

MINUTES

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

Kansas City, Missouri
October 11-12, 1964

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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 8:30 a.m., in Room M-4 of the Hotel President, Kansas City, Missouri, by A. W. Tenney, Chairman. Board members present, in addition to Dr. Tenney, included:

Board of Directors

C. C. Eustace, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Topeka, Kansas;
T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Montgomery, Alabama;
* J. C. Fink, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania;
P. B. Kirk, State Director, Agricultural Education, Cheyenne, Wyoming;
E. J. Johnson, H. N. Hunsicker, M. C. Gaar, and Wm. Paul Gray **, all of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

Nels Ackerson, National FFA President, Westfield, Indiana;
Jon Ford, National FFA Student Secretary, Helena, Oklahoma;
Jan Turner, National FFA Vice President, Morgan, Utah;
Joseph Coyne, National FFA Vice President, Minooka, Illinois;
Marvin Gibson, National FFA Vice President, Maryville, Tennessee;
James Teets, National FFA Vice President, Terra Alta, West Virginia.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia; John Farrar, Director of Information and Public Relations for the FFA; Wilson W. Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; Howard Carter, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; E. J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service; and J. G. Bryant, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Atlanta, Georgia, were also present.

Especially invited guests were: G. W. Conoly, Resident Teacher Trainer, Agricultural Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida; W. T. Johnson, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, North Carolina; and E. M. Norris, Head Teacher Trainer, Department of Agricultural Education, Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical College, Prairie View, Texas,

* Alternate, representing the North Atlantic Region, instead of Neal D. Andrew.

** Mr. Gray represented the Central Region, due to a vacancy on the staff.

The Chairman called upon Mr. Campbell, who opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Dr. Tenney commented briefly relative to the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Board of Student Officers.

Mr. Gray then read the Minutes of the Governing Committee Meeting, which was held on August 18, 1964. The Minutes of this Meeting follow:

August 18, 1964:

Governing
Committee
Minutes

The meeting of the Governing Committee of the FFA was called to order by A. W. Tenney, Chairman. Others present included E. J. Johnson, H. N. Hunsicker (members of the committee) and Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary.

In light of the Federal pay raise, the salaries of the FFA employees were discussed.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried, that the salaries of all FFA employees be raised proportionately per grade as Federal salaries and be retroactive to July 1, 1964.

Approval of
Minutes of
Governing
Committee

It was moved by Marvin Gibson, seconded by James Teets and carried, that the Minutes of the Governing Committee's Meeting be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Gaar and carried, that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Approval of
Previous
Minutes
As Corrected

The Chairman next called for the reading and approval of the Minutes of the regular Board Meeting, held on July 30-31, 1964. These Minutes were approved with the following changes: (1) That "October 7" be substituted for "as soon as possible" as the time for providing blue blazers for National FFA Officers; (2) That the words "as soon as feasible" be changed to "July 1, 1965" as the time for the FFA Executive Secretary to develop plans concerning a National FFA Leadership Training Conference; and (3) Explore the possibilities of expanding the "professional public relations staff" (instead of "public relations activities") -- to be coordinated with the staff of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine; that a Committee, including members of the Board of Student Officers and Directors, with Mr. Farrar and Mr. Carnes serving as consultants, be appointed to study these possibilities and to report at the January, 1965 meeting of the two Boards, with appropriate action being taken at that time.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 a.m. to permit members of the Board to attend church services.

NFA Officials -
Consultants on
Integration of
FFA and NFA

The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Tenney welcomed E. M. Norris, W. T. Johnson, and G. W. Conoly to the Board meeting. He explained that they had been invited, as administrative officials of the New Farmers of America, to sit in on the meeting to review some of the latest developments, on the National level, with respect to the forthcoming merger of the FFA and NFA, and that their counsel would be quite valuable in helping to solve some of the problems which may be encountered.

Latest
Developments
On National
Level - Re:
Integration of
FFA and NFA

Dr. Tenney read a memorandum, prepared by the Legal Counsel of the Office of Education, pertaining to legal aspects of the FFA and NFA Constitutions, as well as Public Law 740. He also reported that we have been cooperating closely with the Civil Rights Commission on the integration of the FFA and NFA organizations, in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Dr. Tenney also read a letter, dated September 22, 1964, from Francis Keppel, U. S. Commissioner of Education, on the matter of merging the two organizations.

Report by
Dr. Norris
On NFA
Convention

Dr. Norris gave a report on the 1964 NFA Convention, which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, October 4-8. He thought it was a most successful convention, with very good attendance and participation. On the last day of the convention, however, it was announced by Dr. Gaar that there very probably would be no further NFA Conventions. This came as a shock to those concerned. Messrs. Conoly and Johnson joined Dr. Norris in expressing the hope that permission may be granted to hold one more NFA Convention, so that final awards may be presented, and the "closing-out" period may be accomplished in a business-like way. Dr. Tenney agreed to put such a request in the form of a letter to the Commissioner of Education.

Discussion
On Steps
For
Integration

The Chairman then asked for serious discussion on concrete recommendations for accomplishing the merger of the two organizations. Suggestions were placed on a blackboard and discussed, item by item, by members of each Board. After a lengthy discussion, unanimous approval was given to the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE FFA BOARDS OF STUDENT
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ON INTEGRATION OF THE
FFA-NFA

Recommendations
For Merging The
FFA and NFA

1. States concerned should set up State Committees to study and work on the problem of merging the NFA with the FFA.
2. Have professional Negro educators serve as consultants at meetings of the FFA Board of Directors during the merging of the NFA with the FFA.
3. NFA members, meeting the qualifications of the National FFA Constitution, will begin FFA membership, at comparable degrees, on July 1, 1965, where administratively permissible, and in accordance with approved State Plans for Vocational Education.
4. The last National NFA Convention will be held not later than October, 1965, for presentation of final awards and for completion of the merging of the NFA with the FFA.
5. Selected former NFA officers, or members, should attend the 1965 National FFA Convention for special activities which will be held in connection with the merging of the two organizations.

Dr. Tenney stated that the above recommendations would be submitted to the Commissioner of Education, along with the request for an extension of time for closing out the NFA. He also stated that these recommendations would be mimeographed and presented to the State FFA Advisors at their meeting in Kansas City on Tuesday, October 13.

Reports from
Regional
Representatives
And Student
Officers

The Chairman then called for reports from the Regional members of the Board, asking for ideas and suggestions they have received from the States in their respective Regions, relative to the FFA. These suggestions, along with those offered by members of the Board of Student Officers, were placed on the blackboard, and the agenda was revised accordingly. These matters will be discussed later.

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

October 12, 1964

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, October 12, 1964, in the Hotel President. All members were present except Jon Ford who was ill.

The first item considered by the Board was the proposed amendment to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the California Association of FFA, as shown below:

Proposed
Amendment
To FFA
Constitution --
Submitted by
California
Association --
Recommendation,
To Be Declined

That Article V, Section E, paragraphs 1 and 2, read as follows: "Must have held the Degree of State Farmer for one year preceding election to the Degree of American Farmer, must be an active member of the FFA, and must have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.

"Must have held continuous membership in the FFA from the time of his first affiliation until the time of his application, and in no case less than 36 months. Should the vocational agriculture department in the applicant's high school have been discontinued temporarily after his initial enrollment, or should the applicant have moved during high school to an area where vocational agriculture was not taught, or should the applicant have been in military service, this provision may be waived upon the submission and approval of an explanatory statement."

After careful consideration of the proposed amendment, it was moved by Joseph Coyne, seconded by James Teets and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that the proposed amendment to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the California Association of FFA, be declined. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

Next for consideration were three proposed amendments to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the Connecticut Association of FFA, as follows:

Proposed
Amendments
to FFA
Constitution --
Submitted by
Connecticut
Association

That under Article III, Section C, the following changes be made:

1. Delete "he" and substitute "the student" attends.....
2. Delete "he" and substitute "the student" shows an interest in
3. Delete "he", "his" and "himself" and substitute "the student" pays dues regularly and conducts "him/herself".....

That under Article IV, Section B, the following changes be made:

1. Delete "male" in second line.
2. The first two lines in Paragraph 2 read:
"Members may retain their active membership continuously throughout their"
3. Delete the words "he becomes" in line 7.

Proposed
Amendments
To FFA
Constitution --
Submitted by
Connecticut
Association --
Recommendation,
To Be Declined

That under Article V, Section E, the following changes be made:

1. Delete the word "his" and substitute the word "their" in Paragraph 3.
2. Delete the word "his" and substitute the word "their" in Paragraph 4.

After some discussion, it was moved by Marvin Gibson, seconded by James Teets and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that all three of the above proposed amendments to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the Connecticut Association of FFA, be declined. It was moved by Mr. Eustace, seconded by Mr. Faulkner and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

It was the consensus of opinion of the group that, in accordance with previous action taken by the Joint Boards, this matter should be referred for study to the committee appointed to consider the re-structuring of the over-all FFA program.

Next for consideration was the proposed amendment to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the Nevada Association of FFA, as follows:

That under Article VIII, Section G, the following be added after the second sentence:

"Any State Association with a membership of less than 1,000, may select its State Officers from those members meeting the minimum requirements for the State Farmer Degree."

Proposed
Amendment
To FFA
Constitution --
Submitted by
Nevada
Association --
Recommendation,
To Be Approved

After careful consideration of the proposed amendment, it was moved by Jan Turner, seconded by James Teets and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that the proposed amendment to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the Nevada Association of FFA, be approved for adoption. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

The Chairman then called for discussion on the proposed amendment to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the Ohio Association of FFA, as follows:

That under Article IV, Section B, Last Paragraph, the following sentence be added:

Proposed
Amendment
To FFA
Constitution --
Submitted by
Ohio
Association --
Recommendation,
To Be Approved

"Members participating in the six months armed service program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership."

After due consideration, it was moved by Joseph Coyne, seconded by Marvin Gibson and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that the proposed amendment to the FFA Constitution, submitted by the Ohio Association of FFA, be approved for adoption. It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Faulkner and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

Report of
Future Farmers
Supply Service

Edward Hawkins, Manager of the FFA Supply Service, was present and gave a brief report. He displayed a blazer type jacket which had been previously approved for use by National FFA Advisors and the National FFA Officers. He stated that members of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association have now requested permission to purchase a similar jacket with the NVATA emblem on the pocket of the jacket. A discussion was held as to whether or not this service should be provided for teachers of vocational agriculture.

Blazer Type
Jacket Made
Available
To Members
Of NVATA
Through
FFSS

It was moved by Joseph Coyne, seconded by James Teets and carried, that the Future Farmers Supply Service be authorized to stock and sell jackets, with emblems, to members of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Report on
The National
FUTURE FARMER
Magazine

Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, gave reports on the status of both the Magazine and the official FFA Calendar program. He commented, first, on the Magazine. The October-November issue contains approximately one-fifth more advertising than in any previous issue, and many compliments have been received on this particular issue. He stated, however, that additional subscriptions are needed from some States.

Report on
Official
FFA
Calendar

With reference to the Calendar, Mr. Carnes reported that orders are running ten per cent ahead of last year at this same time. However, more support is needed from the State Offices, as well as more chapter participation. Mr. Carnes stated that Arthur Sarnoff, of New York, has been chosen as the new artist for calendar covers. Suggestions are now being invited for the 1967 calendar painting. Because of the increased number of partnerships between Fathers and Sons, on home farms, one idea suggested was for a painting showing a large sign with the name of the farm owner, and a Future Farmer adding, to the sign, the words "and Son". It was agreed that the Governing Committee should make the final selection of a theme for the 1967 calendar painting.

Report on
Status of
Bulletin No. 4 -
FFA National
Contests -
1965, '66, '67

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Elmer Johnson for a report on the status of Bulletin No. 4 - "Future Farmers of America National Contests, 1965, '66, '67" as Revised 1964. Mr. Johnson stated that the old bulletin is being used this year. The new bulletin has been delayed in order to incorporate the latest legislative changes pertaining to grades and classification of Livestock, Meats, and Poultry. The revised bulletin will be available by the end of November.

Report on
Dairy Events
In Waterloo

Mr. Johnson also gave a report on the Dairy Farming events held in Waterloo, Iowa, early in October. Rande A. Kummer, of Deer Park, Washington, was the National winner in Dairy Farming. Forty-three States participated in the Dairy Cattle Contest, with the Tulare Union High School team, Tulare, California, winning the Trophy Award. The Pine City, Minnesota, team placed first in the Dairy Products Contest, in which twenty-nine States participated.

New Handbook
"FFA At Work
For Safety"

Paul Gray gave a brief report on the new Handbook, entitled "FFA At Work For Safety". He stated that, in the preparation of this Handbook, several people were used as consultants. The American Oil Company underwrote the cost of the bulletin (approximately \$2,500.00). It was prepared for use by both the student and the teacher.

Renewal of
Exchange
Program with
Great Britain

Mr. Gray gave a brief report on the status of renewing an Exchange Program with the Young Farmer Clubs of Great Britain. He has recently exchanged correspondence with Mr. R. Gregor of Scotland, and Miss Tilden of England. Representatives from abroad would prefer to arrive here in July and stay through the National FFA Convention -- while our two members would probably go abroad in June and return in September. Mr. Gray also stated that Colombia would like to have an FFA member visit their country. A discussion took place on the proper method

for selecting candidates to represent this country. It was pointed out that a policy was established, in 1957, that National Officers should not be selected.

Exchange
Program
Approved

It was moved by Marvin Gibson, seconded by Joseph Coyne and carried, that appropriate steps be taken for initiating an Exchange Program with Great Britain. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Kirk and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

Dr. Tenney next reported on the status of the FFA-NFA Peace Corps Project in Pakistan. It is progressing satisfactorily and a new group will be sent to Pakistan soon.

FFA-NFA
Peace
Corps
Project in
Pakistan

It was moved by James Teets, seconded by Joseph Coyne and carried, that the Governing Committee be authorized to work out the details of continuing the Peace Corps Project in Pakistan. It was moved by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Faulkner and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

Minnesota
Proposal, Re:
Awards to
Fathers of
National
Officers and
Star Farmers -
No Action
Taken

The Chairman next presented a proposal from the State of Minnesota, in which they advocated the presentation of the Distinguished Service Plaque to Fathers of the National Officers and Star Farmers, rather than the Honorary American Farmer Degree. This matter was discussed at some length. No definite action was taken. However, the National Officers were of the opinion that the present policy of awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to Fathers of National FFA Officers and Star Farmers, should be continued, on the National level, but that the States should set their own policies with respect to this matter.

Materials
For National
FFA Week

John Farrar reported briefly on materials for National FFA Week. He displayed samples of the poster for outdoor billboards, which will sell for \$4.25. He stated that so far, orders have been received for 2,400. They will be available for delivery November 1. The printer has posters, place mats, etc., ready to mail to the chapters, November 1. A theme must now be selected for FFA Week in 1966, and suggestions were invited.

National
Farm-City
Week

A progress report on National Farm-City Week was made by Mr. Farrar. Dr. Tenney will serve on the Advisory Committee, and Mr. Farrar on the Steering Committee.

Dr. Tenney outlined some of the changes being made in connection with the imminent reorganization of the Office of Education, which may affect the FFA and possibly the FFA Foundation.

Funds
Approved
For Additional
Personnel,
If Needed

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Marvin Gibson, seconded by James Teets and carried, that, if necessary, appropriate funds be designated for personnel necessary to carry on the work of the FFA and the FFA Foundation. It was moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Eustace and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained by the Board of Directors.

Convention
Assignments

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in reviewing National Convention plans, and the specific responsibilities of individual members of the Board.

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