

AGENDA

MEETING OF NATIONAL FFA BOARDS OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Kansas City, Missouri

October 8 - 9, 1961 - - -

11.0
D.3

Sunday, October 8

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call meeting to order.....Dr. Spanton
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Reports from Regional Representatives
4. Consideration of Texas recommendation on proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution
.....Dr. Spanton

10:30 a.m. Recess for Church

11:30 p.m. 5. Review of 1961 Convention Plans

- a. Review program.....Mr. Gray
- b. Registration.....Mr. Duis
- c. Staff responsibilities.....Mr. Gray
- d. National Officer Responsibilities *Vic Butler*
.....~~Lyle Carpenter~~
- e. Courtesy Corps.....Mr. Edwards & *Duis*
- f. ~~Ushers~~.....~~Mr. Gore~~
- g. Officer - Delegate Luncheon.....~~Lyle Carpenter~~ *Vic*
- h. Plans for officer try-outs.....Mr. Naugher and
~~Teddy Carruth~~
Darryl Eastwood
- i. Public Speaking Contest.....Dr. Garr and
~~Ronald Cook~~ *R. Black*
- j. American Farmer Degree Ceremony.....Mr. Naugher
- k. Massing of State flags.....Mr. Hunsicker
- l. Honorary American Farmer Degree.....Mr. Duis and Gray *McCuthen Jerome Donovan*
- m. Chapter Award Ceremony.....Mr. Hunsicker and
~~John Greer~~ *Preuss*
- n. Donor Reception.....Dr. Spanton and *AWT.*
~~Ronald Cook~~ *Black.*
- o. Recognition of Donors.....Mr. Gray and ~~Lyle~~ *Vic*
~~Carpenter~~
- p. Foundation Awards.....Mr. Farrar and *McCuthen*
~~Nathan Cushman~~
- q. Pageants.....Mr. Hunsicker and
Mr. Gray
- r. Leadership Training.....~~John Greer and~~ *Vic & Eastwood*
~~Nathan Cushman~~
- s. Exhibits.....Mr. Hollenberg
- t. American Royal.....Dr. Spanton *AWT.*
- u. Judging Contests.....Mr. Johnson
- v. Tours.....Mr. Duis

Baud

Reg. of Honor

Gray
calles

Policy 82

X

5. - continued

- W. Meal Functions.....Dr. Spanton *A.W.T.*
X. Foreign Groups.....Mr. Gray
Talent Program - - Gray -
6. Discussion of proposed FFSS Building plans.....Dr. Spanton
7. FFA Magazine Report.....Mr. Carnes
8. Official FFA Calendar Report.....Mr. Carter
9. Review of Honorary American Farmer Degree
Score Card.....Mr. Gray
10. Review American Farmer Degree applications from
stand point of efficiency factors.....Mr. Gray
11. Tentative plans for January Meeting to review FFA
activities (be prepared to suggest ideas for
program).....Mr. Gray

copy

MINUTES

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

Kansas City, Missouri
October 8-9, 1961

October 8, 1961

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 541 of the Hotel President, Kansas City, Missouri, by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Board members present, in addition to Dr. Spanton, included:

Board of Directors

W. E. Gore, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Columbia, S. C.
H. R. Damisch, Chief, Agricultural Education, Springfield, Ill.
M. G. Linson, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Denver, Colo.
H. E. Edwards, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Charleston, W. Va.
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

Lyle Carpenter, National FFA President, Yuma, Colorado
Ronald J. Cook, National FFA Student Secretary, Marshall, Michigan
Jerome Donovan, Jr., National FFA Vice President, Delaware, Ohio
Teddy Ray Carruth, National FFA Vice President, Tulia, Texas
Nathan R. Cushman, National FFA Vice President, Lebanon, Connecticut, and
John Creer, National FFA Vice President, Spanish Fork, Utah.

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.; A. W. Tenney, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.; and J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia, were also present.

Approval
of previous
Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Gore, seconded by Mr. Damisch
and carried, that the reading of the Minutes of the
previous meeting be dispensed with and the Minutes be
accepted as mimeographed and previously distributed.

Reports of
Regional
Representatives

The Chairman then called for reports from the
Regional members of the Board, concerning any matters
they wished to present from their respective Regions.
Each of the four members of the Board stated that they
had no matters to present that were not already
scheduled on the Agenda.

The next matter for consideration was the proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, submitted by the State of Texas for consideration by the FFA delegates at the October convention. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

Proposed
Amendment
to the FFA
Constitution
Submitted by
Texas Ass'n.

"Each State with 5,000 members or less shall be entitled to submit the application of one alternate candidate for the American Farmer Degree. For each 5,000 additional members, or major fraction thereof, the State shall be entitled to submit one additional alternate candidate. In the event that a State's quota for the American Farmer Degree is not filled from the candidates recommended, the alternate or alternates of that State, along with alternate candidates from the other States in that Region, shall be considered."

It was moved by John Creer, seconded by Teddy Carruth and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that the proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, submitted by the Texas State FFA Association, be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Linson, and seconded by Mr. Hunsicker, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers -- and recommend to the delegate body that the proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, submitted by the Texas State FFA Association, be adopted. The vote on the motion resulted in a tie; the Chairman voted "Aye"; and the motion carried.

Dr. Spanton read a letter from a vocational agriculture teacher in North Dakota, requesting that one of his students, who has an outstanding record in the FFA, be considered for a National Office. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out that the State Supervisor had already officially recommended another boy as North Dakota's candidate for a National Office this year.

Limitation
on Candidates
for National
Office

It was moved by Teddy Carruth, seconded by Nathan Cushman and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the National Office continue to abide by the established policy that only one candidate for National Office be recommended by each State.

Policy

It was moved by Mr. Damisch, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers with reference to candidates for National Office.

New Warehouse
Addition to
FFA Building

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, was present and gave a report on the proposed addition to the FFA Building, which will provide much needed storage space. He stated that the proposed building would be 158' x 50' and would provide 7100 sq. ft. of additional floor space. It would be constructed of a material which would complement the original building, and would be located to the rear of the present building. It would not be visible from the highway, and would be connected to the main building by a 50' passageway. Present plans call for a one-story building, but an additional floor could be added, if necessary, at some time in the future. Mr. Hawkins stated that six bids were received, ranging from a base price of \$76,900.00 to \$86,500.00 -- the Carter-Woods Construction Company, of Manassas, Virginia, being the lowest bidder. It would be necessary to add to the base price approximately \$3,500.00 for the architect's fee, and \$5,500.00 to \$6,000.00 for a parking lot. He estimated the total completed cost of the building and parking lot to be \$86,000.00 to \$90,000.00. The sum of \$65,000.00 for the building had already been included in the budget of the FFA Supply Service; therefore, Mr. Hawkins requested authorization for the expenditure of this additional sum. He stated that he would have to secure a special permit from Fairfax County, Virginia, to construct the building. Upon receipt of the permit, we would be required to start construction within 60 days. The contract calls for a completion time of 150 days after breaking ground.

It was moved by Nathan Cushman, seconded by Ronald Cook and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that authorization be granted for the construction of the new addition and parking lot.

It was moved by Dr. Gaar, seconded by Mr. Damisch and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers for the construction of a warehouse addition to the FFA Building -- accepting the lowest bid, submitted by the Carter-Woods Construction Company, of Manassas, Virginia -- and that the contract shall be signed by the Director of the Agricultural Education Branch.

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER, appeared before the group and gave a brief report on the status of the magazine and the FFA Calendar. He stated that new equipment had been purchased recently which will improve the efficiency of the office and should result in a considerable saving

Report on
Magazine
and Calendar

to the magazine. Certain other equipment is also needed. Mr. Carnes stated that his budget for equipment has been expended. He needs approximately \$1,000.00 more for equipment and requested authorization to exceed his budget by this amount. He stated that these funds could be transferred from other accounts, with no increase in the total budget.

It was moved by Ronald Cook, seconded by Nathan Cushman and carried, that Mr. Carnes be authorized to make the necessary changes in his current budget, to provide additional funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of needed equipment.

It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gore and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers, in connection with the current budget for The National FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE.

A discussion was held on the question of increasing the magazine to 10 issues per year. Pros and cons were considered at some length. Mr. Carnes stated he would explain the problems involved, when he met with the delegates serving on the Magazine committee.

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

October 9, 1961

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 9, in Room 541 of the Hotel President, all members of the Board being present.

Explanation of
National Con-
vention Plans

Considerable time was devoted to reviewing plans for the 1961 National Convention, and in going over the duties and responsibilities assigned to each staff member.

Exploitation
of National
FFA Organi-
zation

It was brought to the attention of the Board members that, in many instances, State Supervisors are being by-passed by commercial concerns, and individuals, in writing directly to the various FFA Chapters and vocational agriculture departments concerning the sale of certain products and fund raising projects, some of which used the FFA name or emblem without proper approval. Mention was also made of letters which have been sent recently to many vocational agriculture teachers throughout the country by Mr. G. E. Niccum, of Amery, Wisconsin, urging them to organize tours to Europe for FFA members under a so-called "People-to-People" exchange program. These letters by-passed the State Supervisors of Agricultural Education and the U. S. Office of Education.

This matter was discussed at some length. It was decided that these matters should be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Agricultural Section at the AVA Convention in December. It was also the consensus of opinion that some action should be taken by the NVATA. It was also suggested that this subject should be discussed at the various Regional Conferences in 1962, since all States will not be represented at the AVA Convention.

Exploitation
of National
FFA Organiza-
tion (Cont'd.)

After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Linson, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried, that the FFA Board of Directors go on record with the following statement:

X { "In view of reports of several recent exploitations of the FFA, by commercial concerns and individuals, promoting the sale of their products, the Board of Directors reaffirms its position of long standing, urging local teachers of vocational agriculture to determine that approval has been given by the State Supervisors before they participate in any activity promoted by such concerns or individuals."

Score Card -
Honorary
American
Farmer
Degree

The Chairman next called for a review of the Honorary American Farmer Degree Score Card. Copies of the form were distributed and carefully reviewed. This score card will be further studied and revised in the National Office, and presented again to the Board members for consideration at the January Board Meeting.

American
Farmer Degree
Application
Forms

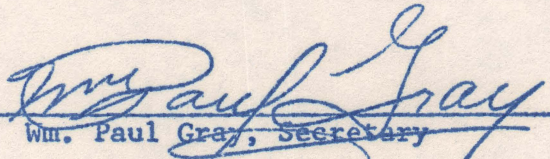
Copies of the American Farmer Degree application forms were also distributed and studied from the standpoint of efficiency factors. It was decided that Mr. Gray will formulate plans for changing or improving the form -- and send them to the Board members prior to the January meeting. Then, the form can be studied again at the January meeting of the Board.

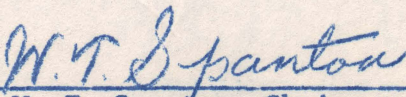
Agenda for
January
Meeting

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in discussing an agenda for the January meeting of the Board, and matters to be considered by the Consulting Committee which will come to Washington, prior to the Board meeting. In accordance with action taken

at the July meeting, this Committee will make a comprehensive study of programs and procedures of the National Organization of the Future Farmers of America. This study will be designed to assist in the further improvement and development of the organization.

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


Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary


W. T. Spanton, Chairman