

KEAFCS Board Meeting
October 20, 2011
Minutes

President Linda Beech called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Members present were Linda Beech, Nancy Honig, Belinda Oldham, Ethel Schneweis, Andrea Wood, Deb Wood, Rhonda Gordon, Jamie Rathbun, Rebecca McFarland, Diane Burnett, Tara Solomon, Kylie Ludwig, Kathy Tharman, Deb Bolton and Cindy Evans.

Treasurer Belinda Oldham reported that we currently have 52 paid members for 2012. There were no minutes shared.

Report of Officers

Linda reported that NEAFCS has an officer toolkit and publishes an impact report that summarizes what several states have done. If she asks for program impact, please send it so she can report what we are doing.

JCEP – February 7 - 9 in San Antonio. The President Elect will be invited to represent KEAFCS.

Nancy Honig indicated her goal was to create a directory that could be posted on the KEAFCS web site to help members know each other. It could include a photo, awards received, committee the person is assigned to, county/district, etc. Cindy Evans asked that we consider making that information secure.

Our group is needing a listserv. Linda will send it to Cindy Evans and Cindy will send to all board members.

The group has received a request from Carla Morrical Frederking to become a life member of the KEAFCS. The group discussed how this might work. Ethel felt we would need to look at the bylaws. President-elect is chairperson of the bylaw committee. Linda appointed Nancy Honig, Belinda Oldham and Robin Eubank to review the bylaws and report to the board their thoughts and concerns or to submit a proposal. National life members get a reduced fee to attend national meeting.

Robin Eubank reported that the Awards and Recognition committee is well organized. A welcome letter and brochure was sent to all new agents. Tara Solomon followed up with each one before conference to see who planned to join the association. New members that have joined are Megan Marson-Ferrell, Becky Reid and Laura Weiss-Cook.

KEAA – The group discussed that KEAA is discussed during new agent training, but KEAFCS has not had a presence. Linda will follow up to see if we can have someone talk to the agents about our association and will send information to Tara about when new agent training is taking place. Tara will find someone to go to share information about KEAFCS.

Cindy Evans suggested to send a letter to the new agent's mentors and direct supervisors (county or district coordinators). There was a brief discussion reminding the group who is eligible for membership.

Ethel – reminded us that the educational webinars offered by NEAFCS sets us apart as an association. We are able to send ideas for webinars as well.

United Association Conference – Anna Mae Brown will be conference chairperson. Nancy Honig will be on that committee as well. Get program ideas to them. Notes and presentations are available from previous conferences. Ethel reported our association will be in charge of serving two meals and all breaks. The conference will be at the Sedgwick County Extension office again, and she would appreciate knowing who is willing to help so she can assign people to “pick up granola bars or put water on ice.”

Reports from Area Counselors

Andrea Wood – Reported that Southwest will be in charge of Friendship Night in 2012.

Jamie Rathbun - no report

Kylie Ludwig - no report

Kathy Tharman - no report

She asked that when it comes to recognizing births, deaths, etc for agents in our area, are we recognizing ALL agents, or just those that are members? How do we determine who gets cards/gifts and who doesn't? The consensus of the group was that the area usually has a courtesy fund, and that gifts and cards are purchased according to those who contribute to the area fund. It does NOT have to do with who is a member of KEAFCS.

Audit – no report

Budget – no report

VP of Member Resources – Christine McPheter announced that Kathy Bloom will be the new chairperson of the member resources committee.

Retirement – Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen reported that some states pay for their agents to have a lifetime membership in NEAFCS. Our current bylaws read that we will pay “up to \$50.” No action was taken.

Diane Burnett – Diane is in charge of the Scholarship committee as well as awarding the Friend of FACS and First Timer's Awards. She said she wished she had a list of recipients. Cindy Evans reported that she had made one when she was Scholarship and Awards chairperson.

Linda Beech said we need to get more award applications in. Talk to colleagues and encourage them to apply.

Linda shared tentative dates for board meetings. She will send information later for the December 12th conference call at 1:30 pm.

The group discussed where to have the spring association business meeting, whether to hold it at the United Association Conference in Wichita or at Spring Action Conference. The group decided to have the board meeting at Spring Action Conference. No action taken on when to have the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.