KS. Affiliate of NEAFCS Fall Meeting
K-State Union Big 12 Room
October 20, 2008

The Fall Meeting of the KEAFCS was called to order by President, Nadine Sigle at 2:00 p.m. at the Big 12 Room in the KSU Union. Members recited the Creed to start the meeting.

Instead of roll call, sign in sheets with members names were passed around for members to sign as members in attendance. There were 56 members in attendance with 7 being new members joining.

Virginia Moxley, Dean of the College of Human Ecology, Fred Cholick, Dean of Ag and Director of K-State Research and Extension, and Daryl Bucholz, Associate Director of Extension and Applied Research, joined the meeting. Virginia Moxley updated us on new programs including distance based programs in the college, the Ft. Riley Extension expansion and that the graduate program numbers have increased. Members asked for brochures about the college, clothing and textiles assistance and financial management program for off campus.

Fred Cholick addressed the budget cuts and the hiring freeze or frost within Extension at the present time. Several states are having the same problems with several having higher budget cuts then Kansas. He also encourages counties to utilize the board modules within our counties.

Daryl Bucholz reminded the members it is important to be a member of our professional associations. He also challenges members to attend national meetings if they have a chance. Professional Development money has been committed for the next year and our county postage allotment will be distributed soon.

Paula Peters, Assistant Director, Family and Consumer Sciences, Pat McNally, Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development and Pat Murphy, Interim Assistant Director Agriculture and Natural Resources. All joined the meeting while Virginia, Fred and Daryl moved on to another association meeting.

Pat McNally stated this week is about Professional Development for all agents. Paula Peters talked about program development and 5 years plans. Reminded members they should have received information recently about our past FCS survey and what were top issues. 5 year plans will be discussed more at the Spring Action Conference, April 6-8 in Salina next year. Pat Murphy stressed planning and programs in your counties. All three left the meeting.

Several members passed chocolates – Nadine Sigle - new grand baby; Mary Sullivan - 2 daughters at KSU, family bought house in Manhattan, and oldest daughter's engagement; Janea McNally - expecting a baby; Sarah Elliott Taylor - marriage and expecting a baby; Pam Muntz - new house after last year's tornado.

Minutes were approved as printed and handed out to the group.

Karla Hightower passed out and gave the treasurer's report. Dues and membership forms were asked to be completed and turned in early this year. Drawing was held for ten $10 dues reduction. Names drawn were: Denise Sullivan, Robin Eubank, Jan St. Clair, Susan Jackson, Jamie Rathbun, Kylie

Ludwig, Jill Deters, Rhonda Gordon, Diana Gerstner, and Susan Krum.

Kathy Lupfer Nielsen has the annual report posted on the website.

Officer Reports – most officers indicated their reports could be read in the annual report. Robin Eubank, vice-president of Awards and Recognition also mentioned attending a training at national meeting called "Animal Training" from Oregon State, which is similar to True Colors personality program. Mary Sullivan invited all members to consider attending the United Association Conference in Wichita next spring..

Area Counselors gave their reports. News from Northeast Area – new agents of Gina Aurand in River Valley District; and Ali Burns moved to Dickinson Co. and Rhonda Gordon in Lyon County.
Northwest – new agents - Jamie Rathbun in Ellsworth County, and Jill Deters in Smith County.
Southeast – Jean Rowland retired from Labette County with Kylie Ludwig as their new agent there and Karla Hightower moved from Cowley County to Miami County.
Southwest – Robin Eubank moved to Barber County, Jean Clarkson Frisbie retired and Jodi Drake is the new agent in Pratt and Audrey Maxwell of Gray County resigned to take another job.

Operational Committees: Audit Committee is planning to meet soon. Karla Hightower presented the budget for 2009. It is basically the same as this year. Melinda Daily reported it was hard coming up with names for the officer nominations.

Program of Work Committees: Susie Latta reminded all to read your KEAFCS notebook. Anna Mae Brown reminded everyone new agent orientation will be during Friendship Night. Mary Sullivan said Fran Richmond and Barbara Ames are working on the history information. Sherrie Mahoney has written to new retirees. More information on this will be in new business.

Awards and Recognition Committees: Tranda Watts said Jean Rowland is our DSA Award winner. Rebecca McFarland said their were only two application this year for program awards. Kim Setty of KWCH TV is receiving the Friend of Extension Award. All awards will be presented at Friendship Night.

Other Committee Reports: Fashion Revue committee reported everything went well at the State Fair Fashion Revue this year. KAFCE Representative reported next year's State Conference will be at Pittsburg. Donna Krug reported the FCS Action team will have a Workshop on April 4th.

Unfinished Business:
Bills were presented for payment for retiree books and folders for awards. Robin Eubank moved to accept bills presented for payment, Kathy Lufper Nielson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:
Diane Burnett moved to accept the 2009 Budget as presented. Denise Diaz seconded. Motion carried.

Retirement gifts – Ann Sparks on retirement requested several children's books to be donated to her library instead of one book. Jean Clarkson Frisbie requested instead of a book to her library, she would like a donation made to the NEAFCS Endowment. It was moved by Lori Sporer to use $50 which would have purchased a book to go instead to the NEAFCS Endowment per Jean's request. Motion carried.

Committees for the Association were discussed. Consider having By-Laws committee look at the committees and see what might be duplicated or have officers get together and rework committees for the association. Consider having the association pay for a retreat for officers to work on this project for a face to face work session instead of by phone conferencing. Question was asked if the committees could be placed on the website once they are re-worked.

KEAA meeting this afternoon will have Diane Nielsen as our association's representative for President elect.

Melinda discussed trying to bring a True Colors training to Kansas if there is enough interest.

It was asked if our association wants to continue having $20 off our next year's dues for anyone attending the United Conference as we did in 2008? Susie Latta moved to continue the $20 dues rebate on your 2010 dues if you attend the 2009 United Conference. Anna Mae Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Our association's website can be located through the County website page.

Connie Hoch was a past President and member of our association. It was asked about making a donation to her memorial. Donna Krug moved to donate $50 to ESP in Connie Hoch's memory. Bev Dunning seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming dates and announcements were made.

New officers for 2009 are:
Lori Sporer, Logan Co. - President
Joann Paschal, Russell Co. - President Elect
Nadine Sigle, Post Rock District - Past President
Belinda Oldham, Wichita Co. - Treasurer
Ethel Schneweis, Ford Co. - Secretary
Nadine Sigle, Post Rock District - Parliamentarian
Robin Eubank, Barber Co. - VP for Awards & Recognition
Tara Solomon, Neosho Co. - VP for Public Affairs
Mary Sullivan, Grant Co. - VP for Professional Dev.
Christine McPheter, Meade Co. - VP for Member Resources
Area Counselors - NE - Cindy Evans, Shawnee Co.
NW - Kathy Lupfer Nielsen, Post Rock District
SE - Kathy McEwan, Allen County
SW - Carol Ann Crouch, Scott Co.

Robin Eubank moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Secretary
Ethel Schneweis