

**KEAFCS Spring Meeting  
Minutes  
March 8, 2012**

**Call to Order**

KEAFCS President Linda Beech called the meeting of the spring association meeting to order at 8:35 am on March 8. There was one addition to the agenda. Secretary Cindy Evans passed a roll call sheet which was signed by 31 members. The minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting were read. Motion to approve by Mary Lou Odle; seconded by Ethel Schneweis. Motion passed.

**Communications**

Linda Beech shared that there was one communication from the planning committee of the North Central Region Volunteer Forum that would be addressed under new business.

**Treasurer's Report**

Belinda Oldham shared a list of itemized checks written since the beginning of our new budget year in October. She placed money in two certificates of deposit. We have 69 paid members and paid dues to KEAA for 63. (Specialists don't pay KEAA dues.) No bills were presented for payment. Tara Solomon will have her county send a bill to Belinda for the printing of the KEAFCS brochure.

**Report of Officers and Committees**

**President – Linda Beech** – Linda is channeling lots of information from NEAFCS to the appropriate committees. She reported that NEAFCS created a student membership category last fall. The Kansas affiliate will be asked to provide hospitality items for National meeting in Columbus, Ohio this fall. They are planning for 600 to attend. They will accept hospitality items in any amount.

Monthly KSRE updates are provided to President Schultz and have been remiss to include FACS, 4-H, horticulture, community development and other programs not directly related to agriculture and ag research. Linda made an official request to Gary Pierzynsky. He responded that he would be glad to add other program efforts to the report if he had the information. Linda encouraged us to funnel impacts to the KSRE Communications Department (send to Kris Boone, Gloria Holcombe and/or Elaine Edwards with cc to Marie Blythe and Paula Peters.)

**President- Elect Nancy Honig** – Nancy gave a report from JCEP. The meeting in San Antonio reflected that the extension system in many states are experiencing major restructuring including layoffs and job loss. The only state with no problems was Texas. Our new extension director is coming from Pennsylvania where 80/121 staff took early retirement and the state is all districts, no counties.

AAFCS along with NIFA is looking to find a Family Consumer Sciences logo for all related professions. It can be viewed on the NIFA web site. Nancy will visit with Paula Peters to see where Kansas Extension stands in using the logo. Because of our federal partners, we can use it any way we choose.

National Meeting: If you are planning to attend NEAFCS in Columbus, you can reserve rooms now. In addition to the hospitality items mentioned by Linda, they are also looking for donations for a silent auction.

The next Galaxy conference will be September 15 - 19, 2013 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Proposals are due this September. Associations will NOT host national meetings that year and will instead attend Galaxy.

**Past President – No Report**

**Secretary – No Report**

**Treasurer – Belinda Oldham** shared suggestions from her committee for student membership and National Life Membership. See attached sheet for wording. The National guideline is for student membership to cost one-half the dues of regular members. In reviewing the wording for State Life Member, Bev Dunning asked if the ten year requirement to be an honorary state life member was based on employment or membership in KEAFCS.

**VP of Awards and Recognition – Robin Eubank** was absent; Linda will present awards under New Business.

**VP of Member Resources – no report**

**VP of Public Relations – Tara Solomon** – March is Living Well Month. Some new resources are available. Find a link to the resources on the KEAFCS website.

**VP of Professional Development – Ethel Schneweis** – reminded members of the NEAFCS webinars. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be a webinar on Pintrest. The webinars are recorded and archived if you are not able to participate that day.

**Area Counselors**

SW – Andrea Wood – SW is working on Friendship Night.

SE – Kylie Ludwig – Amanda Davis is starting April 1 in Greenwood County.

NW – Jamie Rathbun – Sent out the KEAFCS newsletter in January.

NE – Kathy Tharman – Leah Robinson had a baby boy. Welcomed Diane Nielson from sabbatical.

**Operational Committees:**

Audit Committee – Bev Dunning will report in the fall.

Budget Committee – No Report

Constitution, By-Laws and Policy – Nancy Honig – Recommendations for changes to membership categories will be handled under new business.

**Program of Work Committees:**

\*Under VP of Member Resources

Membership Resources Committee - No report

Scholarship/Friend of Extension FACS – Diane Burnett was absent. Christine reported there were no applications for the First Timer's award. They may reoffer the stipend closer to national meeting. A nominee was selected for the Friend of Extension FACS.

History Committee – no report

\*Under VP of Awards and Recognition – No reports from committees

\*Under VP of Pulic Relations & Marketing – No reports from committees

\*Under VP of Professional Development

United Assoc Conf – Ethel reminded the group that we are in charge of refreshments and lunch. She would appreciate help refilling glasses with tea, water and coffee.

Webmaster – Robin was absent. Linda reminded members to check out the KEAFCS website at [www.ksre.ksu.edu/agent\\_association/](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/agent_association/)

**Liaisons**

State 4-H Advisory – Christine reported they have been working on judging classes for the state fair.

NEAFCS Liaison – Bev Kindler reported that at the national meeting in Albuquerque, NM, NEAFCS began working on a campaign to raise \$300,000.

Old Business – none

New Business

1. Bylaws change to reflect new dues categories. Nancy Honig moved to accept all changes as written. Seconded by Sheryl Carson. Discussion. Becky Reid moved to amend the motion to strike the words “was employed for less than 10 years.” Seconded by Diane Nielsen. Amendment passed. Vote to accept the bylaws change passed.

2. Consider communication requesting a donation for the 4-H volunteer forum. Kylie moved to donate \$100 to the forum. Seconded by Christine McPheter. Discussion. Kylie shared that she would like to use the extra money earned from the KEAFCS Field Day towards this donation and it would have little effect on the KEAFCS budget. Motion passed.

3. No bills presented.

4. KEAFCS Awards – There were no applications for the communications awards. Applications were received for professional development. From Kansas, we can recognize two members for distinguished service. Those will be Nancy Honig and Susan Jackson. We can recognize one person for continued excellence. That will be Nancy Nelson. Recognition for these awards will be at National meeting.

**Announcements:**

\*Carol Ann Crouch suggested we should rethink having a silent auction during Spring Action Conference. Lisa Long is making arrangements. A member asked if we would have trouble getting space approved at this late date. Christine pointed out that Margaret Phillips is at this conference and could probably approved it. Linda Beech felt that we needed a committee. Volunteers were taken: Carol Ann Crouch, Chairperson; Belinda Oldham, Diane Burnett, Kathy Tharman, and Megan Ferrell.

\*The next association meeting will in October 2012 during annual conference.

\*Members we asked to be thinking of hospitality items for Kansas to send to the NEAFCS conference in Columbus. Ideas generated included: Kansas Wheathouse – Shirley Voran (Wheat nubs); recipe books from the KS Wheat Commission; Flour (but this would be heavy for people to carry home; Mary Lou Odle said a popular item distributed at the Women Managing the Farm program was chapstick called “Chicken Poop.”

Linda reminded the areas of their responsibilities:

SE – Annual Report

SW – Friendship Night

NW – Newsletter and Nominating

NE – State Fair Fashion Revue

Motion to adjourn made by Mary Lou Odle. Seconded by Kathy Tharman. Motion passed.