

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C.

July 15-16, 1944

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Dr. W. T. Spanton in his office. Those present included: Regional Agents D. M. Clements, H. B. Swanson, J. H. Pearson, and E. J. Johnson; R. E. Cammack of Alabama; J. M. Lowe of West Virginia; L. M. Sasman of Wisconsin; A. W. Johnson of Montana; D. J. Howard of Virginia; Marvin Jagels; and A. W. Tenney.

A brief discussion was held concerning the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

The Interpretations of Minimum Qualification Requirements for the American Farmer Degree, Miscellaneous 2928, was reviewed.

It was moved by Mr. Swanson to delete the last sentence on the first page of Misc. 2928 which read: "See pages 35 and 36 of F.F.A. Manual for suggested types of activities." Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements that the National Advisory Council interpret that part of Paragraph 1, Section 3, Article IV of the constitution which refers to "held each of the three prerequisite degrees" to mean as meeting the conditions set up in Sections B, C, and D of Article IV and that the application blank for the year 1944-45 for the American Farmer Degree indicate this requirement; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson to substitute a motion to the effect that the Advisory Council evaluate only Section E, Article I while reviewing the qualifications for the American Farmer Degree and that the application blank be revised to secure information only to the effect that the applicant has held all of the previous degrees; motion was seconded and lost.

It was moved by Mr. Clements that the National Advisory Council instruct Mr. R. E. Cammack to prepare an amendment to be submitted immediately to the National Executive Secretary for consideration at the coming National F.F.A. Convention, to provide that Article IV, Section C and D, Paragraph 1 be amended by striking out in paragraph 1 of each section the words "for at least one year immediately"; motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Cammack's proposed amendment reads as follows: "With the unanimous approval of the National Advisory Council of the Future Farmers of America, I am submitting the following amendment to the national constitution with the request that this be submitted to the States under the provision of the constitution and acted upon by the delegates of the Future Farmers of America at the National Convention, October 9-11, 1944: Amend Article IV, Sections C and D, paragraphs 1 by striking out the words "for at least one year immediately" in paragraphs 1 of Section C and D."

It was moved by Mr. Pearson that until there is an amendment in the constitution, the words "one year" be interpreted to mean "twelve months"; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements that all cases where an American Farmer candidate did not meet the degree requirements as required in the constitution be reconsidered by the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees; motion was seconded and lost.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman, seconded and carried, to approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees concerning the amending of the constitution by changing the time from 12 to 36 months for chapters to remain active that have lost their teacher of vocational agriculture.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson, seconded and carried, that the interpretation of "supervised farming" be enlarged to include not less than 5 improvement projects and 10 supplementary farm practices as defined in Bulletin 225 of the U. S. Office of Education.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson, seconded and carried, that the American Farmer application be properly signed in all instances.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees with regard to Miss Souder's salary.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack, seconded and carried, to increase that part of Miss Dick's salary paid from F.F.A. funds from \$60 to \$70 per month.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman, seconded and carried, to insert the following sentence in Section II, Part B, paragraph 3 of the "Minimum Qualifications": "The provisions in this paragraph do not prohibit a boy from becoming an American Farmer who is a full-time salaried employee as a farm manager."

It was moved by Mr. E. J. Johnson, seconded and carried, that no application will be approved if the total amount of errors in the candidate's present financial statement (page 10) is more than 5% of the value when compared with the supplementary information found on pages 17 and 18 from which it was secured or in the totals of the candidate's assets and liabilities.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson that cooperative purchase or sale of agricultural products or supplies be included as one of the requirements for cooperation in the American Farmer application; motion seconded and carried.

- July 16, 1944 -

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Dr. Spanton in his office. All members of the Advisory Council were present. Others present included Mr. J. A. Guitteau, Mr. Mark Nichols, and Mr. A. W. Tenney.

It was moved by Mr. Clements, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees pertaining to the stenotype operator for the 17th National Convention.

It was suggested by Mr. Pearson that a plan be prepared for operating chapter subsidiaries.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees concerning the use of the F.F.A. emblem by chapter subsidiaries.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees concerning the use of the emblem by the South Carolina Cooperative.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees concerning the use of the F.F.A. emblem by General Mills.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in connection with awarding the past national officer's pin to Mr. Sampson.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman, seconded and carried, to recommend to the Board of Trustees to grant Mrs. Lane permission to use the F.F.A. emblem on the late Dr. C. H. Lane's marker.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in connection with manufacture of an award plaque by the North Carolina Association.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman, seconded and carried, to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees concerning all items after 4 on 7 and 8.

It was moved by Mr. E. J. Johnson, seconded and carried, to recommend to have the National Program of Work prepared under 8 headings.

Secretary Tenney was instructed to write Mr. Ray Cuff concerning plans for Secretary Wickard's address.

It was moved to print tickets and give them out at time of registration for the program featuring Honorable Claude R. Wickard so that attendance might be limited; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried, to have a special program folder for the program featuring Mr. Wickard.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
July 14, 1944 Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Dr. W. T. Spanton in his office. Those present included: President Robert Bowman; 1st Vice President O. Beverley Hollar; 2nd Vice President Ralph H. Salzman; 3rd Vice President Arthur E. Cliffford; 4th Vice President Robert Barthelmess; Student Secretary Byron Freeman; Past President Marvin Jagels; Regional Agents Pearson, Clements, Johnson and Swanson; Treasurer D. J. Howard; Mr. Howard McClarren; Mr. R. E. Cammack of Alabama; Mr. A. W. Johnson of Montana; Mr. L. M. Sasman of Wisconsin; and, Acting Executive Secretary Tenney.

The first order of business was the Indian and Japanese situation regarding the establishment of F.F.A. chapters in the Indian Schools and Japanese War Relocation Centers. An explanation was given by Dr. Spanton but no definite action was taken.

Dr. Spanton explained plans for reviewing the American Farmer applications to the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees.

- 12:50 p.m. -

Consideration was given to the candidates for the American Farmer Degree whom the Board of Trustees had recommended for rejection. Names and States were not called while the facts of the cases were presented. It was moved by Mr. Cammack that the action of the Board of Trustees be sustained in rejecting No. 1; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 2; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 3; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 4; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 5; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 6; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 7; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cammack to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 8; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 9; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 10; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lowerto sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 11; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 12; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 13; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 14; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Sasman to reject the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 15; motion was seconded and lost. It was moved by Mr. Johnson to sustain the recommendation of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 15; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in rejecting No. 16; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson to sustain the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and that the following boys' names be presented to the delegates at the 17th National Convention for election to the Degree of American Farmer. (See attached list) Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements to reconsider the application of Lynden McGlurg of Wisconsin who had been rejected for the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried. It was moved by Mr. Sasman to sustain the action of the National Board of Trustees in rejecting the boy from Wisconsin; motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer D. J. Howard and his secretary, Miss Pauline Dick, presented a report on the F.F.A. expenditures from the Budget.

It was moved by Mr. E. J. Johnson to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in nominating the following men to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree:

Claude E. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
Albert Goss, Master, National Grange
H. W. Railsback, Director of Advertising, Deere & Company,
Moline, Illinois
Edwin F. Flato, Texas

Dr. Studebaker, Commissioner of Education, and Dr. J. C. Wright, Assistant Commissioner of Education, came into the meeting and a discussion was held concerning the relationship of the Future Farmers of America to Indian Schools and Japanese Relocation Schools. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1945

The meeting was called to order in Room 2329, Temporary M Building, by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Those present included Messrs. D. M. Clements, J. H. Pearson, H. B. Swanson, and E. J. Johnson, Regional Advisers; D. J. Howard, National Treasurer; A. W. Johnson, Montana F.F.A. Adviser; J. M. Lowe, West Virginia F.F.A. Adviser; Harry E. Nesman, Michigan F.F.A. Adviser; George G. Fry, National Student Secretary; Tom Vaughan, National 4th Vice President; and, A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary.

Dr. Spanton discussed the accomplishments of the Director of Public Relations and Information.

It was moved by Mr. Howard that the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council underwrite 10,000 additional copies of the pictorial publication "Future Farmers of America ... In Action", to be purchased by a jobber and that arrangements be made by the Executive Secretary to have additional copies printed and placed on sale at the lowest competitive price; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements that the Board of Trustees be sustained in the case of Leander E. Hardy; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson that the Board of Trustees be sustained in the case of returning the Hawaiian application; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe that the Board of Trustees be sustained in the case of Billy Lowe of Georgia; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman that the Board of Trustees be sustained in the case of B. E. Ash of Georgia; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Gray Gay of Georgia; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Sheral Gunnells of Georgia; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of James R. Brison of Mississippi; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson that final approval for Arizona applications be held and not definitely recommended until the check for their dues was cleared at the bank; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lowe to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Edwin L. Platts of South Carolina; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Clements to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Harold Beals of Illinois; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Pearson to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Donald Rittinger of Indiana; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Paul H. Smart of Kentucky; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Jerry Stevens of Missouri; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in the case of Edward Cline of Missouri; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved that all remaining applications from the four Regions be approved; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Dr. Spanton that the 1945 National F.F.A. Convention consist of only executive sessions and that no dinners or special events be given or held; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman that State and Federal officials' names be deleted from magazines as Advisory Editors; motion seconded and carried.

The report of the Director of Public Relations and Information was read by Dr. Spanton. In this report Mr. DeWitt C. Wing submitted his resignation. It was moved by George Fry that Mr. Wing's resignation be accepted; motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Howard presented a report on the treasury covering the period from October 30, 1944 to June 30, 1945.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson that the meeting adjourn; motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Future Farmers of America

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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C.,

July 20-21, 1945

The meeting was called to order by Dr. W. T. Spanton in Room 2529, Temporary M Building. Those present included Messrs. D. M. Clements, J. H. Pearson, H. B. Swanson, and E. J. Johnson, Regional Advisers; D. J. Howard, National Treasurer; A. W. Johnson, Montana F.F.A. Adviser; J. M. Lowe, West Virginia F.F.A. Adviser; Harry E. Nesman, Michigan F.F.A. Adviser; and A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson that the action of the Board of Trustees be sustained regarding payment for the "Future Farmers of America ... In Action"; motion seconded and carried.

It was recommended that separate bills be sent by the Gurneo Press to commercial concerns that ordered the pictorial publication and that the national organization assume responsibility for State association orders.

It was moved by Mr. Clements that the National Advisory Council approve the action of the Board of Trustees concerning the increase in salaries for the three secretaries; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Howard that a National Convention be held this fall in Washington, D. C. composed of 50 delegates; motion seconded by Mr. Lowe. It was moved by Mr. Nesman to lay the motion on the table; motion seconded and carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Spanton read a copy of the act (S 861) to protect the F.F.A. emblem.

It was moved by Mr. Clements that the Honorary American Farmer Degree not be conferred until the next major national convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman that the National Executive Secretary collect samples and investigate the possibility of having State Farmer and other certificates made available and standardized from one source and present plan to next meeting of the Board; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson that a committee be appointed, consisting of three persons, to investigate camping possibilities and future use of the National F.F.A. Camp; motion seconded and carried. Mr. D. J. Howard, Mr. D. M. Clements, and Mr. A. W. Tenney were appointed as the committee of three.

Mr. A. W. Johnson read a letter from Mr. Byron J. McMahon of California in which changes were suggested for the various F.F.A. forms.

It was moved by Mr. E. J. Johnson that the F.F.A. annual report be revised in view of considerations suggested by Mr. McMahon and other revisions be made in such manner as to make all questions asked meaningful and clear. Revisions are

to be made by the National Executive Secretary and submitted to the National Advisory Council at their next meeting; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Howard that a recommendation be made to the delegates at the National Convention to the effect that a Program of Work be prepared by the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees and be sent to the States by September 1 of each year and then have the delegates at the convention adopt or modify it; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. E. J. Johnson that the Advisory Council sustain the action of the Board of Trustees concerning the holding of a national convention.

It was moved by Mr. Howard that a National Convention be held at Kansas City, Missouri, October 9 and 10; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Dr. Spanton that the national office be given the responsibility of canvassing all State associations to secure unanimous approval to use proxy votes to conduct the 1945 National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. A. W. Johnson to sustain the action of the Board of Trustees in regard to proxy votes at the National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

- Saturday, July 21, 1945 -

The Advisory Council reviewed the interpretations of the requirements for the American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Nesman that "different" be added in connection with activities in paragraph B, sections 2 and 5; motion seconded and carried.

It was recommended that a footnote appear on page 10^{of application} as follows: "If the net worth exceeds the totals on pages 2 and 3, Column F and pages 8 and 9, a detailed explanation must be made of the excess."

It was moved by Mr. Nesman that the Advisory Council not meet at Kansas City this fall; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Nesman to approve the announcement concerning the Foundation that is to appear in agricultural magazines; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved that the meeting be adjourned; motion seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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