

Minutes
60th Annual Pennsylvania Young Farmers Delegate Meeting
February 5, 2020
Hampton Inn, Manheim, PA

Meeting called to order by PYFA President Lizzie Bailey at 9:35am.
Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

Seating of the Delegates:

Berlin Brothers Valley- Samuel Dively, Greg Croner
Cedar Crest- Glen Krall, Rity Dartrich
Gettysburg- Jason Rentzel
Kutztown- Kevin Leiby, Bobby Tercha
Lewisburg- Dennis Wolfe, Irvin Reynolds
Mifflinburg- Michelle Dietrich, Anthony Dietrich
Northern Lebanon- Dale Maulfair
Solanco- Ed Zug, Samuel L. Glick

Dennis Wolfe moved to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2019 Delegate Meeting as written. Glen Krall seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Ed Zug reviewed his report on page 36 of the convention booklet. Ed drew attention to the Promotions and Grants Columns and explained the fluctuation in budget and actual numbers as it pertains to the Department of Education grant money availability.
Treasurer's report filed for audit.

PYFA 2020 slate of officers was reviewed.

President- Ken Sanner
Past President- Lizzie Bailey
President Elect- Becky Nas
Treasurer- Ed Zug
Secretary- Becky Nas
Executive Secretary- Betsy Huber
Membership- Deb Zug
Public Relations- Jennie Balmer
Northern VP- Michelle Dietrich
SouthCentral VP- Jason Rentzel
Eastern VP- vacant
Western VP- vacant

Dennis Wolfe moved to accept the 2020 slate of officers, Jason Rentzel seconded, motion carried.

Resolutions were reviewed on page 34 of the convention book. Ed Zug moved to accept the resolutions, Greg Croner seconded, motion carried.

Clarification should be made on resolution #6- "Be it resolved that the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association promote members' participation in the National Association's online bachelor's degree program through the University of West Alabama, www.uwa.edu/admissions." Is this still relevant? Does UWA still offer a bachelor's degree? Should this resolution be removed? Revisit details of the degree in the PYFA 2021 Delegate meeting.

Auditing- Jason Rentzel reported that the Treasurer's books and Membership books were reviewed and everything looks good.

Budget- Greg Croner moved to accept the 2020 budget as printed on page 36 of the convention booklet, Anthony Dietrich seconded, motion carried.

Convention sites were reviewed. 2021 will be held in York (Wyndham Garden Inn), considerations for 2022 and 2023 are Gettysburg, Penn's Valley and State College.

Discussion happened on the 2021 York Convention site. Modifications might need to be made to the typical convention schedule to accommodate tour host availability, specifically for Tuesday morning. York Convention and Visitors Bureau will be directly involved in helping to plan the 2021 Convention. Members are encouraged to invite businesses or others in York County to attend the conference to help boost interest in the area.

Membership- Ed Zug reviewed Debbie's membership report on page 37 of the convention booklet. 2020 Membership packets have been mailed to all chapters.

FFA- Brandon Bixler, FFA PA State Vice President, shared a report from FFA. Brandon reported that the officer team has been very busy with events being held around the state. 405 Keystone degrees were awarded to Junior and Senior members at Mid Winter Convention as well as 428 jackets to Freshmen members. There will be almost 1600 PA FFA members to gather from across the state over the next three weekends to attend the Agricultural Cooperation Establish and Success conference. The FFA State Convention will be at Penn State University from June 2-4. The state has nearly 13,000 FFA members.

Education- Jennifer Balmer over viewed the upcoming workshops planned for the afternoon session.

No new news for Constitution and Bylaws.

PA State Council of Farm Organizations- Betsy Huber reported from PASCFO. Betsy reported on the Cornucopia event. Secretary Redding spoke of Governor Wolf's budget that was just released. There was a plethora of interesting information shared at the event. Betsy feels it is

vital for our organization to remain involved in this group. There were over 60 organizations represented.

Technology- Betsy Huber urges everyone to send information to her for the website, newsletter, and Facebook page. Betsy states that it is so important to post the meetings and events that your chapter holds to gain interest in the community.

Past Officers/ Advisors Report- Steve Kline offered the report. Steve reported that there were 14 in attendance at the meeting. A topic of discussion was the need to better advertise the rules of the spokesperson contest. It was wonderful to have 5 contestants this year, however there is part of the scoresheet that was not utilized because the contestants weren't aware of that part of the competition. Another area of discussion is the need for PYFA members to bring non-members into the organization and some ways that might be accomplished. One on one contact seems to be the most successful way to boost interest. Could there be a state advisor recruited to help organize chapters and provide support with mentoring new officers and help boost membership?

Public Relations- Jennie Balmer reported that there were five contestants in the spokesperson contest. The winner will be announced at this evening's banquet, along with the Agribusiness Award, Community Service Award, and Farmer Over 30 Award.

Old Business-

Ken Sanner moved to take the name change off the table and bring it back into discussion. Michelle Dietrich seconded, motion carried.

Ken reported that a committee was formed and they held a conference call in January with 10 participants on the call. The committee's efforts were non-conclusive. The name of "Pennsylvania Farmer and Agribusiness Association" was the most favorable name to better represent who the Association serves. By removing the word "Young" might make our name more relevant to reflect the membership base. There was a productive discussion among the delegates. Bobby Tercha moved to keep the current name of "Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association", Michelle Dietrich seconded, motion carried.

New Business-

Ken Sanner announced a survey that he is circulating and hoping to receive feedback from members. Ken also has planned a meeting on Friday, June 26th that all are invited to attend. We will be touring Massers Potatoes, having dinner at Kauffman's BBQ, and hearing a presentation from Jon Stutzman, Crop Advisor. Please RSVP to Ken Sanner.

Motion to adjourn moved by Jason Rentzel at 10:30am, Glen Krall seconded, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by PYFA Secretary, Becky Nas.