and participated in the NYFEA conference call on September 11. Gordon requests names for Presidents council and Young Ag Leaders' council participants. Winter Institute is 12/6-12/9 in Savannah, GA. PA needs to submit delegates names so that info packets can be emailed in advance of the delegate meeting on 12/6, 4pm. Betsy will be putting together the fall newsletter. She needs all articles and conference details by 11/12 at the latest. She requests reports from President, all VP's, Public Relations and Membership chairmen. Please have all reports emailed to Betsy by the December meeting for the program booklet for the PA winter conference.

Ed Zug distributed his treasurer's report. He reported that a little more dues money has been received. Several life members that have passed have had their membership funds transferred into the general fund. Ed reiterated that any local chapters that win award funds, the check can be made to the state association, then he will issue a check to the local chapter. Ed received thank you's for our Ag In the Classroom teacher sponsorship, from Donna Paul of Berlin Brothersvalley, Tony Rice, scholarship winner, and Linda Krall's award contribution. The FFA Alumni Association is requesting jacket sponsorships. Jackets now cost \$60. It is stated in PYFA's books to sponsor two jackets annually. Ed has completed the fair funds application. The stipend for a young person to attend NYFEA Institute is still available for 2017 Savannah convention. Applications can still be submitted. There is a \$20,000 CD for seed money that was started in 1999 to be used for the next NYFEA Institute hosted by Pennsylvania. This will become available in 2018 including the earned interest.

Deb Zug presented her membership report. Selinsgrove has now paid dues. Deb will mail in national dues now that all dues have been received. \$25,000 has been put into a CD for 5 years, earning 1% interest. The interest earned is to be put into the checking account each year.

VP's

Ken Sanner- Eastern VP

Ken reported that Aila Black, spokesperson winner, will be joining them to the NYFEA National Institute. Ken voiced his concern about the continuing defunding of school districts to the Young Farmer chapters. Suggestions were given for local chapters starting to seek fundraising through private businesses in their local areas. Ken suggests that the subject be brought up at the past officers meeting in February. This could be a valuable brainstorming session to get input on what local chapters are to do if their school district funding gets cut. A suggestions was made to hold meetings when a meal is being offered, even if members are paying their own way. This seems to keep attendance numbers up. Home Ec programs can also be utilized for these types of events. Several chapters are already regularly holding their meetings at restaurants or fire halls and doing private fundraisers to keep their chapter dues lower.

Steve Kline- Northern VP

Steve reported that their annual director election is held in December and immediately following election, they hold their planning meeting and program of work for the year. Steve noted that in their president and vice president must change every year. 2019 convention committee has met and it is pretty certain that it will be held in Lewisburg at the Country Cupboard. They are beginning to discuss tours and will meet again in January.

Judy Croner- Western VP, presented by Denise Leydig

Judy reported that Berlin Brothersvalley held their annual picnic. They held an auction to benefit the PYFA Winter Convention expenses. Display booths were set up for State, County, Berlin and Rockwood Young Farmers at the Somerset County Fair in August. Monies earned were put in the county account. The county picnic was held in September at the Hoss's in Somerset. Through this, they conducted a cash-cow fundraiser. They have also done chicken bbq's, hoagie sales and ham dinner fundraisers. Berlin and Rockwood have been working well together to raise funds and plan tours for the convention in Seven Springs, February 6-8, 2018. They will have convention info ready by November 1.

Denise Leydig will check with Seven Springs to book a meeting there sometime between 12/19-12/22. She will confirm with board when it is confirmed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm

Minutes prepared by Becky Nas