

MINUTES

F.F.A. NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Kansas City, Missouri October 15-23, 1976

(NOTE: Since the National Board of Trustees for F.F.A. were in session various times during the period indicated these notes will give a summary of the actions taken; no attempt was made to keep the actions separate by days or sessions.)

The meeting of the F.F.A. National Board of Trustees was called to order in Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri on October 15th by President William Shaffer. Other members present were: Andy Fulton, first Vice President; Owen Owens, second Vice President; Stanley Tschantz, third Vice President; Leon Hubbard, fourth Vice President; Julius Black, Student Secretary; J. A. Linke, Adviser; Henry C. Groseclose, Treasurer and W. A. Ross Executive Secretary.

A motion was made to accept the National Treasurer's report as approved. Motion was seconded and accepted by all members of the Board of Trustees.

Letter from the Calvin Company indicated that they wanted to make a movie of the convention now in session. It was moved and seconded to reject this offer for the present time and lay it aside for consideration with the 1977 Convention.

Attention of the Board was brought to the infringement uses which were being made of the emblem. In one particular instance the Shenandoah Press of Dayton, Virginia the emblem was being used on the cover of a project record book without securing the consent of the National Organization of F.F.A. It was moved and seconded that Henry Groseclose inform this company of the infringement of the copyright and recommend to them that if the emblem is used the F.F.A. federation in that vicinity should be recognized as the owners of such notebook.

Mr. W. Lyle Mowlds of Dover, Delaware requested 3,000 copies of "What Do You Mean -- F.F.A.?" for distribution to the Kiwanis Club members. Motion was made and seconded that this article could not be re-printed at the expense of the national organization.

Josten's Jewelry Company wanted consideration for bidding in on the F.F.A. jewelry contract. Attention was brought to the Board that since the L. G. Balfour Company has in the past given us such excellent service it would be unwise at this time to change the contract over to another company. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Balfour Company should retain the contract for jewelry F.F.A.

It was moved seconded and carried not to endorse the National Council for Prevention of War. It was the sense of the group not to endorse any organization.

Southern Agriculturist magazine made the request to use the national F.F.A. emblem on their order blanks, etc., It was moved, seconded and carried not to grant them the privilege of using the emblem on stationary, and brass plates. It would however, be permissible to use the emblem at the head of a column.

After hours of tedious work by members of the Board of Trustees on the 102 applications for American Farmer Degree, and list of suggested Honorary American Farmers, the following ~~persons~~ were agreed upon to be recommended for American Farmer (66) and Honorary American Farmer (7) Degrees:

Clyde McGinnis, Rogers, Arkansas
William Crawford, Marion, Alabama
James E. Eager, Live Oak, California
Louis Marciochi, Fresno, California
David P. Schlotthauer, Fort Morgan, Colorado
Frank Selemas, Baltic, Connecticut
Lester Poucher, Largo, Florida
I. J. Medders, Sylvester, Georgia
Howard Annis, Twin Falls, Idaho
Harmon Gilbert, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
John Kuhn, Streator, Illinois
Charles Volland, Chenoa, Illinois
Myron Mueller, Taylor Ridge, Illinois
James Nelmes, Cuba, Illinois
Donald Cromer, Rensselaer, Indiana
Clarence Meyer, Iowa Falls, Iowa
Arthur Kirchhoff, Humboldt, Iowa
J. W. England, Jr., Merriam, Kansas
Wilbert Duitsman, Washington, Kansas
Julian Pierce, Stamping Ground, Kentucky
James Franklin Lebold, Utica, Kentucky
Alton Tassin, Marksville, Louisiana
Bill Martin, Ida, Louisiana
Hugh J. Murphy, Fort Fairfield, Maine
Clark Nicholson, Poolesville, Maryland
Kenneth Olsen, Fowlerville, Michigan
Robert K. Fifert, Mason Michigan
Harry Barger, Sweet Springs, Missouri
Robert Friesz, Kevtesville, Missouri
Edward Kuhler, Brunswick, Missouri
Arnold Norskow, Loretto, Nebraska
Robert Aten, Stockton, New Jersey
Elton Borden, Greenwich, New York
Arden Burbidge, Park River, North Dakota

Norman Leininger, Jeromesville, Ohio
Richard Varney, Chardon, Ohio
Carl Jennings, Mt. Vernon, Ohio
Robert James, Fredericktown, Ohio
Leo Hull, Mechanicstown, Ohio
Raymah Carter, Ponca City, Oklahoma
Raymond Kooch, Enterprise, Oregon
Jack Looney, Albany, Oregon
Sylvester Casciola, Rea, Pennsylvania
Clayton Hackman, Jr., Myerstown, Pennsylvania
Martin Muchow, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Adam Strasser, Nashville, Tennessee
Houston Ezell, Nashville, Tennessee
Franklin Arnold, Trenton, Tennessee
Dibrell Boyd, Cooksville, Tennessee
Elmo Johnson, Maynardville, Tennessee
Roy Martin Cotulla, Texas
Harris Wright, Dublin, Texas
James Shoultz, Grapeland, Texas
Randall Moore, Pilot Point, Texas
Basil Goodrum, Colmesneil, Texas
J. Phelon Malouf, Glenwood, Utah
Wayne Larrowe, Woodlawn, Virginia
Vernon Trivilian, Gloucester, Virginia
Hayes Sadler, Dixie, Virginia
Garvis Huff, Hillsville, Virginia
Marvin Huff, Hillsville, Virginia
Berlin Webb, Hillsville, Virginia
Paul Nay, West Milford, West Virginia
George Hall, Mill Creek, West Virginia
Cordner A. Orsted, Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin
Joseph H. Black, Sheridan, Wyoming

(Honorary)

J. W. Sudebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education
W. E. Drips, Agriculture Director, National Broadcasting
Company, Chicago
M. A. Welch, A. M. Scientific Company, Chicago
F. W. Lathrop, Federal Agent Agricultural Education,
U. S. Office of Education
W. I. Myers, Governor, Farm Credit Administration
George Catts, Director Kansas City Chamber of Commerce
C. E. Bundy, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Iowa
Falls, Iowa

Since the national organization had received very few, if any, complaints from the chapters concerning the French-Bray Printing Company's services, material or products it was moved, seconded and carried that the National F.F.A. should retain the French Bray agreement for it's publications. This automatically rejected the Interstate Printing Company's offer. It was moved seconded and carried that a two-year contract be drawn up with the French Bray Printing Company. Mr. W. A. Ross was designated to draw up this contract.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Staunton Novelty Company's contract be renewed for two years.

Mr. W. A. Ross was requested to draw up a memo of understanding with the St. Louis Button Company as well as the Universal Uniform Company.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Secretary should proceed with the official treasurer's book, gather material for this publication and when it is ready for publication have it approved by a committee of F.F.A. members.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board of Trustees was not to give in any manner whatsoever a promise, hope, consolation, sympathy or assistance to Mr. Homer Paul Andersen, Managing Editor, American Farm Youth on the publication of a National F.F.A. magazine.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board of Trustees should investigate the possibility of a national F.F.A. magazine published through the National F.F.A. Office. It was designated that the Executive Secretary should have the power to act on this matter. The editorial policy to be distinctly controlled.

Representation from the National Organization of F.F.A. to various adult farm organization meetings was discussed. The National Grange had requested that the National President of the F.F.A. be sent to their meeting in Columbus, Ohio, November 10 - 13. It was therefore recommended that delegates of the National F.F.A. organization be sent to the Farm Bureau, Grange, Farm Union Conventions.

Since the last directory of F.F.A. chapters and local advisers had been published in 1932, and the changes in number of chapters and personnel of advisers has been extensive it was recommended that a directory of chapters be published. This recommendation was to be referred to the delegates in convention for their approval or disapproval. It was the consensus of the Board members that 5000 copies would be sufficient to supply a demand.

The Utah Association offered to send brick ice cream and candy for the 1937 National Convention Banquet. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept the offer made by this Association.

The motion was made, seconded and carried that the national treasurer, Henry C. Groseclose, be appointed official Parliamentarian of the National Organization.

Mr. Ross was requested to investigate and act on an accident-type insurance for Mrs. Vivian Amidon, employee of the national organization.

It was the general sense of the meeting that the National Organization, F.F.A. should not go out of their group for help and financial support.

It was moved, seconded and carried that an investigation should be made on the possibilities of dedicating a placque in the Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri to the founding of the organization. Permission would have to be obtained from the hotel officials before such an undertaking could be carried out.

Motion made, and seconded that the past national officer's mothers should be given a thirty-two piece dinner set of dishes at the Christmas following their sons' service for the organization. It was believed by most members that this would be a good practice to follow every Christmas.

A suggestion that the national organization should give the past national officers a lapel pin with a ruby or diamond (in place of the rising sun or placed over the eagle) met with the approval of those present. It was the gist of the conversation that such a presentation would be quite appropriate at the Tenth Anniversary of F.F.A. (1937 National Convention).

Moved, seconded and carried that the Michigan F.F.A. Association band should be allotted \$75.00 additional fund from the national treasury and the Missouri F.F.A. Association band should be given another \$25.00.

With so many infringements pending on the F.F.A. emblem permission was granted to the Executive Secretary, W. A. Ross to give him the power to obtain additional copyrights so the F.F.A. would be more completely protected.

Moved, seconded and carried that the salary of Mrs. Vivian Amidon be increased from \$1540 to \$1620 per year.

Several requests for Abraham Lincoln pictures have been received but the members believed it was not necessary to find a source for the chapters on this request.

Executive Secretary was given power to get a part-time secretary for the Tenth Anniversary, if necessary. \$400 was allotted for this expense.

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It was moved, seconded and carried that \$50 should be set aside in the treasury for giving prizes for Interstate or Regional Exhibitions or Shows.

The Executive Secretary was granted power to order and make available to all chapters of F.F.A. a copy of "Washington's Order On Profanity".