

**MEAFCS Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**  
**Extension Annual Conference**

**Call to Order**

Lisa Terry Called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM

**Minutes from May Meeting**

Jackie Rumph

Lisa called for the secretary reading of the May Minutes. Wendy Wedum moved to correct information regarding the Public Affair information from the May 2015 minutes. Tara moved and Marsha seconded to reflect the correction and approve the 2015 minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Joel Schumacher

Joel motioned to accept several donations in support of the 2016 conference resulting from Marsha's work. Diann seconded the motion. The treasurers report does not reflect a donation from Montana Farm Bureau Federation it has not yet been deposited. Marsha moved to accept the treasurers report Diann seconded.

**Committee Reports**

**Alumni Relations** – Marsha Goetting updated attendees on Alumni. Nancy moved to the Oro Valley in Arizona. Cherry Long loves quilts. Judy Johnson is doing retirement well. Phyllis Denny extends a hello.

**Awards** – Jona McNamee- Nobody was nominated or applied for awards. Nori asked if we could still nominate for Service Excellence Awards.

**Bylaws** – No current Bylaws chair

**Member Resources** – Sheila Friedrich- Nothing to report.

**Professional Development** –Jennifer Anderson-Look at the webinars from National

**Public Affairs** –Nori Pearce- Nothing to report.

**MEAFCS Updates**

**Administration Update** – Sandy Bailey

Housing search failed. The search will be back at the end of February or beginning of March. Thank Cody Stone and Dr. Bader for their commitment to finding a suitable housing specialist and increasing funding for the 2016 MEAFCS Update.

**AFCPE Professional Development Fund** – Joel Schumacher- Marsha has set money aside.

- **AFCPE Update** - Nori Pearce- Nori finished and passed the test at the end of June. This was more intensive than she anticipated. She will need continuing education credits to maintain her certification on a 2 year cycle. There are still scholarship funds available. This program has been and transition. Due to these transitions Wendy Wedum has tabled her certification. AAFCS also has a program.
- Money was set aside in prior years to support AFCPE certification.

**Unfinished Business**

**NEAFCS Hosting 2016** – Tara Andrews & Sheila Friedrich

Tara has scarves for \$3 so that we all have an identifier at the NEAFCS conference 2016

A Montana sapphire has been purchased at cost and will be raffled off to raise money for NEAFCS 2016

### **Committee Reports:**

Marketing – Jane Worley

- Showed video to advertise for NEAFCS 2016 that will be used at NEAFCS 2015
- Jodie Delay gave bags fill with MT goodies, maps and FCSC guides for getting lost in MT to give to chapter presidents
- Wendy Wedum and Bernie Mason (lifetime member) Made card holder to fill with cards for all regional reps for NEAFCS 2015. Business cards had contact information for NEAFCS 2016 Facebook Page and Blog
- Jane has treasure box to present in each region. It includes props for Discovery and Connect.

Fundraising- Jennifer Anderson- Connected at FCS Update meeting. has Sent out 40 solicitation letters. Has received \$400 from Arizona FCS and \$750 from the Montana Farm Bureau Federation. National has strict guidelines, we added a little of our own flare to materials. If you have a personal relationship with any of the entities that have received letter please contact them. We can have a county store during the exhibition time and we need things to be donated that can be flown home. Fundraising committee will organize county store. ESP voted to give \$2,500 . Tara estimates we will need ~\$18,000 for our own state to help pay our states registration and for the conference.

Welcome Event-Shiela Fredrich- Tailgate party coordinates with MSU Alumni Foundation.

Activities needed for that night- Scavenger hunt

Brand Cheese boards

Dutch oven cooking

Any other skills people would like to share.

Parade of floats (little red wagon decorated) Need a float committee. Wagons can be donated to Head Start.

Joel, Mary Ann and Katrin volunteered for the float committee.

Megan and Katelyn would like to be apart of the Country Store

### **New Business**

**MEAFCS marketing tools-** Montana Silversmith nametags, MEAFCS logo, letterhead, branding, etc.

**Committee Chairs needed** – Bylaws - Duties include keeping our state laws current with national bylaws. Approximate time is 1-2 hours a year. Jane nominates Katrin Finch for our bylaws chair.

Phyllis seconded the motion. Lisa called for a vote and Katrin was voted unanimously our bylaws chair.

### **Announcements- Please Read these were not announced**

- **JCEP Leadership Conference**, February 10-11, 2016, Las Vegas, RFP (request for proposals) deadline November 2, 2015 – Information sheet attached
- **PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference**, Arlington, VA, April 10-13, 2016, Concurrent Session RFP (request for proposals) Deadline Nov. 6, 2015 – Information sheet attached
- **Membership dues for 2016** are \$100 for Active/Affiliate Membership, \$50 for Student Membership, \$300 (one time) for Life Membership, and \$100 for Partner Membership. First timer membership ½ cost. Contact Joel Schumacher for help in registering or refer to his recent email on how to update your membership
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**Adjournment-** Meeting ended at 1:45.