

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARDS OF STUDENT OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri
October 7-8, 1962

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The meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:00 a.m., in Room M-4, of the Hotel President, Kansas City, Missouri, by Dr. A. W. Tenney, Chairman. Board members present, in addition to Dr. Tenney, included:

Board of Directors

J. G. Bryant, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Atlanta, Georgia;
H. R. Damisch, Chief, Agricultural Education, Springfield, Illinois;
H. E. Edwards, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Charleston, W. Va.;
T. Horii, Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, Honolulu, Hawaii;
E. J. Johnson, H. N. Hunsicker, H. F. Duis, and M. C. Gaar, all of the
Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

Victor Butler, National FFA President, Havana, Florida;
Richard C. Black, National FFA Student Secretary, Prairie Grove, Arkansas;
Randall McCutcheon, National FFA Vice President, Reedy, West Virginia;
James Prewitt, National FFA Vice President, Kirbyville, Texas;
Darryl Eastvold, National FFA Vice President, Mayville, North Dakota; and
Keith N. Simmons, National FFA Vice President, Enterprise, Oregon

R. E. Naugher, Assistant Director of the Agricultural Education Branch, Washington, D. C.; Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, Washington, D. C.; John Farrar, Director of Information and Public Relations for the FFA, Washington, D. C.; and J. M. Campbell, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, and National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia, also were present.

The Chairman called upon Mr. R. E. Naugher who opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Approval
of Previous
Minutes

It was moved by Darrell Eastvold, seconded by James Prewitt and carried, that the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with, and the Minutes be accepted as previously mimeographed and distributed to the States. It was moved by Mr. Damisch, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Reports of
Regional
Repre-
sentatives

The Chairman then called for reports from the Regional members of the Board, concerning any matters they wished to present from their respective Regions. The representatives from the Pacific, Southern, and North Atlantic Regions stated that they had no matters to present that were not already scheduled on the Agenda. Mr. Damisch, of the Central Region, read a letter which he had received from a teacher educator, voicing criticism because of the fact that the teacher educators do not receive announcements and other detailed information directly from the National Office. He mentioned, specifically, the fact that at his institution, they learned, indirectly, of plans for the National FFA Convention, and expressed the hope that teacher educators could be placed on the mailing list to receive such announcements directly from the National Office.

Plan for
Mailing
Materials
to FFA
Ex. Secy's
and Head
Teacher
Educators

In the discussion which followed, it was the consensus of opinion that the State Supervisors should assume the responsibility for advising the teacher educators of all pertinent matters in connection with the vocational agriculture and FFA programs. Mr. Damisch suggested that perhaps the National Office should send out a reminder to the State Supervisors that they should accept this responsibility. It was agreed that the teacher educators render invaluable assistance to the National program and that their services should be utilized wherever and whenever possible throughout the year, and especially during the National FFA Convention. This matter also led to a discussion concerning materials which should be directed to the Executive Secretaries of the FFA.

After further discussion, it was suggested that all materials emanating from the National Office be sent to the Head State Supervisors, with sufficient enclosures of appropriate materials for the State FFA Executive Secretaries and the Head Teacher Educators. It was the sense of the group that this arrangement should prove satisfactory.

Change in
Deadline
Date for
National
Chapter
Applica-
tions --
to July 31

Mr. Gray gave a brief report concerning a change in the deadline date for submitting applications in the National Chapter Award Program, to the National Office. This matter was discussed at a meeting of the Governing Committee of the Future Farmers of America, on September 5, 1962, at which time action was taken to change this date to July 31, of each year, in order to conform to the deadline dates for all other forms in the awards program.

Change in
Deadline
Date for
National
Chapter
Applica-
tions --
(Cont'd.)

It was moved by Keith Simmons, seconded by Randall McCutcheon and carried, that the Board of Student Officers sustain the action taken by the Board of Governors in connection with changing the deadline date for submitting, to the National Office, applications in the National Chapter Award Program, to July 31. It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Bryant and carried, that the Board of Directors accept the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

Report on
Official
FFA Calendar

Mr. Howard Carter, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, who heads the magazine calendar department, appeared before the Boards and gave a brief report on the official FFA Calendar program. He stated that his department is now working on the selection of a theme for the 1964 calendar. Mr. Damisch suggested that the theme "American Heritage" might be appropriate. Mr. Carter pointed out that a definite scene is needed for the calendar cover. Mr. Horii thought the themes for the calendar and FFA Week should be coordinated. Mr. John Farrar, Director of Information and Public Relations for the FFA, stated that he would like to see the calendar and FFA Week themes the same -- but the cover picture on the calendar does not lend itself to a theme for FFA Week and, because of various problems involved, it would probably be impractical to combine the two themes.

Alaska,
Guam,
Virgin Islands -
Dues-paying
Members

The next matter for consideration was the present status of Alaska, Guam, and the Virgin Islands with respect to active membership in the National FFA Organization. Dr. Tenney reported that Alaska, Guam, and the Virgin Islands have submitted dues to the National Treasurer on behalf of their FFA members. None of these areas, however, have a sufficient number of vocational agriculture students to qualify for State FFA Associations at the present time.

Report on
Exploitation
of National
FFA Organiza-
tion and
Emblem

Mr. Gray gave a follow-up report on the subject of exploitation of the National FFA Organization and Emblem which was discussed at the July, 1962, meeting. He stated that the commercial concern which had been the main source of trouble was going out of business, and their products would no longer be sold after January, 1963. Members of the Board expressed appreciation to the State Supervisors and the NVATA for their cooperation and support in connection with this matter.

**International
Relations**

A short discussion was held on the People-to-People Tours for FFA members. Some members of the Board of Directors expressed concern about the manner in which this activity is being conducted. It was felt that perhaps the Board members should develop, at the meeting in January, a statement of policies, or set of basic guidelines to be followed by the National Organization in connection with International Relations.

**Collegiate
Chapters --**

**Proposed
National
Meeting to
be Discussed
at AVA**

In compliance with requests from several teacher educators, a discussion was held concerning the place of Collegiate Chapters in the National FFA Organization, and the possibility of their holding a national meeting. Members of the Board looked with favor on a National Meeting of Collegiate Chapters in 1963, to be held in Kansas City in conjunction with the National FFA Convention, but under the direction of teacher educators. It was suggested that this matter be discussed with the teacher educators during the forthcoming convention of the American Vocational Association.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m. to permit members of the Board to attend church services.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. He presented, for the Boards' consideration, four proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution, submitted to the National Office by the California, Idaho and Ohio Associations of FFA, as follows:

California's Proposed Amendment:

**Proposed
Amendments
to National
FFA Con-
stitution**

That Article X, Section B, Paragraph 1, be amended to read as follows:

"The President and the Student Secretary shall be elected from the membership at large."

Idaho's Proposed Amendments:

1. That under Article X, Section B, after the first paragraph, the following line be inserted:

"The President and Student Secretary will be selected from different regions."

2. Also, under Article X, Section B, after the first paragraph, the following line be inserted:

"A member cannot hold a State Office and a National Office at the same time."

Ohio's Proposed Amendment:

Proposed
Amendments
to National
FFA Con-
stitution
(Cont'd.)

That under Article X, Section B, Paragraph 1, the following sentence be added:

"There be no more than two National Officers from any one region elected during any one year."

The above proposed amendments were discussed at considerable length by members of the Boards.

Action Taken
on Proposed
Amendments

After careful consideration, the Boards of Student Officers and Directors voted to recommend to the delegate body that the three proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution - one submitted by the California Association of FFA, and two by the Idaho Association of FFA - be adopted. It was further recommended to the delegate body that the proposed amendment, submitted by the Ohio Association of FFA, be rejected, because of its similarity to the first amendment submitted by the Idaho Association.

It, however, was recommended that the second amendment, proposed by the Idaho Association of FFA, be further clarified by adding the phrase, "in agreement with Article VIII, Section E" immediately following the words, "State Office".

Dr. Tenney then referred to action taken at the July, 1962, meeting, authorizing the National FFA Advisor to investigate the responsibilities that should be assumed by the National Organization with reference to initiating an International Relations Program. He told of a recent visit to his office, in Washington, by Mr. Franklin H. Williams, Director of the Division of Private Organizations, of the Peace Corps, who presented a plan for cooperation between the Peace Corps and the National FFA Organization. Mr. Williams agreed to send a representative of the Peace Corps to Kansas City to explain the plan in further detail to members of the Boards.

Peace
Corps
Proposal

Dr. Tenney then introduced Mr. Roger Kuhn, Deputy Director, Division of Private Organizations, of the Peace Corps, who reviewed all aspects of the proposed program. Under this plan, the Peace Corps would enter into a written agreement, or contract, with the National FFA Organization, outlining the conditions under which the FFA projects would be activated and administered.

Briefly, the plan would be as follows: The National FFA Organization would assist in selecting FFA members and advisors from the States for training in FFA projects sponsored by the Peace Corps. The volunteer must first file an application for service. If he qualifies and is accepted, he then must receive an invitation to serve from a country desiring such service. The volunteer would be required to agree to serve for a period of two years, including the training period, consisting of two months in the States, one month in Puerto Rico, and two to three weeks in the country to which he is assigned. This training would include instruction in the language, political and cultural conditions of the country; its history; our relationships with the country, etc.

Peace
Corps
Proposal -
(Cont'd.)

The Peace Corps would pay all travel and subsistence expenses of the volunteer. While serving, the sum of \$75.00 per month would be credited to the account of the volunteer, in a bank of his choice in the States. At the end of his tour of duty, he would have to his credit the sum of \$1,800.00, less taxes, or approximately \$1,600.00. The volunteers usually work in pairs. Our Government does not set up school systems, or new programs. Rather, they work with an on-going system or program already functioning within the country. Naturally, the programs are varied -- and it is felt that both the Peace Corps and the National FFA Organization would benefit greatly by having the FFA administer these projects.

This matter was discussed at some length, and Mr. Kuhn answered many questions put to him by members of the two Boards.

It was moved by Randall McCutcheon, seconded by Keith Simmons and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that the Governing Committee of the FFA be authorized to implement an agreement between the Peace Corps and the National Organization of Future Farmers of America, to develop an FFA Peace Corps which will assist in the establishment of Future Farmer organizations and vocational agriculture programs, for the development of rural leadership and the improvement of agriculture and rural life in developing countries throughout the world.

Peace
Corps
Proposal
Accepted

It was moved by Mr. Damisch, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

October 8, 1962

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, October 8, in Room M-4 of the Hotel President, all members of the Boards being present.

Report on
National
Future
Farmer
Magazine

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, appeared before the group and gave a brief report on the status of the magazine. He stated that the circulation figure has reached 297,627 -- an all-time high. A number of subscriptions will be expiring soon, but it is hoped that they will all be renewed. Advertising in the magazine now shows an increase of 6½ pages over last year.

National
FFA Week
Materials

Mr. Farrar gave a brief report on the status of materials for National FFA Week. He stated that complete information would be sent to the State Supervisors and Executive Secretaries of the FFA.

New FFA
Foundation
Booklets

A report was also given on new FFA Foundation booklets. Bulletin No. 3 entitled "Information and Statement of Policies" has been revised, and will be shipped to the States, in bulk, for distribution to the local chapters. A new Foundation booklet, "Awards for You", has been printed and shipped to the States.

Report on
FFA Supply
Service and
New Warehouse

Mr. E. J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, was present and gave a brief report. He stated that business at the Supply Service is up 10% over that of last year. The landscaping around the new warehouse has been completed, adding greatly to its appearance. A saving of approximately 40% on shipping supplies has been effected by having sufficient space to store them for a year. Mr. Hawkins stated that erection of a new FFA sign at the approach to the main building has been delayed because of a proposed new parkway from Mount Vernon.

Report on
Results of
Questionnaire
to the States

Dr. Tenney next gave a brief report on the results of a Questionnaire sent to the States under date of August 2, 1962. Thirty-nine States responded to Part I of the Questionnaire, and 43 States answered the questions in Part II. A complete summarization of the responses follows:

FFA QUESTIONNAIRE

I. FFA CALENDAR PROGRAM

A. What percentage of chapters in your State are permitted by school policy to participate in the FFA calendar program as a fund-raising activity? Av. 79 %

B. Do you believe that the FFA calendar is priced too high?

Yes 25 No 14

1. If your answer to (B) is "Yes", if the national organization gave up its 5% commission on the sale of calendars in order to reduce the cost, would you be in favor of discontinuing your State's 5% commission?

Yes 23 No 6

2. If your answers are "Yes" to the above, do you think that this proposed 10% decrease would result in increased participation in the calendar program by the chapters in your State?

Yes 19 No 10

II. NATIONAL FFA CHORUS AND NATIONAL FFA BAND

A. Do you favor having a National Chorus at the FFA Convention in future years?

Yes 22 No 21

1. If your answer to (A) is "Yes",

a. What size chorus would you suggest? 100
(About 100 in former years)

b. What is the maximum number of boys you would like to have represented in this unit from your State? Answers varied:
1 - 20

c. Would you be in favor of having one boy from each State in the chorus, with the States closer to Kansas City having larger numbers?

Yes 13 No 4

B. What is the maximum number of boys you would like to have represented in the National FFA Band from your State?

Answers varied:
2 - 6

George
Neiley -
Distinguished
Service
Award

Dr. Tenney proposed that Mr. George Neiley, Director of Public Relations, Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois, be added to the list of those persons recommended to receive the Distinguished Service Award at the 1962 National FFA Convention. Mr. Neiley has rendered invaluable service to the National Organization this year, through his work as assistant to Mr. Bruce Lourie, in raising funds for the FFA Foundation. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Cooperation
With
"Self Help"
To Be Left
To The States

Mr. Gray reported to the group that he had been contacted by Mr. John Wm. Baccarini, Executive Director of Self Help, in Waverly, Iowa, concerning possible assistance from the National Office in working with the States to promote the work of his organization. It is a non-profit organization. They repair used farm machinery and sell it to foreign countries at a low cost. Mr. Baccarini expressed the hope that the National Organization of FFA would lend its support to this activity. Members of the Boards discussed the matter, but it was the consensus of opinion that the National Office should not endorse this project, and that it be left to the States as to whether or not they wished to cooperate in the work of this organization.

Participation
by Teacher
Educators at
National FFA
Convention --

Considerable discussion took place on ways in which teacher educators could be more effectively used in the FFA program, and particularly during the National FFA Convention. A partial list of suggestions included assisting with:

To be Discussed
at AVA Convention

1. Courtesy Corps
2. FFA Judging Events
3. American Farmer Ceremony
4. Public Speaking Contests
5. Storing Materials
6. Other Awards Programs

It was suggested that the matter of participation by Teacher Educators in events at the National FFA Convention be discussed with the Teacher Educators at the forthcoming convention of the American Vocational Association.

Explanation
of National
Convention
Plans

Considerable time was devoted to reviewing plans for the 1962 National FFA Convention, and in going over the duties and responsibilities assigned to each staff member.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary


A. W. Tenney, Chairman