

State FFA Alumni Agenda
January 8, 2009
Southington High School Agriculture Program
6:30 P.M.

Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Report from State FFA Association
Chapter Reports

Old Business

- Updates from Annual
 - Constitution & By-Laws
 - Website suggestions
 - Grant application review
 - State Leaders Conference-due May 1st
 - Washington Leadership Conference-due April 1st

New Business

State FFA Convention – May 30th (Lyman Memorial High School, Lebanon)
Alumni Workshop at State FFA Convention
Silent Auction and Career Show
 Who wants to be in charge?
Annual Appeal
Meeting dates and places for the year

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Call to Order: Fred Scoville 6:35pm

Members In Attendance: Fred Scoville, Donna Corbin Sobinski, Lori Longhi, Lynn Scoville, Hilda Kapral, Sherry Hart, Anita Kalenauskas, Andrea-State FFA Secretary, Emily Kalenauskas State FFA President

Members Absent: Michele Longhi

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Treasurer Report:

Lori Longhi reported on behalf of Michele Longhi that we have an approximate balance of \$5,355.00 and a cd totaling \$8,000.00

State FFA Association: Emily Kalenauskas reported they are working on the Advanced Leadership conference, main focus is “Beyond FFA” They will be meeting tomorrow and planning ALC which will be 2/22/09, JLC 3/20/09; AG Day at the capitol 3/18/09. Emily will be attending Ag Day at the capitol in Washington, DC

Chapter Reports:

Suffield: Will be having Alumni night in February; asked for suggestions on getting people involved, some responses were: Lynn Scoville: Officers meet monthly, the big involvement is at the special events, alumni nights, bbq, open house Hilda Kapral: have signup sheets at the banquet and have people volunteer for upcoming events even if phone calling, baking Have a joint meeting every couple of months with the association Suffield just completed a successful holiday sale, beef jerky/nut fundraiser Have Greenhand in February, Mr Harrison is retiring in January and they are still working on the large animal building

Killingly: Completed holiday sales, will be having a joint meeting in February, pasta dinner, 3/27/09 Foxwoods Bingo fundraiser – it was very successful in the past. The tickets are \$15 and they receive \$9/ticket if 100 tickets sold and \$11 if 100-200 tickets sold

Southington: Have events planned ice cream social beginning of the year with agility course, dog costumes & free pictures, crafts – makes & take, biscuits, photos, bows The 1st FFA meeting have ag Olympics – greased pig, face painting, pies in the face and have various themes and food from different countries

Storrs: Brand new parents involved, just learning about FFA Alumni, completed holiday sale, tack & tag sales with chili cook off – food regulations they “sold” the cup not the chili Just completed the college & career night Upcoming Greenhand ceremony, Recently had a picnic – large turnout – greased watermelon activity, paired upper-class with freshman, also parents,



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Glastonbury: Developing their alumni group – having some administration issues
Holiday pet baskets, sold shaped pasta – purchased from the Pasta Shop; pet pictures with Santa, filled cornucopia's; pet food drive with kickoff picnic; planning open house during FFA week.

Old Business:

Constitution: Fred Scoville has rewritten with the changes that were suggested at the annual meeting – will email them to officers

WebSite:

Our current website needs to be redone, Lori Longhi mentioned webs.com and Costco as possible sites to use.

Hilda Kapral motioned to create a new website and the committee members would be Emily & Anita Kalenauskas, 2nd by Risa Rogers, vote taken, all approved, motion passes.

The committee will investigate different options that may be available, and email the officers for selection.

Grant Application Review: 8 applications have been received and will be reviewed

State Leaders Conference: Applications are due by May 1st

Washington Leaders Conference: Applications due April 1st.

Suggestion to have a grant for advisors, as some schools do not allow students to go without an advisor, very worthwhile conference for the students to attend. Single room \$830 Double \$635 – Registration, Room, Board

Lori Longhi motioned to add grant discussion to next meeting agenda, 2nd by Lynn Scoville, vote taken, all approved, motion passes

New Business:

State Convention: May 30, 2009 Lebanon

Should we have an alumni workshop, since we have not had enough participation in the past few years?

Lori Longhi motioned to eliminate the Alumni workshop from the state convention due to lack of participation, 2nd by Donna Corbin Sobinski, vote taken, all approved, motioned passes.

Silent Auction/Career Show:

The current layout we would not be able to use the gym, we would have 2 separate rooms assigned – we can use the hallways as well. Emily Kalenauskas mentioned a quilt has been created gathering pieces/squares from all over they would like to sell it at the silent auction with the proceeds going to Sam Smyth (Enfield student hurt in farming accident)



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With the current economy it is expected the donations and monies will be lower this year. Having the auction in a small room would be limited in setup and access suggestion possibly having other fundraisers. Lori Longhi and Donna Corbin Sobinski mentioned A "Mystery Bag" – a paper bag would contain items, bags sold for nominal fee – no candy can be sold due to state regulations!

Lori Longhi, Fred Scoville and Donna Corbin Sobinski would be on state convention committee.

Fred Scoville will find out what areas we will have at the convention

Other fundraisers: Calendar sale, bake-less cookie sale, and sponsorships

Annual Appeal: Tabled for next meeting

Next Meeting Dates:

3/12/09 – Suffield 5/7/09 – Housatonic 6/11/09- Ledyard

Possibly find a central place for meetings – suggestions: Manchester Community College, Public library, Whole Foods – Glastonbury or West Hartford
Some like idea of moving meetings for jacket incentive program

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45pm