

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

Kansas City, Missouri
October 14-15, 1973

Sunday Afternoon - October 14, 1973

The meeting of the Boards of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 1:10 p.m. in the Music Room at the Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Missouri, by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Those present in addition to the Chairman included:

Board of Directors

Gerald F. Barton, Consultant, Agricultural Education, Des Moines, Iowa;
Ralph Dreessen, Assistant State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture,
Stillwater, Oklahoma;
H. E. Edwards, Senior Program Officer, U. S. Office of Education, Chicago, Ill.;
Gordon Galbraith, Specialist, Agricultural Education, Salem, Oregon;
Philip A. Haight, Senior Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Boston, Mass.;
J. W. Lacey, Senior Program Officer, U. S. Office of Education, Denver, Col.;
B. F. Rawls, Senior Program Officer, U. S. Office of Education, Kansas City, Mo.
J. W. Warren, Senior Program Officer, U. S. Office of Education,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.;

Officers

Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary, Board of Directors, U. S. Office of Education,
Washington, D. C.;
J. H. Campbell, Treasurer, FFA, State Department of Education, Richmond, Va.;

Board of National Officers

Dwight O. Seegmiller, National President, Decorah, Iowa;
Jerry Goolsby, National Secretary, Guthrie, Oklahoma;
Tim Daugherty, National Vice President, Chillicothe, Missouri;
Bruce S. Erath, National Vice President, Grahamsville, New York;
Zane Hansen, National Vice President, Pingree, Idaho;
Robert M. Hinton, National Vice President, Sydney, Florida;

Consultants

Bob R. Stewart, Chairman, FFA Committee, AATEA, University of Missouri,
Columbia, Missouri;
Howard E. Teal, Past President, NVATA, Inc., Boonville, New York;
John W. Bunten, Program Officer, U. S. Office of Education, San Francisco, Calif.

Others present for all or portions of the meeting were:

Edward J. Hawkins, Executive Director, FFA, Alexandria, Va.;
Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring
Committee, Madison, Wisconsin;
J. L. Branch, Director, Secondary Vocational Education, Atlanta, Georgia;
C. Coleman Harris, Associate Executive Secretary, FFA, Alexandria, Va.;
Robert A. Seefeldt, Manager, FFA Contests and Awards, Alexandria, Va.;
Harry J. Andrews, Acting Manager, National FFA Supply Service, Alexandria, Va.

INVOCATION -- National Vice President Tim Daugherty gave the invocation.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS -- Adjustments of the agenda were requested and made.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -- It was moved by Zane Hansen (Mr. Barton)*, seconded by Bob Hinton (Mr. Warren) and carried that the Minutes of the July 30 - August 1, 1973 Meeting be approved.

FINAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND CEREMONIAL AMENDMENTS -- The National Officers made a final item by item review of the proposed constitutional and ceremonial amendments to be presented to the convention delegates. (See Appendix H, Minutes July-August, 1973 Meeting of National FFA Board of Directors.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Zane Hansen (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Bob Hinton (Mr. Barton) and carried that the proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution be submitted to the official delegates at the 46th National FFA Convention for their approval or disapproval with the exception of Items (2b), (5b), (6) and (8).

REPORT ON STATE SURVEY OF PROPOSED REVISION OF THE OFFICIAL FFA MANUAL --

Mr. Gray gave a report of a National Survey of States on whether or not to revise the Official FFA Manual. He indicated that 33 States replied and the survey definitely points out that there is not sufficient interest, nor is it the desire of the States to revise the Manual at this time, since only five indicated any change be considered.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Bob Hinton (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Bruce Erath (Mr. Dreessen) and carried that Mr. Gray's report of the proposed revision of the Official FFA Manual be accepted, and the report to be referred to the appropriate committee at the National FFA Convention.

*Parenthesis indicate joint action by the National FFA Officers and Board of Directors.

OFFICIAL DRESS FOR GIRL MEMBERS -- Mr. Harry J. Andrews, Acting Manager of the National FFA Supply Service, reported that a committee had been formed consisting of several girls and three boys. This committee will meet during the National Convention to discuss the official dress for girl members and other matters pertaining to the FFA Supply Service.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bob Hinton (Mr. Warren), seconded by Bruce Erath (Mr. Haight) and carried to accept Mr. Andrews' report, and that other aspects and evaluation of the Supply Service be discussed along with the official dress for girl members by the Supply Service Committee during the National FFA Convention.

DISCUSSION ON DEFINITION OF PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE AND (OFF-FARM, NON-PRODUCTION) AGRIBUSINESS -- Considerable discussion ensued regarding clarification of the definition of Production Agriculture and (off-farm, non-production) Agribusiness relative to applying for the American Farmer Degree. Some thought a committee should be appointed to determine the definition of entrepreneurship and non-entrepreneurship, following the OE taxonomy; others thought the matter should not be referred to a committee and a determination made at this convention. It was mentioned that a list of 108 occupations could be made available at a later date which would aid the matter of classification of applying for the degree in the production agriculture segment or in the (off-farm, non-production) agribusiness segment. Some members of the Boards thought that the interpretation contained in the February 15, 1973 Note, sent to the States by the National FFA Advisor, was sufficient.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jerry Goolsby (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Dreessen) and carried that FFA members on farm placement for trainee and/or employee purposes may apply for the American Agribusiness Degree, with the exception of those who work on family farms, family corporations, or family and/or other partnerships in which the member is personally involved.

PLANS AND PROCEDURES FOR 1974 AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE APPLICATIONS -- Mr. Seefeldt suggested that in order to best determine plans and procedures for 1974 American Farmer Degree applications, a committee be appointed to review some of this year's applications, especially Agribusiness application forms. Considerable discussion followed regarding the 1974-1975 Agribusiness application form, especially page 8. It was suggested that perhaps the Boards' action taken at the July, 1973 Meeting should be reconsidered; however, after further discussion it was the consensus of the Boards not to reconsider the action taken at that time. (See page 24 of July '73 Minutes.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Haight), seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Dreessen) and carried that the decision approved at the July, 1973 Meeting of the Boards, regarding the approved American Farmer Degree application forms to be used in 1974, i.e. the 1974-75 Production application form be used by the Production candidates in 1974, and the 1973-74 American Farmer application form be used by the non-production Agribusiness candidates in 1974. It was further recommended that a comprehensive statement explaining the intent of the Boards in the use of these forms be sent to the States by the National FFA Advisor.

MOTION -- It was further moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Bob Hinton (Mr. Barton) and carried unanimously, that a committee consisting of two Board members and National Officers be authorized to correspond with Bob Seefeldt at the National FFA Center on proposals for a new American Farmer Degree application form for use by the (non-production) Agribusiness candidates in 1975. Mr. Seefeldt will then prepare and mail a final draft of the proposals to the committee and they will return it along with their inputs. If necessary, the committee will meet at the National FFA Center 2-3 days prior to the January Board Meeting to thoroughly review the proposed form before submitting it for approval.

UPDATING OF REGIONAL STAR FARMER AND STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN APPLICATIONS -- It was mentioned that some State staff members are concerned about the proper time to update the Regional Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman applications in order that they may contain current information. The Chairman stated that he would check the rules established by the Board of Directors and National Officers concerning this matter. (See Minutes of July 28, 1970 Meeting of Board of Directors. The motion made at that time is as follows:

"UPDATING THE REGIONAL STAR FARMER AND STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN APPLICATIONS -- Attention was called to the numerous suggestions received that the four Regional FFA Star Farmers and the four Regional FFA Star Agribusinessmen be allowed to update their applications as of September 1st of each year before their credentials are submitted to the judges who select the respective National award winners during the National FFA Convention. It was pointed out that currently the records reflect the Candidates' Status as of the preceding December 30th and that most candidates have made considerable growth in their business operations, investments, leadership status and other developments which should be made available to the judges and to the press.

MOTION -- It was moved by Steve Zumbach (Dr. Noakes), seconded by Dennis Pharris (Mr. Dougan), and carried that the four selected Regional Star Farmers and Regional Star Agribusinessmen be given the privilege of updating their applications as of September 1st by providing appropriate information which will reflect their current status accurately.")

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION SPONSORING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Donald N. McDowell gave a historical review of the FFA Foundation campaigns conducted for the past 30 years. He also presented a status report of contributions received and new sponsors for 1972-73, and acquainted the group with the change in structure of the Sponsoring Committee. In 1974 there will be 50 State Chairmen on one team instead of 24. Mr. McDowell then distributed to the Boards copies of the first "FFA Notes and Quotes" bulletin which will be sent periodically to all of the Sponsors to keep them informed about the FFA. He also stated that only two responses were received in his office concerning the material mailed regarding the BJ4A project. He recommended the Boards "forget it".

Sponsorship has not as yet been obtained for the "Food For America" program. The FFA Instructional Packet has been discussed with the Executive Council but nothing new has developed as far as locating a sponsor. Mr. McDowell distributed and briefly explained a brochure which promotes the "Executive Sponsors" program. There are 668 teaching units, developed by Successful Farming Magazine, which Mr. Stines is making available at no cost to FFA to encourage Executive Sponsors.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bob Hinton (Mr. Warren) seconded by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Dreessen) and carried that Mr. McDowell's report be accepted.

EXPO '74 -- Mr. Gray and Mr. Reuwee gave a status report on EXPO '74 which will be staged in Spokane, Washington, from May-October, 1974. It was stated that perhaps one possible way for FFA to participate would be in making FFA members available as Guides, however, the implementation of such a plan will depend upon whether or not the Pavilion is constructed. It was estimated the total cost of EXPO '74 Agricultural Pavilion is \$520,000. FFA manpower requirements would be five members at the exhibit at one time in two six-hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for six months. The cost to FFA, including food, lodging and transportation probably will be as much as \$21,000 to \$22,000. It was mentioned that the FFA Foundation does not think it would be feasible to obtain a special project sponsor for this activity. A suggestion was made that perhaps the States should be contacted to ascertain if any of them might be interested in sponsoring a five member team. After further discussion it was the consensus of the group to hold the project open, and if any new developments should occur, that the governing body be contacted as per action taken at the July, 1973 meeting.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Bob Hinton (Mr. Lacey), seconded by Jerry Goolsby (Mr. Haight) and carried to accept Messrs. Gray and Reuwee's report on EXPO '74.

REPORT ON AMERICAN ROYAL-FFA DISPLAY -- Mr. Byron F. Rawls gave a brief status report regarding the new facilities of the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. He stated that the Board of Governors of the American Royal were very pleased that the FFA is participating in the display. It was suggested that an FFA plaque displayed in the new building would be appropriate but the President of the American Royal will be contacted concerning this matter before a final decision is made. With no official action taken at this time, Mr. Rawls' report was accepted; he was requested to keep in touch with the Royal's officials regarding their wishes in this matter.

DELETE "VOLUNTARY" FROM FFA MANUAL IN REFERENCE TO MEMBERSHIP -- It was reported by Mr. Gray that other vocational student organizations, i.e. FHA, VICA and DECA, suggested we get together on this matter and delete the word "voluntary" from the Official FFA Manual with reference to membership. After a discussion, it was moved by Bruce Erath (Mr. Warren) seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Haight) and carried to delete the word "voluntary" on page 8 of the Manual

ALUMNI RELATIONS ADDED TO NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM -- The inclusion of "Alumni Relations" to the National Chapter Award Program came up for discussion and the following action was taken: It was moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Barton) seconded by Bob Hinton (Mr. Dreessen) and carried that a 11th division be added to the National Chapter Award Program called "Alumni Relations".

RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE THE NATIONAL FFA PRESIDENT A VOTING MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -- It was proposed that the National FFA President be made a voting member on the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. A discussion followed at which time it was pointed out that this matter must be acted upon by the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: -- It was then moved by Zane Hansen (Mr. Edwards) seconded by Bob Hinton (Mr. Galbraith) and carried that the FFA Board of Directors and National Officers recommend for consideration by the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation an amendment allowing a vote to the National FFA President who has previously served as an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. (See Article III - Board of Trustees - (1) Composition.)

ESTABLISHMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE DISCUSSED -- The Chairman briefly outlined the official procedures to be followed in appointing convention delegates to serve on the Nominating Committee. The National Officers and members of the Board of Directors then met by Regions to select members of the important Nominating Committee.

The meeting was recessed at 5:35 p.m.

Monday Morning - October 15, 1973

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 a.m. by the Chairman, with all members of the Boards present.

INTRODUCTION -- Mr. Ted Amick, Assistant to the Master of the National Grange, was introduced to the members and reported on a meeting that he and Mr. John W. Scott, Master of the National Grange, had recently with Dr. John R. Ottina, Commissioner of Education. Mr. Amick stated they discussed certain provisions of FFA's Federal Charter - P. L. 81-740 and that Dr. Ottina assured them that he would continue to keep two full-time staff members for Vocational Agriculture. Mr. Amick said that they discussed the hiring of additional staff members but that Dr. Ottina stated that this could not be done at this time.

Mr. Amick further stated that both he and Mr. Scott touched on other areas of concern regarding the FFA organization and vocational agriculture and they came away from the meeting impressed with the Commissioner and his concern for their problems.

Members of the Boards expressed thanks to Mr. Amick and Mr. Scott for their interest and concern regarding the problems of the FFA organization.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRAM OFFICER IN ATLANTA OFFICE -- Mr. Dreessen reported on his committee of supervisors concern regarding the fact that the position vacated by Dr. Gaar in the Atlanta USOE office had not been filled. It was the consensus of the Boards that the need to fill this position is vital and essential, especially since the Southern Region has such a large concentration of vocational agriculture students. Mr. Dreessen was requested to communicate this need to those who have the responsibility for filling the position.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FFA FINANCE COMMITTEE -- Mr. Gordon Galbraith, Secretary of the FFA Finance Committee, reviewed in detail the minutes and recommendations of the Finance Committee Meeting held October 15. (See Appendix A.) He explained the causes of the increasing costs of FFA jacket materials which resulted in the following motion:

MOTION -- It was moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Lacey), seconded by Jerry Goolsby (Mr. Haight) and carried that the Supply Service be given authority to raised the price of the FFA jacket up to \$1.00 (as of January 1, 1974, if deemed necessary).

Further discussion took place relative to possible sources of revenue to offset increased prices of goods and services purchased by the organization. One source suggested was the raising of FFA dues. It was recommended that the matter of raising dues be thoroughly studied. It was stated that with the inflationary rates of today, costs will probably go up another 20%-25% in the near future. It was suggested that the organization needs to set priorities and plan ahead taking these increased costs into account. It was stated that no matter how urgent the need for increased revenue actually is, extensive public relations and information work will be needed to explain and justify the reasons for it before presenting it to the delegates at the national convention.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ACCEPTED -- It was then moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Bob Hinton (Mr. Edwards) and carried that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO REMAIN THROUGHOUT ENTIRE CONVENTION -- The matter of delegate attendance was discussed and the National Officers and Board of Directors went on record as insisting that every State have its State delegates (or its certified alternate delegates) remain throughout the entire convention so that all seats can be filled in the delegate body.

ILLINOIS FFA ASSOCIATION DISCUSSED -- Mr. Eldon Witt, Executive Secretary of the Illinois Association Vocational Agriculture Teachers, of Roanoke, Illinois was introduced to the group and updated them regarding the situation of the Illinois FFA Association. He stated that the IAVAT has a contract with the State Director of Vocational Education to operate FFA and that he is presently serving as the State FFA Executive Secretary. He gave a brief description of his activities to date. Mr. Witt was asked a number of questions relating to the accountability of the Illinois State Board of Vocational Education for FFA.

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Mr. Witt for his appearance before the Boards, and stated that undoubtedly the Boards will be seeking additional information at a later date to ascertain whether the Illinois FFA Association was operating within the provisions of the National FFA Constitution.

REPORT OF STUDY COMMITTEE ON P. L. 81-740 -- Mr. J. L. Branch, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Boards to study and make recommendations concerning revision of P. L. 81-740, gave the group a short review of the committee's activities. He stated that when the committee made their indepth study with reference to changes in P. L. 81-740 its major concerns were:

1. Structure of the Board of Directors
2. Updating of the organization's structure
3. Voting power of the student members on the Board
4. Updating of the purposes and objectives of the organization
5. Insuring that the FFA is an integral part of the instructional program
6. Insuring that certain people would always be employed at national and regional levels.

Mr. Branch then stated that the committee proposed the following:

- (1) That no steps be taken at this time regarding proposed amendments.
(The committee thought it best to find out if P. L. 81-740 really means what it says regarding personnel, supplies, etc., and that as necessary, the legality of the law should be tested. He stated that some members thought that the risks involved might not be worth the final outcome.)
- (2) That this committee be held in abeyance.
(The committee recommended that it remain "in tact" in case it may become necessary to test the current law, and that the committee should continue its investigations to see what changes might be needed.)
- (3) That the committee prepare a report of the action taken at its meeting, and the rationale for this action, and communicate it to all segments of the profession for their study and recommendations.
(It was stated that there was a great need to get all segments of the Agricultural Education profession personally informed with this situation.)
- (4) That the National FFA Board of Directors invite three additional teachers and teacher educators to sit in as consultants to the study committee at their January 1974 meeting with no expense to the FFA.
(It was stated that these additional consultants would help the organization better meet the problems of the day.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Bob Hinton (Mr. Dreessen), seconded by Bruce Erath (Mr. Warren) and carried to accept Mr. Branch's committee report and that authorization be given for the continuation of this committee and for the implementation of the committee's recommendations. (It was stated that this action included money for the committee's operations if needed.)

The Chairman, in behalf of the Boards, expressed appreciation to Mr. Branch for his leadership on the Study Committee on P. L. 81-740.

REJECTED AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS REVIEWED -- Three American Farmer Degree candidates whose applications had not been approved at the July-August Board meetings were presented for further consideration.

MOTIONS -- After reviewing the application from the State of Wisconsin it was moved by Jerry Goolsby (Mr. Galbraith), seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Barton) and carried that the Boards support their earlier decision on this candidate.

-- An Ohio candidate's application was then considered at which time it was moved by Jerry Goolsby (Mr. Barton), seconded by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Dreessen) and carried that the Boards support their previous decision on this individual.

-- It was then moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Lacey), seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Haight) and carried that the Boards stand on their July recommendation regarding the American Farmer Degree candidate from Maine.

NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCREASED -- Mr. Howard Teal then gave the rationale behind the request from the NVATA -- to increase the number of vo-ag teacher consultants to the Board of Directors -- adopted at their executive committee meeting last July. (See Appendix J of the July 30 - August 1 Board Minutes.)

Mr. Teal stated that since the FFA budget had already been set for FY 1973-74 that he wouldn't expect the national organization to pay the consultants' expenses.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bob Hinton (Mr. Dreessen), seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Barton) and carried that three additional teachers and three additional teacher educators be invited to serve as consultants to the Board to begin at the January (1974) meeting, without cost to the FFA organization.

It was stated that this action would be a reciprocal one whereby members of the FFA Boards would attend the NVATA, and AATEA meetings.

A concern was expressed regarding the National Officers having equal time to express their views on the operations of the organization if more adult consultants were invited to attend Board meetings.

NATIONAL OFFICERS' OBSERVATIONS -- Jerry Goolsby then presented to the Boards some observations made regarding the organization's operations at the National FFA Center and listed several areas that he felt should be further improved, including better communications among the FFA divisions, the staff, the Board members and the National Officers.

NATIONAL OFFICERS' REFLECTIONS -- Copies of "A Year's Reflections: 1972-73 National Officers" were distributed to the group for their review.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Galbraith) seconded by Zane Hansen (Mr. Haight) and carried "that this list of written recommendations be put in the hands of the new National Officers on Saturday morning." (This recommendation was carried out on October 20.)

The Chairman thanked the National Officers for their comments and stated that their observations were welcome and challenging. He, as well as other members of the Board, stated that this year's officers team was a tremendous group and expressed appreciation to them for their dedication to the FFA and for their noteworthy cooperation throughout the year.


NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMED -- It was moved by Zane Hansen (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Tim Daugherty (Mr. Warren) and carried to accept the list of the members on the Nominating Committee as recommended by the Regional Vice Presidents and Board of Directors.

CONVENTION PLANS DISCUSSED -- Mr. Gray then reviewed the convention plans, meal functions, etc., regarding the 46th National FFA Convention.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.



H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman



Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

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APPENDIX A

FFA FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 1973

A special meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Chairman Gerald Barton at 7:00 a.m., Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Missouri, October 15, 1973. Those attending were H. N. Hunsicker, National Advisor; Gerald Barton, Chairman (Consultant, Agricultural Education, Iowa); James W. Warren, Jr., member (Program Officer, U. S. Office of Education) Dwight Seegmiller, National FFA President; J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer; Gordon Galbraith, Vice Chairman-Secretary (Specialist Agricultural Education, Oregon); and Edward J. Hawkins, Executive Director.

Increased Jacket Costs

Mr. Hawkins reviewed the status of the increasing costs of FFA jacket materials.

Jacket emblem - immediately - 10% increase.
January 1, 1974 - 40% increase.

(Difficulty in locating cotton material and increased supplier costs).

Corduroy - immediate increase of .06¢ per yard
(\$10,000.00 per year total increase).
January, 1974 increase - .33¢ per yard
(\$58,000.00 per year total increase).

225,000 yards have been committed for next year.

It was moved, (Warren) seconded (Seegmiller) and passed that the Finance Committee recommend to the National Board of Directors that the National FFA Supply Service be authorized to increase the price of the official FFA jacket up to \$1.00, if necessary, on January 1, 1974 in order to cover increased costs for materials and emblems.

Increased Magazine Mailing Cost

Mr. Hawkins discussed the projected increase in National Future Farmer mailing costs. There is no immediate change, however, it is estimated starting January 1, 1974 it will cost an additional \$9,000.00 per issue over a two year period.

Legal fees for Revision of Federal Charter

The need for additional legal fees for the revision of the Federal Charter was discussed. It was the consensus that funds presently in the budget is adequate. Upon initiation of plans for the Charter Revision and defence of the Charter, additional funds will be necessary to conduct such action.

Burglar Security for the FFA Center Buildings

Mr. Hawkins discussed the need for burglar security for the FFA Center. Installation (\$1200.00) and service (\$1400.00 per year) was discussed and decided it would be paid from the building reserve.

General Postage Increases

The first class and package postage increases that are planned will result in an estimated \$8,000.00 per year increase starting January 1, 1974 for the Supply Service. Consideration of this must be reflected in the 1974 - 75 budget.

Miscellaneous Business

A short discussion was held on possible sources of revenue to underwrite or offset expenditure increases. Increased prices for Supply Service items, budget expenditure cuts, additional Foundation support and a dues raise were reviewed.

January 6 - 9, 1974 Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet to review the 1974 - 75 FFA budget and evaluate National Center operation at 1:00 p.m. January 6 through 4:00 p.m. January 9, 1974. It was moved (Warren) seconded (Galbraith), and passed that the Finance Committee would give priority to evaluation of the Program Division and secondly to the Supply Service.

Dwight Seegmiller

Dwight Seegmiller, National President, expressed appreciation of the National Officers for the recent inclusion of the National President on the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Barton, Chairman

Gordon Galbraith, Vice Chairman-Secy.