District 7 Ag. Teachers Meeting

Date: 8/24/202⁴

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome 4pm- Gina Neff
 - a. Teacher Introduction: Name, School and years of teaching
 - i. Gina called the meeting to order at 4pm. We started with introductions.
 - ii. Remember to turn in your teacher acknowledgement form.
- 2. Special Guest Reports
 - a. Dr. Caryn Filson- OSU
 - i. Update about Ag Ed students at OSU
 - 1. Lower numbers (COVID dip where students left higher education). 19 first year students on ATI and Columbus campus this year. Thank you to EFE and student teacher hosts this year.
 - 2. Entering MED program year 2 someone who wants to be an AG teacher with a masters in agricultural masters (basically helps to get them into education from previous masters programs).
 - 3. Dr. Carol Lawson (grad 2006) on faculty in Ag Comm.
 - 4. Hosted CASE AG EXPLORE in July with 21 teachers. Good start and pilot for the program and hope to continue in future.
 - 5. Preservice teachers are looking for professional duties to do experience hours to get them engaged. Email <u>filson.5@osu.edu</u> if you have opportunities for the students.
- 3. Officer Reports:
 - a. Secretary Christine Balint Approved by Rachel, 2nd Megan, pass
 - b. Treasurer Christi Bachman Approved by Tom, 2nd Chris, pass
 - i. Opening Balance: **\$6494.76**
 - 1. Income: Dues from Amanda-Clearcreek, Clear Fork, & Zane Trace \$349.00
 - 2. Expenses: District Awards \$582.00
 - ii. Ending Balance: **\$6261.76**
 - iii. Schools that paid last year's dues:
 - 1. SE Ross
 - 2. Danville
 - 3. Johnstown
 - 4. Adena
 - 5. Utica
 - 6. Fairfield Union
 - 7. Northridge
 - 8. Westfall
 - 9. Fredericktown
 - 10. East Knox
 - 11. Centerburg
 - 12. Mt. Vernon
 - 13. Amanda-Clearcreek
 - 14. Clearfork
 - 15. Zane Trace
 - c. Delegate Council Gina Neff
 - i. Have not met yet. Will update when we do.
 - d. Legislative Scott Sharp
 - i. Thank you for attending the summer conference. Working with schools who struggle with absence coding from FFA/4H activities. Looking at school field trip/activity labeling versus excused absence as students are attending school. Do not think any changes will occur this year. Looking forward to next year. OLLC in

September, place teachers at work with the legislators to see what we can do. Watch your money and join NAAE.

- e. Membership Tom Holton
 - i. TOM PAID ONLINE SO YOU CAN TOO. Complete the application and check which organizations you are paying for. Check on the website for the reasons to be a member. Can we get every District 7 teacher to join?
- f. CDE Advisory Debra Burden
 - i. Reviewing CDE update from May: Remember that all CDEs going forward read all rules before asking questions or becoming disgruntled. Spring Dairy Handler/Contest lack of notification for placement of contest. Ag Comm watch the national contest/rules as we model off of it. Grain Merchandising - study historical market data. Outdoor Power/Mechanics change in rules (substitution policy). Public Speaking looking for more in depth feedback. If calculators are stated as provide, then the state will, if the student provides, then bring them. No cell phone or programmable calculators. No smart watches. CDEs with state contest time slots (Public Speaking, etc) judgingcard makes these random - state expects you to switch with another school and THEN notify Tom for approval. CDE registration check calendar and all happens on judgingcard and MEET deadlines. Disgualifications list advisors have 24 hours to check the list and make note before the final list is posted. No middle names on AET. Use the box in the top right corner to add name, school, and chapter ID as a backup. Job Interview CDE - all prelims are Zoom prior to the in person final event. ENR to come and will be open to everyone. CDEs that require IDs please have the kids have them in hand when coming to contest at check in. General Livestock - grid in person, general test is online. Dairy test online in March. Dog Grooming 1 is the same, but Grooming 2 is an individual event only. National CDEs who are competing should have been registered. Middle School CDEs still working on awards. Future topics of public speaking to allow two from the same school to move on (2023-24). Change in award program - suggestions as of now. Looking for feedback for regional elimination contests and district thoughts for public speaking. Prelims for Job Interview virtual. Register proctors ASAP. State CDE calendar in general folder (mostly updated, some working still).
 - ii. Two changes to district calendar Ag Mech change from 23rd to March 16th Spring meeting changed to 4/12 (Wednesday after Easter instead of Monday).
 - iii. CDE host rotations
 - 1. Parli Pro swapping Licking and Fairfield this year (Clearcreek was scheduled to host and then next year it will be Fairfield and then back to the regular schedule.)
 - Note the change of Job Interview and Food Science (@ Licking Valley), PP @ Clearfork, Ag Industrial @ Advantage AG Mt. Vernon, Public Speaking @ Circleville.
 - 3. Aaron at TV is still hosting Outdoor Power even though other counties were up (previous can still host if no one opposes).
- g. Camp Board Adam Staley
 - i. Absent
- h. Mentor Jena Kemmerer
 - i. Jena sent an email before the meeting a google form to try and implement county mentorships. Think about that there are a lot of first year offers where there are free things. Help to mentor 1,2,3 year teachers!
- i. FFA Advisory Jennifer Johnston
 - i. Meeting this fall, haven't met since last update.
- j. Alumni Colton Kreager

- i. Absent Gina, no longer active and occasionally does something. Check the website unless you have a local affiliate.
- k. Trophies Jeff Tilley
 - i. Some spring ones they still have and will go in the mail to the schools. Post on the site with winners and keep the award person going. Tom has Knox and Licking awards.
- I. District Policy Guide- Karlie Gill
 - i. None
- 4. Old Business:
- 5. New Business:
 - a. 2022-2023 District Calendar
 - i. Tom moved to approve and second by Scott. Motion passed.
 - ii. Gina will push these dates on the AET calendars.
 - b. Teacher Acknowledgement Forms
 - i. SUBMIT! Get to Gina and she can scan as needed for Brenda.
 - c. Items for Delegate Council
 - i. None
 - d. Items for CDE Advisory
 - i. Why is public speaking/job interview on two days now versus one?
 - 1. Companies more and more are using first round virtual interviews. Also makes the finals day shorter. It was expressed that we did not like the virtual change, but state did not make a change.
 - ii. Scott moved that the state job interview contest should have no virtual prelims unless on the same day as finals at the state location. Seconded by Aaron Gates. Motion passes.
 - iii. Scott moved that there should be no virtual component in the all levels of Ohio FFA public speaking contests. Seconded by Rachel. Motion passes.
 - iv. Jennifer J. moves that any team placing in the top 10 after the online test portion of veterinary science may, regardless of placing, may select their top four students to compete in finals regardless of the individual test score. Seconded by Scott. Motion passes.
 - e. Items for FFA Advisory
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 - ii. Scott moved that there should be no virtual component in the all levels of Ohio FFA public speaking contests. Seconded by Rachel. Motion passes.
 - iii. Rachel moves that all state proficiency, state star, state agriscience fair, and national chapter interviews be in person. Seconded by Jeff. Motion passes.
 - f. Items for District CDEs
 - i. Chris moved that in the district job interview/public speaking contests that there are two judges in the room to judge that student during the performance portion. Seconded by Tom. Motion passes.
- 6. Ohio Department of Education Update
 - a. Megan TeamAgEd Summer Conference June 13-15, 2023 @ ATI
 - i. Trying to get feedback on summer conference. How do we get more people there?
 - 1. How can we increase attendance or do something different?
 - 2. What's missing from the summer conference that you would like to see at a professional conference?
 - a. Looking for more time to converse with other Ag teachers.
 - b. Representatives/Vendors from large companies that offered supplemental products into the curriculum to try out. Want to use and try the materials

without being the labor for the college to host. Partner with local service agencies.

- c. Change in time of the summer.
- d. Move locations.
- 3. Is the current schedule working with tours, workshops & sessions. What type of social environment do you want?
 - a. Breakout district meetings. Add social events (Blue Jackets, etc). Organized social with speciality food and drinks.
 - b. Longer registration window. Posted earlier or at least price.
- 4. How do we help invite/meet new teachers and integrate during summer conference?
 - a. Having experienced teacher ask you to dinner.
 - b. Enforce assign seats? Interactive activity where people have to get up and get to know others. Lunch discussions. Table themes.
- 5. Cost? include hotel into registration
- 7. Adjourn

Megan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Deb. Motion passes.