

**FEAFCS
Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2015**

Call to Order by President Samantha Kennedy at 12:05 CST/1:05 EST.

The following persons were in attendance: Lynda Spence, Agata Kowalewska, Ginny Hinton, Melanie Thomas, Heidi Copeland, Judy Corbus, Natasha Parks, Wendy Lynch, Gabi Murza, Whitney Chung, Dr. Michael Gutter, Samantha Kennedy and Melanie Taylor.

Minutes and Correspondence: Melanie Taylor, Secretary

The minutes from the January membership meeting were posted on the FEAFCS website for review. Melanie Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Judy Corbus seconded that the January meeting minutes be approved as posted on the FEAFCS website. Motion passed.

Advisor's Comments: Dr. Michael Gutter

Thanks to everyone that attended the FCS Strategic Planning Summit. They are starting to go through the notes taken and will be planning meetings for those agents that signed up to help on committees. You will be contacted soon if you signed up.

The first search committee for Dr. Gutter's successor as a financial management program leader will begin soon. This person will be hired at the assistant professor level.

Dr. Gutter has requested agents to share ideas with him to encourage and promote more specialist collaboration and participation with agents. (Please add to the next FEAFCS board agenda.)

Treasurer's Report: Amy Mullins

Budget Balance YTD	(through 5/20/15)	\$4,729.33
Account Balance YTD	(ending bank balance on 4/30/15)	\$33,285.04

Heidi Copeland inquired why the membership numbers were down. Samantha explained several people retired, but they did gain a few lifetime memberships and the overall numbers were just slightly down.

District Director Reports: District Directors gave excerpts from their Counties' activities and written copies were submitted to Secretary. **Northwest:** Ginny Hinton; **Northeast:** Natasha Parks; **Central:** Gabi Murza; **South Central:** Whitney Fung; **South:** Not present; **Campus:** Agata Kowalewska

Committee Reports:

Bylaws/Handbook: Lynda Spence

Changes were briefly reviewed by Lynda for the members.

The changes to Policy and Guidelines Handbook do not require a vote.

The Bylaw changes will be voted on at EPAF.

Public Affairs: Melanie Thomas

Aging Well Banner: At the current time the banner is still in Bay County with Marjorie Moore. Marjorie has the banner displayed in the office lobby welcoming all visitors.

General FCS Banner: She is currently working to have a new General FCS Banner made.

2015 Florida Association of Counties Conference: This year the conference will be held at the Sawgrass Marriot in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL (same place EPAF was held in 2013) on June 16-19, 2015. The IFAS booth is certainly one of the most popular booths at the conference. The message surrounding the booth is always to

thank our commissioners and administrators for their continued support at the local level. Last year FEAFCFS provided two gift baskets and both went very fast. Let's make sure FEAFCFS has strong representation this year as well! We will hand out over 200 tote bags filled with "goodies". Lynda Spence coordinated with Dr. Gutter to purchase 200 Simply FL Cookbooks and Melanie will put one in each tote bag.

Awards and Recognition: Judy Corbus

NEAFCS Awards: A total of 35 entries in 18 categories were submitted for judging at the state level. Of those, 22 entries in 16 categories were forwarded to NEAFCS for Regional and National judging. All applicants have been notified via e-mail of the status of their application(s). The respective CEDs and DEDs of state winners were copied on the e-mails. Application packets not forwarded to NEAFCS were returned to the applicants at the FCS Summit. As soon as NEAFCS notifies me of regional and national winners (scheduled date of notification is June 1), I will notify the recipients via e-mail. NEAFCS will follow up with additional Annual Session information to the recipients.

FEAFCS Awards: The following submissions were received for FEAFCFS Awards:

- Program of Excellence Award – 15; 10 to be awarded
- 4-H Youth Development Award – 5; 1 to be awarded
- Para-Professional Award – 1
- Outstanding Specialist Award – 1
- Friend of FEAFCFS Award - 3

Program of Excellence and 4-H Youth Development Award applicants have been notified of the judging outcome via e-mail. Following the Board's selection of the recipients of the Para-Professional, Outstanding Specialist, and Friend of FEAFCFS Awards, the nominators will be notified via e-mail.

After discussion Judy Corbus made the motion to nominate Bank of America as the 2015 Friend of Extension award. Wendy Lynch seconded motion. Motion was passed.

VP of Member Resources: Vacant

Professional Development: Wendy Lynch – Just started working on abstracts for EPAF. She is still looking for reviewers. If you are interested please email her. Wendy will notify agents of the professional development grant in June.

New Business:

Celia Hill's Retirement - Celia's retirement party was held last week. Samantha purchased a \$50 gift card from FEAFCFS.

EPAF Registration - Samantha Kennedy – reminder to register for EPAF by June 1 to get the early bird registration fee.

EPAF Informational Flyer - Wendy Lynch – She will create an informational flyer on Naples to let our association members know what is available to do during our free time at EPAF.

Simply FL Cookbooks – Samantha – FAFCS is willing to let us sell the Simply FL Cookbooks for the conference with an order form, but they want \$5 per cookbook and we will have to pay to ship them. After discussion we decided not to sell cookbooks at FAFCS.

Faculty List – Samantha has submitted this request to DEDs so we can create a reference list of FCS agents and their specialties, certifications, etc.

Old Business:

VP of Member Resources: Samantha contacted Kristin Jackson in Jefferson County. Unfortunately, she has resigned from Extension. Samantha is looking for suggestions for this position.

Nominations for Elections: Beth Shephard is excited to take on this role. The offices open are: President-Elect, Treasury, VP of Public Affairs, and the Northwest, Central, and South District Directors.

If you have ideas of whom to nominate we must have their consent and they must be a member. District directors of each district need to work with Beth to help recruit officers. Once nominations are in they will be posted online and announced at the membership meeting at EPAF.

Samantha adjourned the meeting at 1:31pm CST/2:31pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie G. Taylor
Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

June 24-27, 2015	American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) – Jacksonville, FL
TBA	FEAFCS Board Meeting prior to EPAF
Aug. 31-Sept. 4, 2015	2015 Extension Professional Associations of Florida (EPAF) - Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, FL
November 2-5, 2015	National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) – White Sulphur Springs, WV