

State FFA Alumni Convention

Called to order at 9:02 AM by Cari Sabel

Treasurer's Report: Janet Schneider handed out the treasurer's report as of 12/1/17. Janet will email updates as she received money from sponsors and for registration.

Review Donor Spreadsheet: Cari sent around the donor list for people to sign up to contact businesses for convention sponsorship.

Set Schedule: Convention schedule was discussed. The Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council Meeting will be held in the morning so council members are able to attend scheduled tours in the afternoon. It was discussed that the Past State Alumni Presidents Meeting can be held at the hotel at 6:00 PM. Scrapbooks will be on display throughout convention.

Commemorative and Drink Cup description can remain the same except it was mentioned we should add the following at the end of the description: There will be limited supply of commemorative cups to be sold on-site at convention.

It was discussed to remove the Heads/Tails contest.

Friday Schedule

9:00 AM Wisconsin FFA Alumni Council Meeting

12:00 PM: Registration Opens

12:00 – 8:00 PM: Auction Item Check-In

3:00 – 6:00 PM Open House at Fox Valley Technical College

4:30 – 6:00 PM: Dinner at Fox Valley Technical College

6:00 PM: Silent Auction Opens

6:00 – 9:00 PM: Bucket Raffle

8:00 PM: Live Auction

8:00 PM Registration Closes

Breakfast on Saturday morning will be plated. Discussion was held on moving the State Level Outstanding Chapter Award to the Lunch Business Meeting or the Saturday Night Banquet. It was discussed to move the general workshop with Josh Rusk from 11:00 AM to 9:45 AM and to have sectional meetings after Josh Rusk. The Business session will start at 12:15 PM after attendees pick up their boxed lunch. Workshop times were discussed and everyone thought the workshops should be done at the following times: 2:00 to 2:50 and 3:00 to 3:50. It was discussed to remove the Sweet Deal Contest and the Heads/Tails Contest.

Saturday Schedule

8:00 AM Registration Opens and Silent Auction Opens
8:00 – 9:30 AM Breakfast and Session 1
9:45 -10:30 AM General Workshop: Josh Rusk
10:45 – 11:45 AM Section Meetings
12:00 PM Lunch to be served with business meeting starting at 12:15 PM.
2:00 – 2:50 PM: Workshops
2:50 – 3:00 PM: Break
3:00 – 3:50 PM: Workshops
5:00 PM Reception and Cocktail Hour
6:00 PM: Silent Auction Closes
6:00 PM: Dinner and Session 2
8:00 PM: Live Auction
9:30 PM: Entertainment

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM: New Alumni Council Training
9:00 AM: Convention Wrap-up Meeting
9:00 AM: Statewide Convention Committee Meeting

Friday Dinner: Denmark offered to do the Friday night dinner at FVTC. Meal will served from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Combine simulator and open house of FVTC Agriculture Department around 3:00 and done around 6:00. We will be out of the building by 6:30 PM. We are looking at either Kwik Trip or Festival Foods to get milk for the evening. Refrigeration for left overs was discussed. Maybe have someone bring in a refrigeration trailer. Algoma might be helping out with dinner as well. Milk, Water, Coffee for drinks. Reservation only. No walk-ins. Donations—make sure to let Janet know names for donations so we can display the list at convention.

Ken Suring is donating a bench. How do we value the bench? Getting a company to donate \$150 for bench plus a dollar amount to get to a platinum level. How do we handle these situations? It was discussed that we would handle these situations and use the value of item donated plus the amount the person/company donated to get to a certain sponsorship level.

Postcards will be mailed out to each member in Wisconsin so they know about convention and where to sign up. Postage will cost but Cheryl is checking to see if they will donate some of the cost for printing.

Registration is up and ready to go. Press releases will be going out as needed. Early bird drawing—prize is being donated.

Terri Wilfert and Janet Schneider will work on bucket raffle for Friday night.

Table Decorations—How many? 25 to 30 is a good ballpark amount right now. Leave mirrors out on table so decorations can sit on the mirrors. .

Committee updates were discussed.

Gift Bags: Cari will check to see if the convention bureau has bags they can donate for convention. Business coupons and pens will be donated. It was mentioned to talk to Herman about putting something in the bag for next year's convention. Chapter event lists can also be added to each bag for convention. Ellen will set a date of when items are needed by and will let everyone know.

Next meeting will be held January 6, 2018 at 9 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Cary