

Central Area VAAE Minutes

2/4/2020

Opening

Kendall Rogers called the February 4, 2020 Central Area VAAE Meeting to order at 4:11 pm virtually on google. We had members meeting at Culpeper High School and via google for those that were unable to travel. Marc Moran called to disperse the reading of the minutes. Ted DeLano seconded the motion. Motion passed. Cindy Green gave the treasurer's report. She stated that the beginning balance from October was off and was really the beginning balance from July's meeting, it should have been \$5,072.23. Also Hanover High School's deposit was miss keyed, it was keyed in for \$25 when it should have been \$45. The errors were fixed, and match the bank statements. From October 15 to February 3 we had a beginning balance of \$5,329.23, a total income of \$909.00, and expenses of \$1,988 for COLT meals, ILSSO donation and a COLT billing error to Gloucester High School. The end balance was \$4,250.23. Schools that had not paid dues or COLT fees were read. McKenah Roberts moved to accept the treasurer's report. Terry Cornett seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Area Rally planning went under way. Marc stated that the official dates for Area Rally at J. Sarg. Community College Western Campus (Goochland) is for 3/18/2020 with a snow date of 3/19/2020. Pizza, soda and cookies will be provided again this year. The cost will be \$5/pp to cover food. It was discussed that the Floriculture contest will remove the arrangement portion due to cost of materials and inexperience of participates (wasting material). The design practicum will be replaced with some sort of demonstration analysis and/or estimation problem. The feasibility of a Stockman's Contest was discussed. The consensus was that this contest can be done using slides without live animals, just like horse hippology. Marc Moran will secure the rooms and organize space for Rally. Cindy Green will be collecting money and ordering awards. Laura DeLano will be organizing and running registration. We will be using Judging Card for registration. All contest organizers are encouraged to print off the Judging Card scantron example sheet, and plan to use the scantron as it will expedite scoring and results.

The following contests will be organized for Area Rally:

- Vet Science- Heidi/Brad
- Floral- Melessa Suder and Miranda
- Hippology- Renee/Hanna
- Tractor Troubleshooting- Marc/Ted
- Small Engines- Dave
- Public Speaking (Creed, Prepared Jr/Sr, and Extemp)- Hannah
- Ag Mechanics Jr/Sr- Ron England (he will get some test bank questions from RJ)
- Nursery/Landscape- Terry/Virginia
- Plant Science (middle school)- Kendall/Jessica Carter
- Animal Science (middle school)- Kendall/Jessica Carter

New Business

Marc Moran gave the Advisory Board update. The House of Representatives Education Committee is reviewing an amendment to the work-based learning bill passed last year. SAEs were left off the classifications of work-based learning, even though SAEs are a part of FFA/Ag Ed's Federal Charter. If the bill passes the Education Committee, it will go to the House for a vote. After it goes to the House it will travel to the State Senate's Education Committee. Then it will go to vote on the State Senate's floor. Long story short,

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call your representatives!!!! Let them know they need to support the amendment. Read your emails from Theresa Lindburg, and act! Work-based learning will count as additional course credit.

Marc also gave the FFA update. The livestock CDE at State Convention would like to move to a 2 day contest (2nd day will be reasons). This way they don't have to set up and break down multiple times between State FFA Convention and 4-H Congress. Get your State Awards applications to Marc by April 28th for judging. National Chapter application must have pictures this year!

At Winter Conference an updates on the Summer Conference were presented. Central Area Ag Teachers in attendance informed everyone at today's meeting about the hotel and Busch Gardens trip. As Summer Conference will be held in Suffolk this year, the hotel rate will apply to members and family in attendance through Thursday night. Also the Busch Gardens tour will include an all day pass, parking (if you ride the bus), and three behind the scenes tours. We will be there until close. The rate will be \$35/pp. The tour date is July 20th. Members can drive to Busch Gardens and meet up with the group, but will be charged for parking. Family members are permitted on the tour at the discounted rate.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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