

FEAFCS
Winter Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016

Call to Order by Lynda Spence, President at 12:05 CST/1:05 EST.

Thought for the Day: Lisa Leslie, Parliamentarian

The following persons were in attendance: Judy Corbus, Lisa Leslie, Agata Kowalewska, Wendy Lynch, Maria Rometo, Gayle Whitworth, Diann Douglas, Julie England, Dr. Michael Gutter, Lynda Spence and Melanie Taylor.

Minutes and Correspondence: Melanie Taylor, Secretary
Melanie read the minutes from the September 1, 2015 membership meeting held at EPAF since they have not been posted to the website yet. (Samantha Kennedy will continue as webmaster and will post them soon.) Julie England corrected the minutes...change the membership dues date to November 30, 2015. With the change made the September 1, 2015 membership meeting minutes will be posted on the FEAFCs website soon.

Agenda Approval:

Lynda asked for approval of the agenda. Maria Rometo made a motion to accept the agenda as written and Julie England seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Julie England, Treasurer

Julie has been reviewing the financial records, etc. as the new treasurer. She does have a few questions.

- She is looking for a record of the Program of Excellence Award certificates printing costs from EPAF. Judy Corbus explained no cost was incurred.
- Julie has not received the \$400 from Dr. Gutter's office for the cookbooks purchased for the 2015 Florida Association of Counties Conference goody bags. She will contact Debora Bell again about getting this paid.
- Julie had a question about a bill she received for FEAFCs that were charged to the EPAF account in September for the awards banquet.
Judy Corbus explained: Donna Clerkin was our ParaPro Award winner. Her husband, Gene, and she stayed overnight on 9/2 and he also attended the award luncheon. The budget for the ParaPro winner is \$180 so the difference (\$39) should be billed to Brenda Marty-Jimenez, who nominated Donna.
The other five names represented Bank of America, our Friend of Extension Award winner. The budget for that award also is \$180 so the difference (\$20) should be billed to Michael Gutter, the nominator.
I (Judy) notified Brenda and Michael of the FEAFCs budget for the respective awards prior to the meeting and confirmed that they would be able to pay any amount beyond the \$180 so there should not be a problem with collecting from them in terms of it being a "surprise."

It probably would be easier for you to pay the full amount from the Association account and then settle up internally with Brenda and Michael so EPAF can close out the books for the meeting.

- Julie is also looking for record of Amy Mullins having paid out JCEP and PILD conference fees for the president to attend in 2015. Julie will contact Heidi Copeland (past president) to check on JCEP payment and with Amy on PILD.
- Good news...cookbook income = \$1,200
- EPAF auction FEAFCFS raised = \$1,441.60
- FCS raffle at EPAF = \$92
- Send all cookbook money to Julie England and send the number of cookbooks you sold with the money.
- Julie found a budget line item for Department of State annual fee: What is this? Diann Douglas: Not for profit incorporation for state taxes. A bill should come once a year. The bill is sent online now. Julie will check to see where the bill went and if we are in compliance at this time. Julie spoke with Amy Mullins and she did not remember ever receiving a bill as treasurer before.

FEAFCS Budget Update 2015

(2015 budget still in progress.) (Dues paid to national list.)

Income	\$13,715.37
Expenses	\$10,316.63
Balance	\$ 3,398.74

Budget Balance YTD	\$ 4,028.56	(through 8/21/15)
Account Balance YTD	\$42,536.53	(ending bank balance on 12/31/15)

Lynda asked for a motion to accept treasurer's report as read. Wendy Lynch made motion. Lisa Leslie seconded. Motion moved to accept as read.

District Director Reports: District Directors gave excerpts from their Counties' activities and written copies were submitted to President via email.

Northwest: Ricki McWilliams (not present – Report given by Lynda for Ricki)

Northeast: Natasha Parks (not present - Report given by Lynda for Natasha)

Central: LuAnn Duncan (not present)

South Central: Whitney Fung (not present) - Detailed report submitted

South: Beth Shepard (not present)

Campus: Agata Kowalewska

Committee Reports:

Bylaws/Handbook: Judy Corbus

Committee members are Dorothy Lee and Brenda Marty-Jimenez.

All three are currently reviewing the bylaws and will let us know us know if they think any changes need to be made, etc.

Public Affairs: Maria Rometo

All agents are encouraged to attend PILD.

March is Extension Living Well month. FEAFCFS and NEAFCS have encouraged us all to participate.

Lynda – Maria, do you have information on the impact report? Maria did not know about this, but Lynda shared that the National and Florida websites have our roles and responsibilities...be sure to check them out. On the Florida website, the duties made by prior officers are also listed. The impact reports will be shared with Washington DC to encourage legislators, etc. to support Extension when voting.

VP of Member Resources: Lynda reported for Samara Deary (not present)

New FCS Members:

Johanna Ramirez - Osceola County

Jean Arick - Jackson County

Jamilia Adams - Orange County

Carree Olshansky - Columbia County

Pins were available to purchase at the NEAFCS Annual Conference – Each new member received a pin.

Awards and Recognition: Gayle Whitworth

Email was sent out regarding NEAFCS awards to all paid NEAFCS members. FEAFCFS website should be updated soon.

National awards are due online no later than Feb 5, 2016. This is the first year that awards will be done solely online. No hard copies will be needed. Awards packets for Florida will be forwarded from National for judging.

Committee members include: Cathy Rogers, Nancy Gal, Dorothy Lee, Scott Taylor, Katherine Marin, Stephanie Toelle, Whitney Fung, and Angela Hinkle.

Gayle also wanted to say “Thank you” to Judy Corbus for sharing everything she had from her time as Awards and Recognition chairperson.

Lynda - Thank you Gayle for a great email explaining the awards for 2016. The email was very detailed and answered a variety of questions any of us could have when applying for awards.

Professional Development: Wendy Lynch

2015 Professional Development Committee – Abstract and/or Professional Development Reviewers were: Betsy Crisp, Samara Deary, LuAnn Duncan, Sarah Ellis, Whitney Fung, Nan Jensen, Mary Sue Kennington, Martha Maddox, Gabi Murza, Natasha Parks, Cathy Rogers, Jackie Schrader, Beth Shephard, Lynda Spence

The Professional Development Committee reviewed 22 abstracts for EPAF and 20 were chosen for presentation.

2015 FEAFCFS Professional Development Grants Recipients:

- Julie England: partially fund my attendance at the 2015 National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) Annual Conference in White Sulfur Springs, West Virginia.
- Angela Hinkle: funds will support CHES approved classes, self-study guides, and materials needed to complete the coursework portion of the 75-credit requirement for CHES competencies. Angela scheduled to take the 1st series of online courses from September 8th-19th of 2015 and the 2nd series from January 4th-25th of 2016.

Thanks so very much to the 2015 Professional Development Committee for all of the time and effort to review the EPAF abstracts and Professional Development Grant applications.

I'd like to say a "Welcome" and a "Welcome Back" to the following individuals for agreeing to be an active member on the Professional Development Committee for 2016: Jamila Adams, Jean Marie Arick, LuAnn Duncan, Sarah Ellis, Elizabeth Gorimani, Cathy Rogers.

Nominating Committee: Diann Douglas

Nominating committee is generally made up of the board Chair, the District Directors and the board nominates a member at large. Diann asked for recommendations for a member at large. Please think about it and send to Diann. She'd be happy to call the person to see if they will accept the position. Lynda suggested we could send out an email to the membership requesting volunteers if we do not get anyone nominated. Dr. Gutter said he'd be happy to include a slide in his FCS Connections update this Thursday. Lynda will send this information to Dr. Gutter for the meeting.

Dr. Gutter also explained he'd like to include a FEAFCFS slide(s) in each months FCS Connection. Please send him dates and/or information you like to share from FEAFCFS.

Diann also said she would try to stick to the bylaws timeline and make sure the elections are done this spring as expected.

Advisor's Comments: Dr. Gutter

- Our new family economic state specialist has accepted the position. He is Jorge Ruiz Menjivar. As a former graduate student in the department he is very familiar with Extension and the work being done here. He will primarily be working with Extension. He has a 50% Extension appointment. Teaching and research appointment as well.
- Interviewing this week for Prevention and Youth Specialist.
- Search committee is currently looking for Health and Wellness Specialist.
- PhD program Update - in process. Made it through some levels of approval. Looking good so far. Leaving college soon for more feedback. Hoping to have passed and started by 2017, if not sooner.

- We are headed towards legislative season. Looking to request more FCS positions. Working with DED's to put together a list of positions. (County and RSA's, etc.) Please consider applying if the positions are budgeted.
- Currently data mining ROA POW impact data. He will let us know more in FCS Connections. The state office is working to better compile and share the FCS data from our reports.
- IST's are starting very soon. He will share a slide on Thursday's FCS Connections with the entire list.
- Be sure to sign up to attend the FCS Summit being held May 3-5, 2016 at the Farm Bureau office building in Gainesville.

Old Business:

Lynda updated for Chris Kilbride (not present – retired): In 2015, we sold 668 cookbooks. This number is up from 152 books in 2014. Total cookbooks sold at this point is 7,851. All money collected from the cookbooks now is all profit. Send all money to Julie England (include how many you sold to collect the money you send her). Julie will update Chris and Chris will continue to maintain the database for us even as a retiree.

2015 FCS Raffle at EPAF collected \$92. Lynda will have Dr. Gutter draw a winner during one of the FCS Connections.

New Business:

Lynda - JCEP - Joint Council of Extension Professionals is coming up in Las Vegas in February. FEAFCs provides transportation costs for the current president.

Lynda - PILD – Public Issues in Leadership Development is coming up in April in Washington DC. The purpose of PILD is to teach Extension professionals how to educate representatives about Extension outreach and impacts. The conference culminates with visits to representatives.

Lynda - Life Membership – Lynda has learned many other states are donating 50% of the Life Membership fees to retirees at their time of retirement. Current life membership dues = \$300 per person. Lynda – how does the board feel about this? Discussion – some like the idea. Diann – She felt money should be spent more on the membership than retirees. She suggested the money could be to add another person to attend JCEP, etc. (president-elect) or to buy better awards (plaques, instead of certificates). Lisa – in her county the county offices donated, etc. towards the lifetime membership as a gift for the retiree.

Lynda encouraged all members to serve on a National committee. Great networking and for personal growth and leadership skills!

Lynda is planning to send out a quarterly newsletter to share membership information. Please send dates and/or information for the newsletter to Lynda.

Lisa Leslie –Charlie Vavrina, DED in South Central is retiring. He is being replaced by Brenda Rogers.

Diann announced that Elizabeth Gormani in Gadsden County has resigned and is moving to Virginia. She will be working in Virginia Cooperative Extension in the City of Chesapeake.

With no more discussion a motion to adjourn was made by Julie England. Seconded by Judy Corbus.

Lynda adjourned the winter meeting at 1:14pm CST/2:14pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie G. Taylor
Secretary

Upcoming Events:

February 10 - 11, 2016	Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) – Las Vegas, NV
April 10 - 13, 2016	Public Issues in Leadership Development (PILD) – Crystal City, VA
May 3 - 5, 2016	FCS Summit – Gainesville, FL
May 26 - 27, 2016	Children and Families at Risk (CYFAR) - National - Harbor, MD
June 22 - 25, 2015	American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) – Bellevue (Seattle area), WA
September 12 - 15, 2016	National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) – Big Sky, MT
October 15 - 19, 2017	National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) – Omaha, NE
September 24 - 27, 2018	National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) – San Antonio, TX