

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL F.F.A. ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 10, 1943

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Those present were C. H. Lane, J. H. Pearson, D. M. Clements, E. J. Johnson, R. A. Manire, R. A. Howard, L. M. Sasman, S. S. Richardson, and A. W. Tenney.

Mr. Clements read a letter from the Tennessee Association concerning the manufacture and sale of a durable car window sticker. Clements moved that the advisory council recommend to the Board of Trustees that they investigate the possibility of having a durable car window sticker manufactured and, if advisable, arrange for the manufacture and sale of same. Motion seconded and carried.

An F.F.A. service scroll for chapters was discussed. Clements moved that a scroll for service members be recommended to the Board of Trustees and that a committee be appointed by the National Adviser to plan a scroll and that these scrolls be given to the chapters. Motion seconded and carried.

The Acting National Executive Secretary, Tenney, was asked to give a report on the present situation regarding the contracts with merchandise concerns selling goods to Future Farmers of America. Tenney explained that he had obtained the assistance of Mr. Garvey, the F.F.A. attorney, in preparing a contract form. Copies of these forms were distributed and the council assisted in revising the form. It was the sense of the meeting that Mr. Tenney have these contracts put into effect with the companies as soon as possible. These contracts were to be let as of January 1, 1943, and would run through December 31, 1944. Clements moved that if and when contracts are let by the National F.F.A. organization, F.F.A. for commodities that are to be offered for sale to State associations, chapters and members, there be inserted in an appropriate trade journal a notice stating when bids will be

opened, when closed, volumn of business involved and authority of the F.F.A. to reject any or all bids. Motion seconded and carried. Howard moved that it be proposed to the delegate body that they authorize the Board of Trustees to renew present contracts with F.F.A. contractors on a yearly basis for the duration. Motion seconded and carried.

It was the sense of the meeting that State Advisers should not be notified of dates of awarding contracts.

Sasman moved that the Board of Trustees be sustained in their action concerning Fred Taylor, American Farmer applicant from Kentucky. Motion seconded and carried.

A request from a commercial concern to show a commercial motion picture at the National Convention was presented by Dr. Spanton. After some discussion Richardson moved that the F.F.A. program^{OF} activities at the National Convention be continued as in the past without the addition of commercial features. Motion seconded and carried.

The National Student Officers were called in and a joint session of the Board of Trustees and National Advisory Council was held. A lively discussion on the scholarship requirements in the American Farmer application was held. Sasman moved that the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council recommend to the delegates at the 16th National Convention that the constitution be amended by striking out the scholarship requirements in Paragraph 5 of Section E under the American Farmer Degree, and Paragraph 8 of Section D of the State Farmer Degree. Motion was seconded. Clements moved to ammend the motion by changing Paragraph 4 of Section E to read as follows: "Show outstanding ability in leadership and cooperation and have a passing grade in all school subjects". The amendment was seconded. The amendment lost.

Howard moved that Dr. Spanton review the developments and problems involved in the matter of scholarship before the delegates at the 16th National Convention. Motion seconded and passed.

Marvin Jagels, Acting Chairman, ruled motions pertaining to scholarship out of order due to the fact that they conflict with the previous recommendations submitted to the States. Action sustained.

Clements moved that the revised application planning for American Farmer candidates together with the suggestions of the Board of Trustees be approved. Motion seconded and passed.

Richardson moved that it was the sense of the Advisory Council that we include fitting and showing of livestock as qualifying American Farmer candidates for leadership requirements. Motion seconded and passed.

Acting National Executive Secretary, Tenney, discussed the detailed plans for the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Tenney
Acting National Executive Secretary, F.F.A.