

FBLA/PBL ARIZONA, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
December 5, 2022

OPENING: The meeting was called to order by Laurie Urich, Board Chair at 6:05 pm hosted via Microsoft Meet.

PRESENT: Laurie Urich, Jens Eltze, Michael Fox, Clint (CJ) Martinez, Kirsten Coury, Kel Vrana, Debbie Cross, Tami Melton, Traci Jones, Stephanie Romo, Mahesh Vinayagam, Missey Goodman, Mike Manion, Yvette Perez, Nancy Okabe, Tracy Rexroat, Alexandria Lopez, Blake Blanton, Elena Sobampo, Tirso Tonche and Julie Ellis.

ABSENT: Gregg Pelka, Donald Shelton, Gaspar Mata

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Missey confirmed that there was no unfinished business. Laurie stated that she had been asked to look at the bylaws concerning board members who held office and see what the attendance policy is. She reported that there is nothing in the bylaws concerning officers' absences. She suggested that we might consider amending if we want to address excessive absences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for September 12, 2022, were reviewed by trustee members. Michael Fox motioned to accept minutes as written. Second was made by Jens Eltze. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

FBLA Collegiate Highlights for this year: Mike Manion reported on behalf of Blake Blanton who had a final and would be late to the meeting. An all-chapter workshop (Fall Leadership Conference) was held, and it was good to see everyone in person after meeting virtually the last couple years. The Winter Leadership Conference is scheduled for February 25, 2023 and will be the next event. Judges are needed.

The State Leadership Conference will be held sometime in April in Prescott. A date is TBD. Judges are needed.

We are working hard on recruiting new members. Presently we have 35 members paid and expect to have 75 in the spring.

FBLA HIGHLIGHTS : Alex Lopez, FBLA State president reported on FBLA events, October FBLA on ice was successful reporting 950 members in attendance. The high school online testing tournament reported 4,543 tests taken; the middle school online tournament reported 151 tests taken. The Fall Leadership Experience (FLE) reported 1900 members attending. State officers attended the NFLC Conference in Orlando, in Florida and a community service project is in process to assist St. Vincent de Paul.

Jens asked if there was anything the board could do to support FBLA. It was mentioned that Judges are needed for ALL regional conferences.

GROUP COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alumni & Sponsorship – Debbie Cross: Debbie has nothing to report. She apologized as time got away from her. She will schedule to meet with Missey and Julie and move forward with plans.

Judges – Stephani Romo: Stephanie had no updates to report. She will meet with her committee members to work on judges for regional conferences.

Community Service/Social – Elena Sobampo: Elena reported that she met with committee members prior to our trustees meeting. Ideas from last year were shared with members and an update was made to Missey. The following represents a short summary of our discussion:

- Salvation Army Arizona Campaign
- Community Elderly Assistance (Meals on Wheels)
- Foster care backpack items
- Adopt a Highway/Street
- Video Game Tournament
- FBLA Statewide Gala
- Feed My Starving Children
- FBLA Gala – 4 region event which would include fundraising for scholarships and a awards dinner

Elena shared several websites with trustees with information on the above ideas. Elena will visit Missey and Julie. The FBLA Gala is an event that Elena would like to see done, but it is too late this year.

FBLA Collegiate: Blake Blanton joined in the meeting late and reported that he is very pleased with everything that is happening in FBLA Collegiate. It was asked how membership was coming and Blake reported that ASU had a huge increase and Embry Riddle is back on board.

JUDGES NEEDED FOR REGIONAL AND STATE COMPETITIONS: Missey reported that judges are needed for both regional and state competitions. The dates are as follows:

- ✓ Jan. 14 – Region 3 – Grand Canyon University
- ✓ Jan. 20 – Region 2 – ASU Tempe Campus
- ✓ Jan. 21 – Region 4 – ASU Tempe Campus
- ✓ Jan. 26 – Region 1 – Eastern Arizona College
- ✓ Jan. 27 – Middle Level – ASU Tempe Campus
- ✓ Jan. 28 – Region 5 – ASU Tempe Campus

It was requested that each trustee send five judges to Missey via the wufoo judges’ link. There was discussion on how young a judge can be. If the potential judge is a sophomore in college and mature and has been a former FBLA member and competitor, they should probably be OK. The ASU regional events will be held in the ASU Memorial Union.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS COORDINATOR: Missey shared that with Tracy's new role, she is bombarded but will help. Seth Filo has been willing to step in and help and has done a great deal of work for FBLA. He is knowledgeable of the events and has tabulated scores in the past. Debbie suggested that Lori Moody might consider helping if there was a need to find someone else.

Missey shared that the contract totaled \$6,000.00 and \$500.00 for each conference event. Missey indicated that she will meet with Tracy and confirm what she is able to continue to do. She has already set up regional events.

Julie asked what Missey would like to have done with the money. It was stated that the contract approved was for Tracy.

Kel moved to allow Missey the authority, as approved by Julie to pay out a combined amount up to \$6,000.00 for services as a Competitive Event Coordinator for FBLA high school and middle level competitions in the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Kirsten Coury. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: Laurie shared that the next board of trustees meeting will be held on March 6, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned by Laure at 7:16 pm.