

Central Area Agriculture Teachers Meeting

February 9th @ 4pm in Greene County

- **Meeting Called to Order**
- **State Judging will be held on April 14 & 15. Please send all applications to Katie Reames or Ted Delano by April 10.**
- **If you have any ideas as to how VACTE can help support FFA and VA Ag Ed, submit those to Katie Reames by March 10.**
- **Ferrum College has extended an invitation to VA agriculture teachers to come visit their campus on Tuesday, March 24 to see what their college has to offer for furthering students education after high school.**
 - **Still in need of four (4) volunteers to attend the event**
- **Central Area Spring Rally Update**
 - **Contests will be held in the morning session and GP\$ will be held in the afternoon session.**
 - **Food – RJ Noblitt will provide a cook out style meal**
 - **Awards & Plaques – Katie Reames**
 - **Contests**
 - **Hippology – Lindsay Williamson**
 - **Vet Science – Heidi Martin**
 - **Small Engines – Jake Fravel**
 - **Tractor Troubleshooting – Ted Delano**
 - **Public Speaking – Cindy Greene and Andrew McWilliams**
 - **Horticulture/Floriculture – ?**
 - **Non-state qualifying contests at Central Area Spring Rally**
 - **A motion was made by David Balderson that teams from the same school can receive more than one plaque in non-state qualifying contests at the Central Area Spring Rally.**
 - **Motion was properly seconded by Katie Reames.**
 - **Motion passed.**
- **Area Soils Contest**
 - **A motion was made by Henry Paris to hold a Central Area Soils CDE this upcoming fall in the month of September or October.**
 - **Motion was properly seconded by David Allen.**
 - **Motion passed.**
- **Forestry/Tractor Driving**
 - **A motion was made by Henry Paris to award second place plaques at area events for forestry & tractor driving contests.**
 - **Motion was properly seconded by Susan Hilleary.**
 - **Motion passed.**

- **Update from VT – Lane Woodward**
 - **FFA Week visits, 33 schools in VA will get a visit from state officers this year**
 - **Advisors send numbers of students who will be present for in school visits to Lane ASAP**
 - **FFA Week February 21-28**
 - **National Ag Literacy Week/National Ag Day**
 - **March 15 week**
 - **Free books if you go pick up at your local Farm Bureau office**
 - **VA FFA Dues**
 - **~6,800 dues paying VA FFA members**
 - **Have members by dues by April 1st**
 - **National FFA Convention**
 - **Submit email to Lane (plw@vt.edu) with number of students and total amount to be reimbursed ASAP**
 - **VT Update**
 - **A total of two (2) student teachers will be going through the AEE program at VT this spring**
 - **Do we want to have an Ag Ed CDE at State Convention?**
- **Break – Dinner served**
 - **Thanks to Rhonda Bowman!**
- **2016 VAAE Summer Conference Committees (Tentative)**
 - **Conference will be held in Culpeper, Va**
 - **Tentative Dates July 11-14 or July 18-21 (depends on 2016 FFA Camp date)**
 - **Transportation – Culpeper school busses**
 - **Meals – RJ Noblitt**
 - **Workshops – Laura Delano**
 - **Offsite Workshops/Tours**
 - **Animal – Katie Reames**
 - **Plant – Adrian Austin**
 - **Ag Mechanics – Ted Delano?**
 - **Natural Resources – Susan Hilleary**
 - **Banquet – Melessa Suder & Adrian Austin will help**
 - **Entertainment – Hannah Poole & Katie Simunich**
 - **Industry Certification – Carly Woolfolk, DOE**
 - **New and Retired Teachers Reception – Jake Fravel**
- **Meeting Adjourned**