

FEAFCS
Membership Meeting
September 1, 2015

Call to Order by President Samantha Kennedy.

Attendance: Angela Hinkle, Sarah Ellis, Samara Deary, Scott Taylor, Lisa Leslie, Marjorie Moore, Beth Shephard, Betsy Crisp, Gayle Whitworth, Julie England, Lisa Hamilton, Melanie Thomas, Jackie Schrader, Natasha Parks, Katherine Mann, Lynda Spence, Stephanie Toelle, Marie Arick, Whitney Fung, Andrea Likens, Jill Taufer, Gabriela Murza, LuAnn Duncan, Mary Sue Kennington, Dreamal Worthen, Elizabeth Gormani, Jamila Adams, Dorothy Lee, Cathy Rogers, Wendy Lynch, Mary Keith, Johanna Ramirez, Amy Simmone, Tracy Irani, Linda Bobroff, Michael Gutter, Samantha Kennedy and Melanie Taylor.

Minutes and Correspondence: Gayle Whitworth made a motion and Julie England seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. They have been posted on the FEAFCS website since our last membership meeting in August 2014 and since our last FEAFCS Board Meeting in August 2015. Motion passed.

Advisor's Comments/Chairwoman: Dr. Michael Gutter/Agata Kowalewska (not present)

Dr. Michael Gutter – He explained that Dr. Irani will be making announcements on Thursday for the search committee for several openings. There is a lot of information to share, so he will just save most of it for Thursday.

If you are attending the HCE Advisory Committee this evening, the time has been changed to 5:45pm in the Gulf Breeze South room.

If you brought a hat we would like to get a picture of everyone wearing their hat to post on social media sites. Dr. Gutter does have a few extra if you need to borrow one. The IFAS bookstore and hotel gift shop does have hats for sale if you are interested buying one. We will organize for the photo on Thursday morning during the Initiative Team meeting.

Dr. Gutter reminded us to invite state specialists to join us at EPAF and make sure to let them know you would like them to give current updates, answer questions, etc.

Dr. Linda Bobroff – She ordered MyPlate posters that are available in the back of the room during this meeting and on Thursday morning during the Initiative Team meeting. She also has the Take Control – Cancer pamphlets for us to take if you are interested.

Dr. Amy Simmone – She has sent a request for what agents would like to have IST's on in the next year. She currently has 3 IST's scheduled for 2016.

New Members: New agents (1-year or less) introduced themselves. WELCOME to all new agents!

Treasurer's Report – (Samantha Kennedy on behalf of Amy Mullins)

August, 2015 Income:	\$13,162.23
Expenses to Date:	\$ 9,133.67
Balance:	\$ 4,028.56
Budget Balance YTD:	\$ 4,028.56 (as of 8/21/2015)
Account Balance YTD:	\$33,267.73 (ending bank balance on 7/31/2015)

Discussion: Lynda Spence questioned – does the cost of cookbooks include postage? Because we need to make sure we are not using postage. Instead, pick up at meetings, etc. Samantha did not know the answer to that question.

How many cookbooks were sold online this year? Samantha was not sure. She will check the website. Linda Bobroff suggested we resend the web link to agents to remind them to share it with clients, etc. for the holidays.

Cookbooks – if agents are buying the cookbooks for classes we are selling them to agents for \$2 each. If you are selling them to clients they are \$12 each.

Beth Shepard moved that we approve the Treasurer's report. Cathy Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

District Director Reports: All District Director gave excerpts from their County's activities. **Northwest:** Melanie Taylor for Ginny Hinton; **Northeast:** Natasha Parks; **Central:** Gabi Marza, **South Central:** Whitney Fung; **South:** Karla Lenfesty (not present); **Campus:** Agata Kowalewska (not present)

Dr. Tracy Irani Update – Lots of things are happening on campus – in the process of hiring 40 IFAS positions. Dr. Gutter's old position has been posted and they are working on it. There are 4 candidates and interviewing this fall and hoping to have them begin in spring.

Dr. Karla Shelnut is now an associate professor and received tenure this summer.

Bryan Terry, 4-H specialist, is going up for tenure this coming year.

In the past year, they have also hired new faculty in the non-profit field.

Senior Lecturer – Dr. Candice Stephanow – School counselor background – child psychology focus.

New website was launched today. Visit fycs.ufl.edu to see this website. More pages will be added soon.

FNP website is in process of moving. EFNEP and FNP are physically moving to a newly renovated building that IFAS has provided them.

The PhD program has been submitted for approval and will have its first review on September 18th. It will probably take a year to go through the entire approval process. It's a youth development and family science degree.

Retirees were announced:

Audrey Norman and Chris Kilbride retired from the South District.

Mary Keith and Celia Hill retired from the South Central District.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws/Handbook: Lynda Spence

- Suggested bylaw changes were posted for the 30 day review. They need to be voted on at this meeting.
- Suggested changes:
 1. Article VI, Section 1, Names of Standing Committees: Remove "H. Youth" from the list of standing committees and change "I. Audit" to "H. Audit."
 2. Article VI, Section 2, Functions of Standing Committees: Remove "Youth" from the two places it appears in this sections.
 3. Article XIII, Section 2, Notice of Changes to Bylaws Amendments: Change the working to read: "...not less than thirty days prior to the amendment vote."
- Julie England made motion to approve the bylaw changes as read. Seconded by Marjorie Moore. Motion passed.

Public Affairs: Melanie Thomas. 2015 Florida Association of Counties Conference: This year the conference was held at the Sawgrass Marriot in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL on June 16-19, 2015. The IFAS Extension booth is certainly one of the most popular booths at the conference and certainly did not disappoint this year. The

message surrounding the booth is always to thank our commissioners and administrators for their continued support at the local level.

Special thanks to Dr. Gutter has graciously purchased 200 Simply Florida cookbooks that were used as gifts to all the VIPs. Two gift baskets were created for the event using both donated and purchased items. The basket themes were “Food Preparation and Food Safety” and “Preserving Your Bounty”. Melanie Thomas delivered the baskets to the Conference and Dr. Eric Simonne graciously delivered the FCS banner. Melanie wants to personally thank Mary Sue Kennington, Wendy Lynch and Jackie Schrader who assisted with stuffing 200 goodie bags and helped with booth set-up. Mary Sue, Jackie Schrader, Katherine Allen and Melanie Thomas worked the Country Store booth at various times during the 3-day conference. FEAFCFS was represented all 3 days!

Extension Faculty Advisory Committee – EFAC: Dean Place’s Advisory Committee

At this time I (Melanie Thomas) has served my two year term on the advisory committee. My last meeting was held on August 10, 2015. Term began 9/1/13. The committee met four times in 2015 (February 2nd, April 2nd, July 9th and August 10th). Topics discussed are current and relevant to the future of Extension in Florida. Topics include Volunteer Screening, Revenue enhancement, Strategic Staffing, Current Status of Dean Searches, EPAF, etc....

Aging Well Banner: At the current time (August 21, 2015) the banner is in Bay County with Marjorie Moore. Marjorie has the banner displayed in the office lobby welcoming all visitors.

General FCS Banner: Missing in Action – Missing since EPAF 2013

VP of Members Resources: WELCOME to our new VP of Member Resources, Samara Deary!

Awards and Recognition: (Samantha Kennedy for Judy Corbus) Twenty-two NEAFCS-Florida Affiliate awards in 16 categories will be presented at the 2015 EPAF meeting. At the national level, Florida has three Regional and two National winners in three categories. For our state awards, 15 Program of Excellence Award and five 4-H Youth Development Award applications were submitted.

The 2015 recipients of the following awards are:

- Distinguished Service Award: Heidi Copeland, Leon County
- Continued Excellence: Stephanie Toelle, Duval County
- New Professional: Ricki McWilliams, NW District FCS RSA-Walton County
- Para-Professional: Donna Clerkin, Broward County
- 4-H Youth Development: Team: Angela Hinkle and Libbie Johnson

We received nominations for the following awards:

- Friend of FEAFCFS: Bank of America by Dr. Michael Gutter; Chef Ray Benton & Chef Vince Blancato (Team) by Betsy Crisp; Honorable Judge Michelle T. Morley by Martha Maddox
- Outstanding Specialist: Dr. Martie Gillen by Diann Douglas, Lynda Spence, and Brenda Williams

The nomination forms were forwarded to the Board for their review and at the Spring Board Meeting, the Board selected Bank of America to be recognized with the Friend of FEAFCFS Award and Dr. Martie Gillen to be recognized with the Outstanding Specialist Award.

During this year’s NEAFCS awards application cycle, the question came up re: how many entries a member may submit for each national award. After researching our current guidelines and finding nothing addressing this and subsequently conferring with other states on their guidelines, the Awards and Recognition Committee would like to propose the following: *For each Award category (excluding Distinguished Service Award,*

Continued Excellence Award, New Professional Award, and Extension Educator of the Year Award), entry may be by Individual or Team effort. A member may submit one entry as an Individual and one entry as a Team leader per Award category. If a Team entry, all members should be listed. The first name will be considered the Team leader.

Rationale: This guideline establishes a standard criterion for future award cycles and is consistent with the rules for our FEAFCFS Program of Excellence and 4-H Youth Development awards; this reduces confusion and lends consistency across all award categories. It allows for recognition of quality Individual and Team programming efforts while providing an opportunity for fair consideration of all members submitting in a given category.

I have enjoyed serving the Association as the VP – Awards and Recognition and wish to thank all of my Committee members for their time and assistance - you did an outstanding job with the judging and meeting deadlines and I enjoyed very much working with you!

Professional Development: Wendy Lynch

22 abstracts submitted and 20 were selected. A subcommittee was formed of FCS agents to review the abstracts and mini-grant applicants. Thank you very much to the subcommittee members
2015 Mini-grant Award Winners: Julie England and Angela Hinkle

New Business:

2015-16 FEAFCFS Elections

FEAFCFS Leadership: It was noted that over half of the FEAFCFS members voted for our next officers.

Nominating Committee: Beth Shephard

The results of the 2015-2016 election are as follows:

President-Elect: Judy Corbus

VP - Public Affairs: Maria Rometo

VP - Awards & Recognition: Gayle Whitworth

Treasurer: Julie England

Northwest District Director: Ricki McWilliams

Central District Director: LuAnn Duncan

South District Director: Beth Shephard

NEAFCS State's Night Out: If you are going to the National FCS Conference in November please sign-up so we know who to contact about State's Night Out.

Committee Sign-Ups:

Be sure to sign-up for the committees. They all need help and will be happy to have you. Please put your name and email address on the sign-up sheet.

FEAFCFS dues will be due by November 30, 2015.

Old Business:

Cookbooks – Large amounts of cookbooks can be picked up from: Manatee, Osceola, Putnam, and Wakulla. Lynda Spence suggested we get a count on the cookbooks in the near future.

EPAF Announcements: Samantha Kennedy

- Make sure you are following the dress codes.

FCS Raffle: Mystery Basket – tickets are \$1 or six tickets for \$5. If we run out of tickets just collect business cards or names with contact numbers. The money will go to the FEAFCFS account.

Samantha: Farewell as FEAFCS president! Thank you for your hard work and it's been a pleasure serving as your president.

Adjourn:

Beth Shepard moved and Sarah Ellis seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Taylor
Secretary

Up-coming Dates:

November 2-5, 2015 National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
(NEAFCS) – White Sulphur Springs, WV