

KEAFCS Board Meeting
Tuesday August 27, 2013 5:30 pm

The KEAFCS fall board meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 27 at the Alumni Center in Manhattan by President Nancy Honig. Those in attendance were Nancy Honig, Christine McPheter, Ethel Schneweis, Kathy Tharman, Diane Nielson, Melinda Daily, Robin Eubank, Cindy Evans, Andrea Wood, Sheryl Carson, Jamie Rathbun, Barbara Ames, Linda Beech, and Susie Latta.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as emailed. There were no communications.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Sheryl Carson. Income for the year was reported as \$32,529.25 Total expenses for the year is \$9,919.72. Overall balance in all KEAFCS accounts is \$22,609.53. No bills were presented. Ethel moved and Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Report of Officers and Committees

President-Nancy Honig reported that the association needs help to find members to run for association offices. Offices up for election include President Elect, Secretary, Vice President for Member Resources, Vice President for Professional Development, Northeast Area Counselor, Northwest Area Counselor and a representative to serve on annual conference committee. Election information is needed by September 10 to Andrea Wood. She needs this information no later than September 15 so it can be sent out as a part of the newsletter.

President-Elect Cindy Evans stated that if you know of anyone going to National Meeting and has not signed up for States Night Out, please let her know ASAP. Cindy will be contacting association members about committees for 2014.

It was reported that Deanna Sweat who is currently serving as Vice President of Member Resources is retiring. Sheryl Carson and her committee will make the arrangements for the Friend of KEAFCS Award that will be presented at Friendship Night. The board will be appointing someone to fill this position.

VP of Public Relations and Marketing is Diane Nielson. Melinda Daily who is KEA President said there is a concern about the amount of dues for new professionals. We discussed offering New Agents that join the Association a significant dues discount their first year. The Ag Agents Association was offering a membership for first time members of \$50. We have done some additional fund raising this year and discussed using the money to promote the association by offering new agents a significantly reduced fee for their first year of membership. Diane reported that the State is suspending additional efforts to marketing FCS due to lack of funds. It was discussed if we want to do something to support additional marketing efforts. One suggestion was to promote the Association in the form of a quarterly newsletter to the Legislature and County Commissioners. A one page document was shown from the University of Georgia that was doing just that. This document would highlight public value.

Area Counselors-

SW Counselor Andrea Wood will be sending out the KEAFCS Newsletter by the middle of September and a Ballot would be sent out around October 1 to elect officers. She would also

be encouraging people through the newsletters to contact Cindy Evans if they want to be on a particular committee. Lehis de Fornoza is the new Agent in Finney County.

SE Area Counselor Barbara Ames told about the plans for Friendship Night. The theme of the event is "FCS Explore Your Flint Hills." There will be a catered meal, followed by a short program. Entertainment will be touring the Discovery Center. We will invite other agents to come tour the Discovery Center for a \$6 charge. Registration for the event will be \$23. Members can sign up through the Annual Conference Registration Center. It was announced that Candace Metcalf resigned and that Beth Ireland is the new agent in Greenwood County.

NW Area Counselor Jamie Rathbun said the NW area is working on the State Fair Fashion Revue. Erin Petersilie is the new agent in the Walnut Creek District.

NE Area Counselor Kathy Tharman stated that the new agent in Geary County is Deb Andres and that Nicole Burnett resigned. Annual Report articles need to be sent to Kathy by October 4, but sooner the better.

Constitution, By-Laws and Policy changes were suggested by Cindy Evans.

By –Law Changes

Change the name of the VP for Public Relations to VP for Public Affairs. That would be consistent with Nationals. Change all Public Relations to Public Affairs.

Remove the responsibility of the Past President as the co-chair for Public Affairs under the VP for Public Affairs

Add that it is the VP of Awards and Recognition responsibility to assist with the Scholarship/Friend of FCS/ First Timer's Stipend Committee. And remove that responsibility from the VP of Member Resources.

Under Vice President for Award and Recognition we need to add new awards that have been added to Nationals, to be consistent with the National Association.

VP of Member Resources serves as or appoints the liaison for KAFCS and FCS 4-H Action team.

Change the responsibility of the Florence Hall Award and the NEAFCS Greenwood Frysinger Fellow to be responsibility of the Program Awards Committee instead of the Professional Development Awards Committee.

Policy Changes

Move scholarship, Friend of FCS and First Timer's Stipend under VP for Award and Recognition.

The Web Master is an appointed position by the President.

Program of Work Committees

Under VP of Member Resources

Retirement Committee – Barbara Stockebrand asked if any of the area counselors have any retirees to let Barbara know.

Scholarship – Sheryl Carson announced that two \$50 scholarships for the First Timer award for National Meeting were given to Gina Aurand and Becky Reid.

Under VP of Awards and Recognition

- Communications/Public Relations Award Committee- Melinda Daily, a member of the committee, discussed the fact that one of the communication awards was in

Spanish and therefore it was difficult to judge as no one of the committee can read Spanish. This is an issue the committee needs to work on. Need to have someone on the committee that is bilingual. Might see how Nationals plans to handle this issue.

Under VP of Professional Development

- United Association Planning Committee – Ethel announced that the 2014 United Association meeting is March 6 and 7 in Wichita.

We discussed the need to have a marketing brochure for KEAFCS on the web site. Cindy will send it to Robin.

Liaisons

State 4-H Advisory- Christine McPheter reminded the board that this is no longer a standing committee. We discussed that our association may want to have a representative from the FCS 4-H Action team on our board. Christine discussed that the future of the State Fair FCE judging contest may be coming to an end. Instead of a judging contest the committee is considering having an event at the KSU open house. Christine wanted to know if agents would be willing to bring 4-Hers to this. Diane Nielson is willing to be on the committee to discuss the future of this event or a new event.

This year the Sewing Camp was a success. A sewing camp will be offered for 2014 again.

Old Business

It was decided that we are no longer going to consider offering a student membership category for our association.

KEAFCS Elections -- we need to find people to run for the positions that are up for election. Those offices include President Elect, Secretary, Vice President for Awards and Recognition, Vice President for Professional Development, NE Area Counselor, and NW Area Counselor.

New Business

NEAFCS Voting Delegates -- Robin moved and Christine seconded that Nancy Honig, Cindy Evans, and Melinda Daily would serve as our voting delegates at National Meeting. Motion carried.

Silent Auction items for Galaxy -- Items are being gathered for the silent auction. Cindy has some jewelry. Nancy said she would also supply an item for the auction.

Need a new representative for the Annual Conference Committee – It is a two year appointment. Please let Nancy know if you are interested.

Policy Changes – Jamie moved and seconded by Robin that policies be approved as stated above in Cindy Evan's report. Motion Carried.

By Law Changes will be printed in the newsletter if possible, otherwise they will be sent out in a separate email message. The bylaws need to be sent out by September 22.

The 2013 Area Responsibilities include SE- Friendship Night, SW- Newsletter and Nominations, NW- State Fair Fashion Revue, and NE- Annual Report.

Announcements include a reminder that the Association board meeting will be on Tuesday of Annual Conference from 12:30 to 1:15 P.M. and the Association meeting will be held from 1:15 to 4:00 P.M.

It was reported that the Silent Auction made approximately \$300.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Latta
KEAFCS Secretary