



South Carolina Association of Agricultural Educators

Board Meeting

Farm Bureau Cayce, SC

April 20, 2023

- I. Call to Order 4:51pm
 - a. In attendance: Beth Ann Melton, Libby, Lindsay, Desiree, Casey Anne, Pat Earle, Troy Helms, Jillian Lash, Katie Gilson, Jesse McGee, Rose Jordan, Lee Petitgout, Lee Mayfield, Clair Hammonds
- II. Invocation--L. Petitgout
- III. Minutes distributed by B. Melton
 - a. Motion to accept by D. Still; seconded by R. Jordan
 - b. Passes unanimously
- IV. Treasurer's Report distributed by C. Hammonds
 - a. Balance in good standing; conference sponsors are lacking; currently 6 responses
 - b. STAR grant: several things taken off the table
 - i. Scholarship will be only SCAAE from now on
 - ii. Mentoring will be taken over by Clemson
 - c. Motion to accept by L Allison; seconded by D. Still
 - d. Passes unanimously
- V. Ag Ed Report by T. Helms
 - a. Numbers for CDEs and camp programs continue to grow, which is great and some adjustments may need to be made in the future to accommodate
 - b. Days of service: Clemson PSA made video; partnered Clemson Extension to deliver the meals
 - c. Region 3&4 coordinator—5 good candidates; delayed by HR but offer letter is being drafted and will be communicated soon
 - d. Tour of programs—good visits with schools across the state; opened lines of communication with new teachers; will continue each semester
 - e. Concerned with teacher shortage—how can we reach outside the boundaries of SC? L. Petitgout has visited ABAC, we will be reaching out to Mt. Olive as well. Alternative certification through PACE—have a few candidates through this program now and will become more important

- f. Visibility and availability—will continue to increase to support programs

VI. Legislative Liaison Update by P. Earle

- a. Grant awarded last July is being sent to SC FFA Association in the next few weeks and will cover many needs at camp and beyond.
- b. Lease for the camp in 2000 was extended for 40 years by the FFA Association and plans for extending need to begin. Important for legislators to understand the improvements made and money invested into the camp.
 - i. Board pres. Elect will contact senator; speaker of the house is from Sumter and is a supporter of the FFA; will likely take a proviso or bill to renew lease/review lease
- c. K. Sox went to National Policy Seminar last month

VII. NAAE Region V--C. Hammonds

- a. Week after state convention in St. Augustine, FL
- b. Pres/Treasurer/Sec plus Ideas Unlimited winner will be sent by the board but anyone is welcome to attend

VIII. Summer Teachers Conference--C. Hammonds and B. Melton

- a. Email sent out
- b. New website—link is on Clemson site
- c. Tru hotel; please carpool
- d. Banquet is T Ed Garrison; lunch on Wednesday there as well; workshops in the afternoon there as well.
- e. Monday activity—shooting range first-come-first-serve
- f. Round-robin—needs to remain with each rotation; host needs to just keep things moving along

IX. FFA Announcements --J. Lash

- a. 10,364 members is a record...again!
- b. Day of Service was funded by donations and grants and goal was 30,000 and 37,404 meals were boxed and

sent to Allendale, Bamberg, Orangeburg areas in need. Clemson PSA came and did a great video

- c. Applications are due next week and judges are lined up
- d. Convention—earlier than normal; sponsors have increased
 - i. Workshops Tuesday afternoon—TeachAG workshop with SCAAE, Clemson, ABAC, Mt. Olive; Ag Mechanics; Wednesday Vet Medicine careers; state officers from GA and National officer; simulators from Farm Bureau, DNR, and others
 - ii. Wednesday night social is at Woodmont HS; dancing, games, refreshments

X. FFA Camp--P. Earle

- a. Specialty camps have been popular; Leadership camp conflicted with state officer training in DC therefore changed to regular camp
- b. Nightlife has not been determined as of yet; will be known by region meetings
 - i. Grand Prix and either Legends or Opry
- c. Fresh paint and maintenance repairs
- d. Director and new maintenance guy have been working hard
- e. Hurricane Ian damage is still being repaired—roughly half a million dollars but insurance has been contacted and should be covering; Guest house has been demoed—new floors and roof by June 15th; cafeteria roof is patched and repairs are planned for after summer camps
- f. Invoices will be sent to schools who have no-show students or who no-show completely
- g. Next year—2 Greenhand camps; Animal Science camp will take place of Vet Sci camp; Forestry and Outdoor Rec will rotate by year

XI. SCFAA Announcements--L. Petitgout

- a. Still missing rosters and dues from some groups
- b. Exec. Board is busy making changes and improvements. May will be a revision of applications

and workshop will be done to introduce changes and new awards

- c. State convention will be at Madren center in Clemson next January
- d. Poll at region meetings to keep Summer conference and summer tour back to back; this summer is Laurens July 21st and 22nd

XII. Other Business

- a. L. Templeton--Exec. Board met with Dean Belli and Dr. Privett regarding future of Ag Ed
 - i. Ag Ed and Clemson work best together
 - ii. How can we help with teacher shortage
 - 1. Misconceptions about Ag Ed (salary, benefits, etc.)
 - 2. Recruitment video; attend teacher recruitment
- b. C. Hammonds--Bereavement bank change to relief fund to reflect NAAE program
 - i. Motion to do as stated by D. Still; seconded by L. Allison
 - ii. Passes unanimously
- c. B. Melton--Fravel retirement at banquet—owl; slideshow will be made by Lindsay Michelle Allison; dropbox with QR code; basket with gifts; document to share with ideas to be done by July 1

XIII. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by C. Hammonds; second by D. Still