

PYFA Board Meeting Minutes
July 14,2019
Longshot Winery
1925 McClures Gap Road Carlisle, PA 17015

Those in attendance were Lizzie and Cliff Bailey, Steve and DeElma Kline, Ken Sanner, Dan Wilkinson, Jennifer Balmer, Ed and Deb Zug, Jeff Rohrer, Becky Nas

Meeting called to order at 11:30am by PYFA President Lizzie Bailey.

Steve Kline offered the opening prayer

A motion to approve the March meeting minutes moved by Ken Sanner, seconded by Jennifer Balmer, motion carried.

Betsy emailed her report, shared by PYFA President Lizzie Bailey. "I attended the PA State Council of Farm Organizations meeting on May 20. The program was about the PA Farm Bill, most of which has passed the Legislature and become law.

The Spring Newsletter was put together and mailed. Should the Fall Newsletter go out earlier to promote PA registrations for the Institute? I can put it together in early October if you think that is a good idea but I will need articles from all officers by October 1 to do that. I need information about the NYFEA Institute to post on the website to promote more registrations. The only thing posted now is the registration form. Please send me flyers, video, photos, paragraphs about the tours and other activities. Each committee could write a short summary of what they are doing. We should be posting a lot more on Facebook also." Board agreed on the October 1 deadline for the fall newsletter.

Ed Zug shared his treasurer's report. Ed shared that he did not have a current report print out to distribute. His computer had crashed and he is still working on inputting the data into the file. Ed received memorial contributions in memory of Ramon Pichel, Pichel Farms, Bethlehem, PA. The funeral home forwarded the list of donors. A total of \$1085 was received from the donations and thank you cards were sent to each of the 13 donors. Steve Kline moved a motion to use the \$1085 towards the 2019 Institute. Ken Sanner seconded. Motion carried. Ed stated that Jean Keller, Department of Education contacted him to get invoices of expected expenses for the PDE grant application. The costs of the newsletter, website, accounting fees, National Institute Representative costs and AgProgress Days were submitted in the amount of \$6500. Jean says that these are not eligible expenses. Unless other eligible expenses are found, there will be no disbursement of grant money. Historically we would receive \$5500 through this grant. Ed explained that this is federal money through the Perkins Funds. The list description of eligible expenses applies mostly to the high school level. Because Cliff Day and Chris Weller are no longer with the PDE, Lizzie has reached out to PDE Secretary Rivera's office. Lizzie hopes to connect with Dr. Cooper to rebuild the relationship with PDE. Lizzie would like a subcommittee seat at PDE. Lizzie spoke to Dr. Ewing who is trying to reach Chris Weller for any advice on the

grant money. \$2900 was received in 2018. PYFA usually spends \$30,000 annually. Lizzie will seek out other grants that could be applied for.

Deb Zug shared her membership report. Deb reported that Cedar Crest has not paid dues in two years. Ephrata and Gettysburg are now inactive with only life members. State College, Northern Lebanon and Red Lion have not yet sent dues.

Lizzie would like a conference call to address membership.

Jennifer Balmer shared her Public Relations report. Jennie stated that the Ag Progress Days booth will be set up. She requests volunteers to work 2 hour shifts and will email a sign up sheet. Jennie will talk to Denise Sanner about incorporating 2019 Institute information on the display.

The group had discussion about online membership and "Zoom" meetings.

Northern Region VP, Steve Kline shared his report. Steve stated that Mifflinburg's monthly meetings have been happening. Lewisburg hasn't been as active and things are quiet in State College and Selinsgrove.

Lizzie reported for the South Central region. Lizzie will meet with Jay Grove in hopes of recruiting a SC VP. Shippensburg has been meeting and working on local events.

Old Business

New Business

Lizzie attended the new PA Farm Bill signing. Mike Brammer had a group of new FFA Officers in attendance. Lizzie would like to see the FFA incorporated more heavily into PYFA State and/or National Conventions. Could their role be in Parliamentary Procedures? Can Cedar Crests Parli Pro Team have tasks at 2019 Institute? State officers or a local chapter are always invited to the state conferences.

Lizzie offered to set up a Zoom conference with the Name Change Committee: Ken Sanner, Committee Chair, Lizzie Bailey, Jason Rentzel, Bobby Tercha, Michelle Deitrich and Dennis Boop. Kenny requests information on how to set up a conference call through freeconferencecall.com. The phone number is 605-468-8855, access # 410332.

Ed checked with the accountant as to what a name change would entail. There will be some forms that need to be submitted, but shouldn't be a problem. No need to re-apply for non-profit status.

Dan Wilkinson shared updates from NYFEA. Dan thanks the PYFA board for the Ramon Pichel memorial contribution funds. There have been a few tour adjustments. There was a conference

call on 7/8. Things are running smoothly. Ag's Promise went really well and they are looking to next year. Indiana is beginning to plan the 2020 Conference.

The next meeting will be a conference call on October 8 at 8pm.

Ken moved a motion to adjourn at 12:30pm, meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by PYFA Secretary, Becky Nas