

PYFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Hoss's of Carlisle, PA
March 31, 2019

Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by PYFA President Lizzie Bailey.

Those in attendance were: Lizzie Bailey, Jason Rentzel, Ed Zug, Deb Zug, Judy Croner, Betsy Huber, Jennifer Balmer, Steve Kline, DeElma Kline, Ken Sanner, Denise Sanner, Becky Nas

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer.

President Lizzie Bailey called for corrections of the February 4, 2019 PYFA Board Meeting minutes. Hearing none, minutes approved as printed.

Betsy Huber shared her Executive Secretary report. Betsy stated that the next NYFEA conference call will be next Monday. Betsy requests information from all chapters by 4/6 to be printed in the spring newsletter.

Ed Zug distributed his year to date Treasurer's report. Ed noted that funds were received from the Mifflinburg chapter after their successful state convention in February. Fair Fund monies in the amount of \$3387.44 were received. The Monsanto funds that Cedar Crest was granted were received by the state then transferred over to Cedar Crest. Ed received a request for \$750 to sponsor a teacher to attend 'Ag In the Classroom'. Total cost of attending this event is \$850. There has been very positive feedback from past attendees. Jason Rentzel moved a motion to sponsor a teacher for the \$750. Steve Kline seconded. Motion carried. Ed received information for booth space at Ag Progress Days. Booth rent is \$350 for 8/13- 8/15 2019. Denise Sanner noted the importance of having a presence there this year to promote the 2019 NYFEA Institute. Judy Croner moved a motion to rent the booth space. Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth at this event. Ed received notification that his list of applicable expenses for the grant money from the Department of Education have not been approved. These expenses have previously been applicable expenses for the grant. Lizzie took the information and will address the matter at a future meeting with Dr. Ewing or with Secretary Rivera's office.

Deb Zug distributed a list of chapters that have paid dues for 2019. Deb is patiently awaiting funds from chapters who still owe. Please get them sent as soon as possible.

Jennifer Balmer had no updates for public relations.

Steve Kline reported from the Northern region. Steve shared that with the help of a great planning committee, they held a very enjoyable, successful convention.

Judy Croner shared updates from the Western region. Berlin has been having weekly meetings. Rockwood meets on a monthly basis. Berlin and Rockwood have met twice for county meetings. Judy shared that Leon Paul has passed. Leon was a very devoted member of the Berlin chapter.

Becky Nas and Lizzie Bailey shared updates from the South Central region. Gettysburg will be holding a clay bird shoot fundraiser on 4/27 to benefit their scholarship fund. Tickets are still available for anyone 16 and older who is interested in attending. Shippensburg has been meeting to review applicants for their Fred Dillner scholarship and to plan their Corn Fest event in August.

PYFA will be represented at the PACFO meetings by one of the following; Bob Pardoe, Betsy Huber or Lizzie Bailey.

PYFA will be represented at Farm Show Committee meetings by either Dennis Wolfe or Steve Kline.

Ken Sanner is still working on filling the Eastern VP positions. Lizzie Bailey continues to work on filling the South Central VP position. A suggestion was made for future consideration of having one Vice President for the state. This VP would be kept up to date with happenings from a representative from each region or individual chapters.

A committee has been formed to discuss a name change for PYFA. Ken Sanner will chair this committee. Other committee members are; Lizzie Bailey, Jason Rentzel, Bobby Tercha, Michelle Dietrich and Dennis Boop.

Lizzie shared that she has met with Dr. John Ewing and Terra Ingram. Lizzie also is reaching out to Chris Weller, seeking clarification on the advisors stipend. To date it has been \$6.88/hr. Dr. Ewing is focused on membership growth. He is promoting PYFA to his students and encouraging them to get involved in a local chapter. He is also encouraging us to utilize our Extension offices, and looking to best managements practices (nutrient management, pesticide points) to find topics/sources for meetings and events. Lizzie is also searching out alternative sources to help generate more funding for the state programs. She has found that through local Wal-Mart's, there are opportunities to receive educational grants up to \$5000.

Betsy noted that there hasn't been any update from the December meeting with PDA and PDE. She will follow up with the Secretaries to see what the status is.

Future PYFA Convention sites were discussed. Cedar Crest will host in 2020, Lizzie will contact the York Tourism Bureau to set up a meeting. She hopes that the South Central region can collaborate to host in the York or Red Lion area for 2021. Ideas for 2022 are Penns Valley or Manheim. Lizzie and Becky will draft a letter to send to potential future convention site host chapters.

Program of Work was updated.

NYFEA update from Denise Sanner. Denise shared that there aren't too many updates to share. Our hotel contact has been updated. Money is slowly coming in. Big sponsors are still needed. Denise will follow up with Schaeffer Oil. Betsy will contact Herr Foods. Lunch options are being discussed. An Institute Planning conference call will be soon set up along with an in person meeting date in May or June.

The next PYFA meeting will take place on July 14, 2019. Lizzie will communicate the location and time at a later date.

A motion to adjourn moved by Jason Rentzel, seconded by Ed Zug. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.

Minutes prepared by Becky Nas, PYFA Secretary.