

## **KEAFCS Business Meeting October 18, 2011**

The business meeting of KEAFCS was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Kathy McEwan. Kathy asked members to recite the creed. Roll call was passed and members were asked to sign in. Roll was signed by 62 members.

Cindy Evans shared the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting at Spring Action Conference. Robin Eubank moved to approve the minutes. Kathy Lupfer-Nielson seconded. Motion passed.

Cindy read correspondence which included several thank you notes from members who had received awards.

Belinda Oldham gave the treasurer's report. She passed around a sheet so members could see how much they owe for dues this year. Dues need to be to the treasurer by December 1, as a check needs to be to NEAFCS by January 1. If we miss the deadline the state is not allowed to apply for awards.

Belinda explained that National offers a "lifetime" dues option for retired members. It is three times the national dues amount, which is currently \$85. Kansas doesn't offer a lifetime dues option at this time.

Belinda shared a copy of the proposed budget for 2012. She explained that NEAFCS used to pay for JCEP conference, but no longer does so.

### **Election of KEAFCS Officers**

President Kathy asked for nominations from the floor to add to the ballot. Crystal moved nominations cease; seconded by Kathy Lupfer-Nielson. The committee was dismissed to count the ballots.

Kathy thanked Sheryl Carson for completing the annual report. It will be posted on the KEAFCS web site and send to members electronically.

The election committee reported that 2012 officers would be:

President: Linda Beech, Ellis County

President Elect: Nancy Honig, Stevens County

Secretary: Cindy Evans, Shawnee County

Treasurer: Belinda Oldham, Wichita County

Parliamentarian: Kathy McEwan, South Wind District

### **Vice Presidents**

Awards and Recognition: Robin Eubank, Barber County

Member Resources: Christine McPheter, Meade County

Public Affairs: Tara Solomon, Neosho County

Professional Development: Ethel Schneweis, Ford County

Area Counselors:

Northeast: Kathy Tharman, Doniphan County

Northwest: Jamie Rathbun, Ellsworth County

Southeast: Kylie Ludwig, Labette County

Southwest: Andrea Wood, Kingman County

Immediate Past President Kathy McEwan, South Wind District

### **President's Report:**

Kathy encouraged members to be leaders – get on board to sign up for committees and serve as you can.

She discussed we were looking for ways to increase funds in the association. Ideas include a silent auction, raffle, to discontinue drawings for dues discounts and to discontinue the dues break (currently \$20) for members who attend United Association Conference.

She reported that Melinda Daily will serve as our association's officer in KEAA.

She encouraged members to attend the United Conference in Wichita in March.

### **President Elect**

Linda Beech reported that she had planned the state's night out at National meeting in Albuquerque. She encouraged members to write one or two thank yous to an exhibitor of their choice. She shared that the 2012 national meeting will be in Columbus, Ohio. She also shared the KEAFCS committee list for 2012. All active members were placed on a committee. She identified committee chairs and chair-elects.

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as an alternate liason for KAFCE and the State 4-H Advisory. The VP of Member Resources serves as liason to both groups, but it creates a lot of meetings. It is helpful to have at least one alternate. Deanna Sweat volunteered to be the alternate for FCE. We are still seeking an alternate for the state 4-H Advisory.

Robin Eubank has agreed to be the webmaster for KEAFCS.

### **VP of Awards and Recognition:**

Robin Eubank shared a color handout to help members learn more about awards they can apply for. She reported that NEAFCS has announced there will be fewer cash awards; now they will award stipends for winners to attend national meeting. There is now an online application (entering a 30-word summary of the award). Members will still need to do a paper award application.

Robin suggested we present awards at Spring Action Conference.

### **Member Resources**

Christine McPheter reported that new members will be honored at Friendship Night.

## **VP of Professional Development**

Ethel shared that NEAFCS puts on excellent webinars; they are archived to view when convenient. She reminded members that the United Association Conference will be March 8 & 9 in Wichita.

SW Counselor – Andrea Wood – Thanked Sheryl Carson for doing the annual report.

NW Counselor – Diann Gerstner - Welcomed Amy to the Golden Prairie District and reported that Linda Beech is transferring to Ellis County. Northwest is hosting Friendship Night tonight at Ramblers Steakhouse.

NE Counselor – Laura Weiss-Cook was welcomed as a new agent at Ft. Riley.

SE Counselor – Kylie Ludwig shared information about the Aging with Attitude Expo.

**Retirement Committee** – Pat Gerhardt reported the committee needs to acknowledge eight retirements from September 2, 2009 to August 31, 2011. The association may need to adjust the proposed budget to allow enough money for the retirees to select the books to be donated.

**United Association Conference** – Anna Mae Brown is conference chairperson for the United Conference. Their theme is creating Healthy, Sustainable Families, Communities and Careers.

## **Unfinished Business:**

\*Belinda asked if there were any bills to present. None presented.

\*Drawing for \$10 off dues. Nancy Honig voiced that perhaps the drawing was unnecessary in light of our budget problems.

\*Belinda shared resources for using the *Living Well* Cookbook with Traveling Across America. Cookbooks are \$18.

Kathy asked if any members had fundraising ideas. A member shared that we could do something similar to the Crop for a Cure (scrapbooking party). Lexington, Kentucky is selling the Living Well cookbooks to raise money to host the 2014 national meeting.

## **New Business**

\*Adoption of 2012 budget.

Discussion: \$1391 of income was received from the 2011 United Association Conference. The group decided not to continue the dues reduction for those attending in 2012. This does not require action, because the previous motion that created the dues discount for 2011 read that it would need to be renewed every year. Without a motion, the dues discount will simply not happen.

Melinda Daily asked if JCEP required that we send two representatives. The group determined it was most beneficial to send the President-Elect. Cindy Evans moved to send only one delegate to JCEP and pay up to \$1000. Discussion: Melinda Daily suggested that if the President Elect cannot go, the President would be the next delegate considered.

Melinda moved to amend the motion to pay for JCEP expenses up to \$1500 for one delegate. Cindy withdrew her motion.

Melinda moved to send the President - Elect to JCEP paying up to \$1500 for expenses. If the President-elect cannot attend, the President could serve as the delegate. Seconded by Kathy Tharman. Motion passed.

Kathy Lupfer Nielson moved to let the KEAFCS board decide the best time to schedule a spring business meeting. Seconded by Melinda Daily. Motion passed.

Nancy Honig moved to pass the 2012 budget as amended; seconded by Kathy Lupfer Nielson. Motion passed.

Carol Ann Crouch suggested we reconsider the \$50 gift to retirees. Kathy said that would need to be a bylaws change.

There did not appear to be any support for a silent auction.

**Announcements:**

\*November 5 – Cotton Gin Tour

\*Sharolyn Jackson announced there would be a 6 am walk with administrators opportunity on Wednesday.

Robin Eubank moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Linda Beech. Motion passed.