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# Shenandoah FFA Alumni Association

## *Meeting Minutes*

*April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Shenandoah FFA Alumni Association was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It began around 6:00 pm in the Agricultural Education classroom of Mrs. Lovett. It was presided over by Nathan DeYoung, with Shannon Day as acting secretary.

### ATTENDEES

Voting membership in attendance: 8 members  
Guests in Attendance included: 1 guest

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motions to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made.  
The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Melissa Lovett presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer, Brian Moore.

### OTHER REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Melissa Lovett and Tammie Gadberry presented the Program of Activities for the upcoming months for the Shenandoah FFA Chapter. Activities included: The Legacy Prom, Chapter Awards Banquet and Indiana FFA State Convention in June.

### MAIN MOTIONS

Motion: Moved by Nathan DeYoung for the approval of the chartering of the Shenandoah FFA Alumni with the National and Indiana FFA Alumni Associations.

The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: Moved by Nathan DeYoung for the approval of the Shenandoah FFA Alumni Association Tax and 5013(c) status under the National FFA Organization.

The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: Moved by Nathan DeYoung for the approval for the application to the USPS for non-profit standard rates for mailings.

The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: Moved by Nathan DeYoung for the approval to apply for local support grants as a part of the National Alumni Organization's Annual Development Conference.

The motion carried with all in favor and none against.

Motion: Moved by Nathan DeYoung for the creation of a program of activities that will follow the guidelines of the National FFA Alumni Quality Affiliate Program.

The motion carried with all in favor and none against. Floor was opened for discussion.

Motion Discussion: Open floor discussion was conducted with the following ideas proposed and to be added to the POA in the coming year.

Ideas mentioned during the April Meeting (indicated in red) -

- Quality 1: Business Operations for FFA Alumni
  - Premier Leadership
  - Stewardship
    - Active and engage business practices. Already in place but will continue to be refined as time progresses. Exhibit quality non-profit behaviors and responsibilities.
- Quality 2: FFA Alumni Member Development
  - Benefits
    - Membership T-Shirt Sales – work with Rob Robbins apparel on a deal with Alumni. Possible sponsorship of shirts, business, could become a partner with Alumni. Every member could receive shirt as a part of due or add it one al la carte purchase to membership dues.
  - Professional and Personal Development
  - Member Recruitment
    - AgriPalooza Event Table – about FFA Alumni and advocacy for agricultural education at Shenandoah Schools
    - Chapter Banquet PR Table – about FFA Alumni, actively take alumni dues and have current alumni near or in the crowd recruiting. President of Alumni would speak at event to encourage community and recent FFA graduates to join
    - Middletown Fair – have agricultural educators in dunk tank at Middletown Fair for one or several nights to show community presence of Alumni. Potential source of fundraising?
- Quality 3: Advocacy for Agricultural Education
  - School Officials Support
  - Community Service
    - Active volunteer basin in all FFA chapter activities. Continue support from FFA Alumni to chapter activities that would need support. Activities must be community orientated.
    - Fruit Sales – supporting the chapter in their endeavors to sell. Provide PR and volunteer support to the fundraiser.
- Quality 4: Agricultural Education/FFA Program Development
  - Student Recruitment
  - Cooperation
  - Teacher Support
    - Assistance with FFA/4-H CDEs. Example: Assist them with livestock judging and possibly soils contents. Prepare students for their contests and possible drive them to the contests that would conflict

- with other chapter activities.
- Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Applications – Provide assistance to the advisors by encourage students to fill out these applications for their work in the agricultural industry and community. Also serve as general support to the activity.
- Financial
  - WLC Scholarship – setup a scholarship for students wanting to attend WLC in the summer of their sophomore or junior years. The amount of the scholarship would be determined by alumni. Application process would be necessary on the behalf of the students interested in obtaining this scholarship.
- Quality 5: Student Development
  - Leadership
  - Personal Growth
  - Career Success
    - SAE Grants and Scholarships – encourage members to apply for SAE grant through National FFA. In addition to assisting senior FFA member file their scholarship applications through AgCN.

**ANNOUCEMENTS**

Please come to the next meeting ready to finalize the POA and Quality Affiliate Program information stated by President Nathan DeYoung.

**ADJOURMENT**

Nathan DeYoung moved that the meeting to be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 7:35 pm.

AUTHORIZING SECRETARY SIGNATURE: Shannon Day - Approved Date: 6/1/2016

PRESIDING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: *Nathan DeYoung* Date: 6/1/2016