

MINUTES
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
National Board of Trustees
Future Farmers of America
(Washington, D. C. June 5 & 6, 1931)

The meeting was opened at 10:00A.M. on June 5th by President Leslie Fry.

Those present were Vice President Joe Henry Gardner of Virginia, Vice Pres. William Showalter of Indiana; Student Secretary, Malcom Wilkins of Pennsylvania; National Adviser, Dr. C. H. Lane, Washington, D. C.; Executive Secretary W. A. Ross, Washington, D. C.; and Treasurer, Henry C. Groseclose of Virginia.

A motion was regularly made by William Showalter and seconded to authorize Mr. Ross to write and correspond with the Massachusetts organization to change their title; also to include any other change in state titles and to also ask New Hampshire to conform in title with the organization. Motion carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried to authorize Mr. Ross to accept or refuse the Massachusetts Constitution.

A. Duties of President and Vice Presidents
until November 15, 1931

Discussed importance of sending state exhibits to Kansas City. It was agreed that Vice Presidents and President should send circular letters to State Presidents and impress on them the importance of this exhibit. It was further agreed that the duties of the President and the 4 Vice Presidents until November 15th should include getting out letters to State F.F.A. presidents and send carbon copies to State Advisers. In these letters it was thought best to include these items:

1. Urge that one or more delegates be sent to National Congress at Kansas City in November.
2. Urge that State F.F.A. exhibits be sent to Kansas City. (Exhibitors correspond directly with Mr. L. E. Hall, Supt. of Vocational Exhibits)
3. Call attention to objective 14, National Program of Work 1930-31 and urge flower gardens and farm home conveniences for mothers of Future Farmers.
4. Urge payment of dues before August 1st 1931 because number possible American Farmer degree candidates are determined by payment of dues by this date; also, the national organization has bills to pay.
5. Urge State Associations to make their dues year conform with the national dues year. (July 1 to June 30)

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6. Urge chapters and State Associations to put on radio programs and suggest items for inclusion in national radio program every second Monday of the month. *OK*
7. Urge President and Vice President to send any valuable publicity material to farm magazines and papers. *OK*
8. Urge chapter presidents to secure complete meeting and initiation paraphernalia. Call attention to violations of constitution and urge the State Associations to check upon their State F.F.A. constitution and keep it in harmony with the national Constitution. *OK*
9. Urge the President to, in turn, urge the State membership to listen in for the F.F.A. National radio programs the second Monday every month. (1:00 - 1:15P.M. Eastern Standard Time.) *OK*
10. Urge the establishment of libraries in the F.F.A. chapters to include the best reading material obtainable for F.F.A. members. *OK*

The question arose concerning the sending judging teams to London and sponsoring the trip for the Star Farmer as outlined in the National F.F.A. Program of Work for 1930-31. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to let the proposition of sponsoring the trips for winners in Public Speaking Contest, Star Farmer Contest, Chapter Contest and Judging Contest remain inactive until later so as to determine whether the proposed trips can be taken or whether they must be shortened in order to conform with the budget set aside for that purpose. Motion carried. *OK*

A motion was made and seconded to supply the two hundred dollars (additional) from the national treasury to the Ohio Band which at present has not been contributed and if any band contributions from other sources are made such amounts shall be deducted from the \$200. additional set aside in the national F.F.A. Treasury. Carried. *OK*

The motion made and seconded to award the Star Farmer a national plaque properly engraved for him to keep as his personal property. Carried.

The motion made and seconded that Mr. Groseclose be given the exclusive right to award a 50 year challenge trophy for annual competition between various State Associations of F.F.A. and that a banner be given by the national F.F.A. to the winning State in the State Association contest. The cup to be held as long as the State is in the lead and the banner to be permanent property. *OK*

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The motion was made and seconded to send to the local chapters a copy of the national creed suitable for framing; expense to be borne by national treasury; Carried. *OK*

The motion made and seconded to empower Mr. Ross to write to the Alexander Company in Texas requesting them to cease sending out folders bearing their advertising. Carried.

B. Suggestions for Kansas City Program

1. To what extent should the national organization participate in the award of cash prizes contest? *OK*
This should be discussed by delegates in open meeting.
2. The following names were proposed as candidates for the Honorary American Farmer degree: Tabor, Stone, Case, Henry, State Adviser of winning State, Local Adviser of winning chapter contest, Four Regional agents of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. Amendment was made to include Mr. Ross on list to be considered. *OK*
3. Work by days to be as follows:

: Nov. 14th :	15th	:	16th	:	17th	:	18th	:	19th
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
: Board of	: Visitors	:	: State	:	: 8:00A.M.	:	: Committee	:	: Joint Board
: Trustees	: meeting	:	: Advisers	:	: General	:	: work 8:30	:	: of Trustees
: 10:00A.M.	:	:	: meeting	:	: Meeting	:	: General	:	: Meeting
: Appoint-	:	:	: 9:00A.M.	:	: Broadcast	:	: Meeting	:	:
: ment of	:	:	: Board of	:	: of National	:	: Report of	:	:
: Committee	:	:	: Trustees	:	: Speaking	:	: Committee	:	:
:	:	:	: 1:00P.M.	:	: Contest	:	: 1:00P.M.	:	:
:	:	:	: Public	:	: 11:30-	:	: Banquet	:	:
:	:	:	: Speaking	:	: 12:30 noon:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	: Contest	:	: 1:30P.M.	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	: 8:00P.M.	:	: General	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	: Meeting	:	:	:	:

4. It was decided to have a report of the work in each State given by a candidate for American Farmer degree from that State. *OK*
5. It was decided to omit the one minute speech by the candidate for American Farmer degree; just introduce him. *OK*
6. Selection of Song in song writing contest. *OK*

7. Selection of American Farmers; applications must be in *OK* by October 17th and acted on.
8. It was decided to continue the constitutional committee.
9. A motion was made and seconded to have Leslie Fry correspond with Bill Rogers to see what arrangements could be made to have him at our National meeting in Kansas City next fall. Carried.
10. It was agreed upon by the Board to authorize Mr. Ross to develop what he can for the organization and operation of collegiate chapters of F.F.A. from what he has gained from the Executive Committee meeting.
11. Motion made and seconded to refer the matter of officers insignia to the Insignia Committee at Kansas City next *OK* Fall. Carried.

C. An F.F.A. National Magazine for Members.

Considerable discussion took place on the need for and desirability of having a national F.F.A. magazine. The discussion finally came to a head on three possible situations:

- Case I. Turn the whole thing over to a farm paper, and let them do the editing, managing and the whole thing.
- Case II. Have some one thoroughly familiar with F.F.A. work do the editing and forward the collected material to the F.F.A. paper for printing.
- Case III. Set up our own machinery and manage it strictly as an F.F.A. paper.

The question concerning the publication of the F.F.A. paper was then discussed further and it was decided to have the Vice Presidents each write to the State Advisers in his territory and have them in turn write to each local adviser to make a survey of his chapter in regard to the actual demand for an F.F.A. magazine. Copies of these Vice President letters were to be sent to State Advisers. *OK*

The suggested form for such a letter is as follows:

Please mimeograph enough of these forms for all of your local chapters. Send them to all chapter Advisers. Have F.F.A. members discuss and vote on these questions. Tabulate results and send to the National Executive Secretary, 1523 L Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. *OK*

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1. Do you favor having an official F.F.A. magazine. _____
2. The following number of individuals would subscribe for an F.F.A. magazine at \$1.00 per year. _____
3. Would you contribute F.F.A. articles and pictures to this magazine? Yes _____ No _____
4. In addition to a special F.F.A. editor should a boy editor cooperate in preparation of material for the publication? Yes _____ No _____
5. Should the F.F.A. section of the Agricultural Educational magazine be continued and directed principally by advisers? Yes _____ No _____
6. Is the F.F.A. section of Agricultural Educational magazine sufficient at present for both advisers and members of F.F.A. organization? Yes _____ No _____

D. Uniforms, Caps and Emblems

The question of uniforms was brought before the committee. It was decided to refer the matter of selecting additional articles *OK* for the uniform to the insignia committee at Kansas City without recommendation.

A motion regularly made and seconded to authorize the Beverly Company to manufacture the chennille emblems with proper changes, *OK* and this matter to be handled in connection with the present contract with this company. (New emblems are to have a red sun.) Carried.

A motion made and seconded to refer the matter of selecting caps *OK* to the meeting at Kansas City. Carried.

E. National Constitution

Moved and seconded to refer following suggestions to constitutional committee at Kansas City:

Art. IV Section C -Item I be amended to read: "completion of 1 year in vocational agriculture ~~and~~ including supervised practice work and one year in F.F.A.

Art. IV Section 4, Item I, to read "at least two school years of vocational agriculture with an outstanding program ~~of~~ supervised practice operation and two years in F.F.A. work."

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Carried.

F. Collegiate Chapters of F.F.A.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of collegiate chapters of F.F.A. to be established at various teacher-training institutions for the purpose of offering instruction in F.F.A. work for trainees. It was suggested that such chapters be established on the following basis:

1. That the national organization provide a model constitution and plans for collegiate chapters.
2. That they be chartered either by the national organization or State Association. (Question unfinished)
3. That the problem be discussed further at the State Advisers meeting at Kansas City next fall.

Other than the above plans were left rather indefinite as to how the national organization wished to proceed.

G. Miscellaneous

The motion made and seconded to work out a uniform F.F.A. Secretary and Treasurer book. Carried. Samples to be made by each of the executive committee and sent to Leslie Fry, National President, before September 1, 1931.

It was agreed that every chapter should be responsible for a Washington day program on February 22, 1932 in connection with the Bi-Centennial celebration. *OK*

A motion was made and seconded authorizing Mr. Ross to make the necessary expenditure for one thousand feet of film to be taken at the Annual Congress at Kansas City next Fall and used in local and State chapters. Carried. *OK*

Motion made and seconded authorizing Mr. Ross to purchase a suitable trunk for transporting F.F.A. material to and from Kansas City. Carried. *OK*

A motion was made and seconded to have a joint meeting of the old Board of Trustees with the new Board of Trustees to be held November 19th at 9:00A.M. Carried. *OK*

A motion made and seconded not to send a national representative to the Florida State Convention in July. Carried. *OK*

Motion made and seconded to send a letter to Wilbert Choi from

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Hawaii asking him to come to Kansas City and deliver his speech in the National Public Speaking Contest but, that he would not be allowed to compete in the contest because he was unable to participate in the Regional Contest at Boise, Idaho. Carried. *OK*

The motion was made and seconded to use one hundred dollars if necessary for the purpose of recording the Future Farmer March on a phonograph record. Carried.