

KEAFCS General Meeting
October 19, 2009
Big 12 Room, KSU

Meeting was called to order by President, Lori Sporer at 3:05 p.m in the Big 12 Room of the KSU Student Union on October 19th, 2009. All present were asked to recite the Extension Creed.

Secretary Ethel Schneweis, passed a sign in sheet around for attendance. 49 members were in attendance at the meeting.

Comments from various Administrators were given:

Fred Cholick, Director, K-State Research and Extension & Dean, College of Agriculture, remarked it has been a very stressful year because of the budget and the uncertainty of funding. Open County positions was discussed. K-State is opening some positions but there will always be 16 open positions until hiring freeze is over. They are starting with the positions which have been open the longest.

Daryl Bucholtz, Associate Director of Extension, also talked about the opening of county positions and commented on the new online system for reporting.

Pat McNally, Assistant Director 4-H Youth Development, stated the State Fair went very well this year and had 10% growth of exhibits. She talked about several 4-H youth opportunities such as the NASCAR promotion.

Paula Peters, Assistant Director Family and Consumer Sciences, thanked everyone for their hard work. She gave a brief update on FCS happenings. FNP went smoothly and was approved. She told everyone about Spring Action Conference, April 7-8 where we will revisit goals and continue planning and working with PDC's and boards.

Karen Pence, College of Human Ecology, told the group enrollment is up by 31 students and has stayed stable. Largest enrollment is in Family Studies and Human Services. She also brought with her Madai Rivera, Academic Services and Diversity Coordinator for the College, who told about herself and left her business cards for us.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. One thank you from Jodi Drake was read for her scholarship to National Meeting.

Belinda Oldham, Treasurer, explained the dues (\$100 - \$70 goes to NEAFCS, \$6 goes to KEAA, and \$24 goes to KEAFCS). She also asked everyone who pre-ordered a Living Well Cookbook to please pay for them today.

Report from officers:

President - Lori Sporer – reported there was four members who attended National meeting along with Paula Peters. Several states did not even have three voting delegates attend. At the meeting it was decided to allow absentee ballots next year. Lori said she finally got the e-mail list serve worked out. Let Lori know if you are not getting her e-mails. She reviewed the new by-laws and the committees list. Nothing was eliminated and subcommittees can still be set up if the Vice-President wants to do it that way. She also briefly talked about the Living Well Cookbook and said we have already made a profit of around \$900 with just our pre-orders.

President Elect - Joann Paschal - no report.

Past President - Nadine Sigle - She is serving on KEAA as one of our associations representatives and they have been busy, especially with agent's contracts.

Secretary - Ethel Schneweis - minutes have been posted on website.

Treasurer - Belinda Oldham - explained the past year's expenses and income handout.. A motion made by Diane Nielsen, seconded by Kathy Lupfer Nielsen was made to give officers the authority to research interest bearing accounts to put the association money into. Motion passed.

Vice President of Awards and Recognition - Robin Eubank - reported there were 10 applications for awards this past year. The two DSA state winners were also recognized at national meeting. Encouraged everyone to apply next year for awards.

Vice President of Public Affairs - Tara Solomon - told everyone about the Living Well Week, March 7-13, 2010.

Vice President of Professional Development - Mary Sullivan - no report.

Vice President of Member Resources - Christine McPheter - reported Jodi Drake received the first timer scholarship to attend National Meeting.

Area Counselors - Northeast - Cindy Evans – two retirements (Sherry Mahoney and Donna Martinson), Leah Robinson was hired for Central Kansas District - Salina for Sherry's position and Fort Riley office is fully staffed with Deb Wood as a new member of our association.

Northwest - Kathy Lupfer Nielsen - no report

Southeast - Kathy McEwan - reminded everyone about Friendship Night on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. at the Landon Room in the Holiday Inn Hotel. It is a night to be pampered.

Southwest - Carol Ann Crouch - no report (absent)

Operational Committees:

Audit/Budget - Belinda Oldham - she explained the 2010 budget handout.

Constitution, ByLaws and Policy - Lori Sporer - new bylaws are posted on the website.

Nominating Committee - Carol Ann Crouch - in Carol Ann's absence, Lori read off who the new elected officers are. Officers for 2010 are:

President - Joann Paschal - Russell Co.

President Elect - Kathy McEwan - Allen Co.

Past President - Lori Sporer - Logan Co.

Secretary - Cindy Evans - Shawnee Co.

Treasurer - Belinda Oldham - Wichita Co.

Vice President of Awards and Recognition - Robin Eubank - Barber Co.

Vice President of Public Affairs - Tara Solomon - Neosho Co.

Vice President of Professional Development - Ethel Schneweis - Ford Co.

Vice President of Member Resources - Christine McPheter - Meade Co.

Area Counselors

Northeast - Nicole Burnett - Johnson Co.

Northwest - Diann Gerstner - Thomas Co.

Southwest - Carol Ann Crouch - Scott Co.

Program of Work Committee:

Membership - Susie Latta - no report

New Agent Orientation - Anna Mae Brown - no report

History - Mary Sullivan - Lois Carlson and Jean Clarkson Friesbie are working on a report and it will be on the website.

Retirement - Sherrie Mahoney - no report - absent

Association Newsletter and Annual Report - Crystal Bashford - had a partial annual

report, but did not get too many people to send a report in to her.

Awards and Recognition Committees: Robin Eubanks

Committee chairs received award applications and these will be presented at Friendship Night.

Professional Development Committees:

Marketing - Diann Gerstner - no report

United Conference - Joann Paschal - March 4-5 in Wichita next year.

Public Affairs - Tara Solomon - no report

Other Committees:

Fashion Revue - NW - Thought it went well

KAFCE representative - no report

4-H Youth Advisory - Diane Nielsen - Mission mandates discussed

FCS Action team - Field Trip for Spring is set for March 27 in Kansas City

Unfinished business:

Robin Eubanks moved to accept the minutes of the February meeting, Nancy Honig seconded. Motion passed.

Lori S. presented a bill for copies, Robin E. Will have bills for plaques and Christine will have a bill for the aprons for new members. Christine McPheter moved to accept bills presented, Cindy Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Drawing for 10 members to receive \$10 off their membership was held. Those names drawn are: Joann Paschal, Christine McPheter, Susie Latta, Anna Mae Brown, Jan Stevens, Jan St. Clair, Kristen Penner, Mary Condray, Mary Lou Older, and Denise Diaz.

NEAFCS 75th Anniversary Endowment was discussed. Consider a donation of any amount. Kansas was in the top three of donations at national level.

Cindy Evans moved, Kathy Lupfer Nielsen seconded, to accept the By-Laws restructuring. Motion carried.

New Business:

Kathy Lupfer Nielsen moved to adopt the 2010 budget, Christine McPheter seconded. Motion carried.

Living Well ... More than a Cookbook. Campaign. National started this because they were about \$45,000 in debt. This cookbook is a glossy, high quality cookbook. All 50 states have a page in the book. Lori submitted information for this page. This is more than a cookbook, it is also a reference book. Fall National Board decided to split the profit with states on the book. \$7 for each book goes to the states. This profit is only if we order through our treasurer and not by the website. There are ten books in a case. Good marketing and branding opportunity for our association. Advance orders placed prior to October 15 for \$22.50 a book gave our association a profit of around \$900. Books cost \$25 now through November 20. Books are being shipped to four areas due to needing tax exempt certificates. The Book is a resale item if you sell in your county. Could use book as a program delivery at health fairs, etc.

It was mentioned that our association will need to help the Ag. Agents Association with their national meeting in 2011. It was suggested we look back and see what we did when they hosted their National meeting in 94' or 95'.

United Conference refunds was discussed. Susie Latta moved to allow \$20 off 2011 dues for anyone who attends the 2010 United Conference, Robin Eubank seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Spring update - Ks Affiliate NEAFCS Spring Meeting - Feb. 2010
United Association Conference - March 2010
2010 NEAFCS - Portland, Maine, Sept. 20-24
2011 NEAFCS - Albuquerque, NM

Robin Eubank moved to adjourn, Christine McPheter seconded, Motion passed.

Secretary,
Ethel Schneweis