

FBLA Board of Trustees Meeting September 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair – Gregg Pelka at 6:03pm.

Attendance: Gregg Pelka, Renee Morgan, Kel Vrana, Laurie Urich, Stephanie Stephans (for Troy Maskell), Yvette Perez, Missey Boucher-Goodman, Natalie LaPaglia Pisano, Tirso Tonche, Debbie Cross, Julie Ellis, Elena Sobampo, Tracy Rexroat, Katie Holm, Tom Bird.

Minutes from June 4, 2024, were open for discussion. Motion by Kel Vrana to approve the minutes. Debbie Cross seconded the motion. Yes - 10, motion passes.

Discussion on reaching quorum – voting members not present will receive documents in email for vote. We ended up having enough members for voting purposes.

Intro of new board members: Natalie LaPaglia Pisano – State President for FBLA 2024-25, Stephanie Stephans – Senior Community Awareness Partner-Goodwill

Unfinished Business: Missey Boucher-Goodman informed the group that no contracts needed to be approved at this time.

New Business:

FBLA Collegiate Updates and Highlights: Tirso Tonche – working with executive team – need an adviser for ASU – working with the school to see if they can get an adviser, first conference in October is at ASU. Moving forward with planning of the State Conference at Yavapai. Back to school social this Friday on Zoom.

FBLA Collegiate Financials: no report given during the meeting this evening.

FBLA Financials: Julie Ellis reviewed the financials with the board. \$58,070 outstanding. \$698,574 – as of July 31, 2024, total assets. Motion by Tom Bird, second by Kel Vrana that we approve the FBLA AR and Financial Statement. Yes 10 motion passes.

FBLA Updates and Highlights:

Natalie LaPaglia Pisano – attended the National Leadership Conference in Orlando in June with state delegation – students were involved in competition and workshops and trips to Disneyworld as a state. New national officer Western Region Vice President - Natalie Ortiz- CONGRATULATIONS!!! Ten students recognized in the top 10 nationally. Working on state officer team visits – used as a recruiting tool. 45 schools have requested a visit and already half have been completed. Team 63 is busy working on their Program of Work. Applications for state council have been overwhelming this year. *Leadership Camp* in two weeks – opportunity for local officers to build on their leadership skills. Over 400 students registered for this conference.

Missey Boucher–Goodman shared information on the *Adviser Leadership Conference-83* teachers attended in Tucson. Lisa Smothers came from the national office. Lots of retirements occurring and changing of schools. The *Leadership Camp* is bigger than last year. Help is needed for *FBLA on Fire* October 17th at the Phoenix Suns – speakers are needed, please contact Missey. Suns game is after the event. Nov. 6, the *Flex Conference* – presenters are needed as well.

FBLA Contracts: No contracts to review currently. Collegiate FBLA State Adviser has been hired - CONGRATULATIONS Tirso Tonche!!

Bylaw Review and Changes:

Look over the Collegiate, FBLA high school and middle school bylaws before our next meeting, so updates can be made. Please send those changes to Missey.

Tirso Tonche shared that changes have been made to Collegiate FBLA bylaws – he is willing to meet with anyone who wants to discuss this document. Julie asked that the bylaws be sent out to the group to review where the document has been updated with cross-outs and changes have been made.

FBLA Committees for FBLA Help: committees are developed every year. Leads will be in touch with the members of these committees to set up a meeting prior to Nov. 15th.

Alumni and Sponsorship – Debbie Cross

Judges – Laurie Urich

Community Service /Social – Elena Sobampo

Announcements:

Committee follow up date – Nov. 15, 2024

Next meeting – January 4 at noon in person – approximately 25 participants, if less than 15 we can meet at Kal's office.

Kel will reach out to a few business contacts to see if he can find some additional members for this committee. Will connect them with Missey Boucher-Goodman.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kel Verna, second by Debbie Cross, meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm

Great job Gregg!!

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Urich