



National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

**NCEAFS Mid-Year Board Meeting
January 14, 2013 - 10:00 am
Brickhaven Building, Raleigh, NC**

Present:

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| Eleanor Summers | Toi Degree | Sherrie Peeler |
| Dee Furlough | Renay Knapp | Meleah Collier |
| Christy Strickland | Verlene Stephenson | Yvonne Mullen |
| Molly Alexi | Nancy Abasiakong | Jeannie Leonard |
| Casey Stevens | Phyllis Smith | Cathy Hohenstein |
| Christine Smith | Susan Condlin | |

Guests:

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| Dr. Marshall Stewart | Dr. Carolyn Dunn | Shannon McCollum |
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President, Christine Smith, called the meeting to order at 10 am.

President Elect, Molly Alexi, gave a Thought for the Day from Walt Disney on focusing on moving ahead with a fresh focus.

Roll Call was taken via a sign-in sheet that was passed around. Secretary, Dee Furlough, passed out copies of the minutes from the January 9, 2012 Mid-Year Board Meeting, the August 27, 2012 NCEAFCS Executive Board Meeting and the August 28, 2012 NCEAFCS Annual Business Session. She said these minutes had been posted on the web. Jeannie Leonard made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes; Verlene Stephenson seconded the motion; motion passed and minutes approved as posted. There was no correspondence to report on.

Treasurer, Renay Knapp, gave the Treasurer's Report. The 1/14/13 Checking Account balance is \$11055.38; the 12/20/12 Share Account balance is \$34.20; and the 12/20/12 Money Market Account balance is \$7951.68. 12/3/12 balances from the FCS Foundation Accounts are: FCS/NCEAFCS Annual Conference Endowment Principle Fund Ending Market Value \$28831.24 and Income Account \$1964.68; and FCS/NCEAFCS Ada B. Dalla-Pozza Professional Development Principle Fund Ending Market Value \$41672.47 and Income Account \$8224.32. Nancy Abasiakong made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Molly Alexi seconded the motion; motion passed and Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

FCS Updates:

Dr. Marshall Stewart thanked the FCS Agents for all their good work in Extension. He shared that he is no longer the department head; that is now a part of Dr. Carolyn Dunn's position. FCS has been moving strongly ahead for the past 7 years. The FCS Department is gaining money through academics, Extension and research, which is good for gaining clout in the university. Enrollment in the FCS Graduate Education program has sky-rocketed over the past 6 years. The Department is in the process of re-branding, which will include a name change. Programmatically, training has increased for FCS, much of which was due to Dr. Sandy Wiggins. Since Dr. Wiggins has retired, Shannon McCollum will be the lead in FCS trainings. CALS is updating its strategic plan for the first time in 25 years. This is an opportunity to step forward with new ideas. All are invited to be a part of the Listening Sessions. This will be completed in 6 months (it will end in June), then the new plan will be implemented. The NCECA Centennial will be October 27 in Raleigh as a part of the NCECA State Council Conference. The Center for Creative Leadership will be working with ECA to create a Women in Leadership initiative with ECA. FCS Agents will be trained deliver this to ECA and other groups. This will be the first time the Center for Creative Leadership has used a Train the Trainer model. There will be on-going trainings and multiple modules. Dr. Stewart asked if there were questions: Sherrie Peeler asked about the role of District Liaisons. Dr. Stewart said this model was being re-thought. Phyllis Smith asked what PAMS stood for. Dr. Stewart said it was the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. Some CALS positions (180+) are moving to PAMS. Dr. Stewart thanked the group for all they do and left for another appointment.

Dr. Carolyn Dunn shared that Dr. Michael Schulman is now a part of the department and he is working on how to better serve the community like Jane S. McKimmon. UNC-G disbanded the School of Home Economics last year, so the ARS money is being pulled back to NCSU. This enables the department to have a 100% distance education Masters program. There is currently 1 FTE in Research and the department is soon going to advertise for a Local Foods position that will be 50% Research and 50% Extension. This is important to help the department increase their research capacity, which will help the department and the agents. The department is looking for funding for academic programs, also. When agents have questions, they are still to go to the Specialists for information. The change the department is going through will move the department ahead, however, they are not anticipating increased money for county FCS positions. We must use our current money strategically. A name change for the department has been looked at for the past 8 months. The ideas will be presented to the Dean, then the potential new name will go through the University before it is decided upon. Dr. Dunn said she and Dr. Ben Chapman are looking into hiring a Master's program person to work with both of them since Dr. Dunn has more administrative duties now. Dr. Dunn asked if there were questions: Christy Strickland asked about Dr. Dunn's "Interim" status. Dr. Dunn stated that she has been named interim for 1 year. When that time is up, the University will decided if they want to hire internally or have a national

search to permanently fill the position. Dr. Dunn thanked us for our work and left for another appointment.

Christine Smith shared a powerpoint program on "Operating at a Higher Performance" to encourage leadership development.

Members broke for a short time and enjoyed a healthy lunch.

2013 Program of Work Update – Sherrie Peeler

Awards and Recognition – Jeannie Leonard - Jeannie has checked online, and so far only 1 award application has been completed. January 30 is the last day to submit award applications. Applicants need to turn in 2 copies of their application form plus the electronic form. National is hoping to go entirely electronic in the next few years. The Awards & Recognition VP's will meet in the Guilford County Extension Office on February 1 to judge award applications. Jeannie will turn in the results by February 15.

Professional Development - Christine Smith reported for Leigh Guth - District VP's have been contacted to encourage their members to participate in professional development opportunities. Sarah Mamarella has issued a call for proposals for the 2013 NCEAFCS State Conference. The West District has a vacancy for the VP of Professional Development.

Member Resources- Nancy Abasiokong - The POW is online. Nancy brought packets for the District Member Resources VP's who did not attend the training during the 2012 NCEAFCS State Conference. The committee encourages all eligible FCS agents to join the association and to receive a Creed. It also encourages retired members to join the association as State Life and/or National Members.

Public Affairs - Sherrie Peeler - This committee is working on Living Well. Sherrie plans on attending PILD.

Living Well Week Plans - Sherrie Peeler - Living Well Week is in March. Living Well resolutions will be to make smart goals at the Spring District meetings.

District Presidents' Reports

North Central - Phyllis Smith – The Spring 2012 meeting was in Winston-Salem. The 2013 slate of officers were presented. Members enjoyed an educational program entitled "Celebrating Community through Community Gardens" presented by Craig Mauney and Mary Jac Brennan. The Fall 2012 meeting was held in Roxboro. Installation of officers was postponed until the Spring 2013 meeting because several

to be installed were not at the meeting. The educational program was “The Value of Partnerships” by Leigh Ann Creson.

Northeast - Verlene Stephenson for Mary Morris – The Northeast held association meetings in the Spring and the Fall. The Fall meeting was in Corolla. Members had the business meeting, installed 2013 officers and had a National meeting report.

Southeast - Casey Stevens – The Spring meeting was April 13 in Jones County. They discussed planning the NCEAFCS State Conference. The Fall meeting was October 19 in Lenoir County. They toured Lennox, evaluated the state conference and discussed fundraisers.

South Central - Meleah Collier- The Spring meeting was held in Anson County. During the Fall meeting, members planned the upcoming NCEAFCS State Conference and installed 2013 officers.

West Central - Toi Degree - The Spring meeting was February 27 at Morgan Ridge Vineyards where they also had a tour. Members voted to keep the officers as is since the district would soon be dissolving. Federation was discussed. The Fall meeting was October 19 and they toured the Catawba Center for the Environment.

West - Sherrie Peeler – Members participated in both an Environmental program as well as a Child Development Education program. Only 9 out of a possible 18 agents are members in the association. The West encourages all FCS agents to become members of the association.

Standing Committees:

By-Laws - Molly Alexi – The By-Laws POW is posted to the web. District Presidents need to solicit members to make suggestions to the state By-Laws at the Spring Association meetings. Starting this year, District and State Officers will be 2 year terms.

Budget - Renay Knapp – Renay is discussing possible fundraisers with the District Treasurers.

Historian - Christy Strickland – She is missing 3 district Historians (W, NE, SE). Members checked during the meeting, and those folks are: W – Eve Rogers, NE – Olivia Jones and SE – Debbie Stroud. Christy will send out reminders for Districts to send her information. Historian, Nominating and State Life Member need to be added to the NCEAFCS Officer list on the Web (listed under forms). Susan Conclin will take care of this.

Nominating - Christine Smith for Lisa Childers – District nominating chairs are asked to submit officers as soon as possible after their District Spring Meetings.

State Life Member - Jennifer Walker - was not present and did not send in a report.

Web Master - Susan Condlin – All reports except Nominating are up on the Web. To get the NCEAFCS heading for future reports, go to a previous report (which is up as a PDF), cut, paste, back out the pdf and change to a doc file. July 1 is the deadline for reports.

State Meeting - Meleah Collier – The meeting is currently being planned and will be August 28-30, 2013 in Concord, NC.

Christine Smith noted that she is planning on creating a checklist for completing reports so that each report will be comprehensive and include the information needed for additional reports on the National level

Old Business:

Federation Report - Yvonne Mullen and Eleanor Summers – Federation was in Lee County and FCS was fully represented. The meeting went smoothly and many concerns were presented. Eleanor is now the Past President of Federation. Federation is the voice of the associations to administration. Questions from all the associations were solicited, and 45 were submitted. Dr. Zublena wants associations to discuss solutions to challenges, and not just ask Administration questions. District Presidents should ask for Federation ideas and question at their Spring Association meetings. It was suggested to have a session on the Federation at the NCEAFCS State Council meeting in August.

National Meeting - Yvonne Mullen – The NEAFCS National Meeting was in Columbus, Ohio September 23-28, 2012. There were 12 NCEAFCS members, 3 administration and 7 guests in attendance from North Carolina. There were good educational sessions. The Business meeting was comprehensive but very brief. NC won a Marketing Award. NC FCS agents need to submit to present educational sessions because we are doing good work comparable and beyond what is being taught at National. Everyone should attend a National meeting to network and see what is going on across the nation.

Fund Raising Opportunities - Renay Knapp – Renay has some feelers out for ideas NC could do to sell items to make money during the National Meeting. Anyone with ideas should send their thoughts to Renay. Renay will find out the procedures for selling items at the National Meeting.

New Business:

Committee Assignments - Christine Smith – Article 8 in the By-Laws needs to be clarified. This needs to be done through a proposal and vote at the NCEAFCS State Conference.

President's Challenge – Christine Smith – “Grow the Leader, Grow the Organization.” Christine had sent out earlier questions FCS agents had about the association and leadership. Questions can be addressed at District meetings and some at New Agent Orientation. It was discussed doing trainings in the districts via “Roadshows.” The same agents would go to each district to share information about the association and leadership and to answer questions. This could also be done as a webinar or as a session at the NCEAFCS State Conference. Jeannie Leonard made a motion to develop a traveling roadshow to present leadership and professional development to the districts. Toi Degree seconded the motion and the motion passed. Christine Smith named a committee to work on this and she will get a conference call together to discuss it further. Those on the committee are: Nancy Abasiakong, Toi Degree, Sherrie Peeler, Meleah Collier, Yvonne Mullen and Jeannie Leonard.

Healthy Meeting Policy – Christine Smith – Christine discussed how healthy meal/snack options should be available at all FCS programs and events. Dr. Carolyn Dunn would be delighted to help us with this. If FCS adopts this, we can share this healthy information with other groups. Molly Alexi made a motion to create a committee to make recommendations on how FCS can have a Healthy Eating Challenge and to bring this information back to the NCEAFCS Board for a final decision. Toi Degree seconded the motion and the motion passed. Christine Smith appointed a committee of the following: Sally McNeill, Kathy Hohenstein and Phyllis Smith.

NEAFCS Affiliate & Annual Impact Report – Christine Smith – Christine shared the report she submitted on January 8, 2013. We can begin to gather information now to go into next year's report.

NEAFCS Impact Report – Christine Smith – This information can be pulled up from the ERS System. In addition, Christine will send an email to the FCS Agents to get their information. There are 5 areas to report on. This report is due in February.

Other Concerns/Issues – Verlene Stephenson and Yvonne Mullen were appointed to review the minutes of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Christine Smith

Christine Smith, NCEAFCS President

Dee Furlough

Dee Furlough, NCEAFCS Secretary