

MEAFCS Agenda
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
FCS Update, Bozeman, Montana

Call to Order

Lisa Terry called the meeting to order at 1:17 PM

Minutes from October Meeting

Jackie Rumph, secretary, read the minutes from October 2015 MEAFCS meeting. Marsha Goetting, Wendy Wedum, Sandy Bailey and Tara Andrews provided corrections to the minutes. Marsha Goetting moved to approve the minutes with corrections and Wendy Wedum seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Joel Schumacher, Treasurer, reported on the current finances for MEAFCS. MEAFCS is having a typical year of membership. The membership form must be filled out online in order to be a member. Diann Pommer moved to approve the treasurers report and Phyllis Hansen seconded the motion.

Committee Reports

Alumni Relations – Marsha Goetting- There are 56 alumni and friends of MEAFCS. All but 12 of them have emails. Alumni Relations chair Marsha Goetting connects with alumni by writing a monthly column for the

Alumni she has been in contact with include Phyllis Dennee who has just had her 4th grandchild and whose husband is retired. Karen Tyra continues to be involved in her community and sits on the Columbus Community Foundation Board. Andrea attended her 55th high school reunion and Barb Androzze is celebrating her retirement with River Cruises. Judy Johnson has been traveling. Spending time on the California coast and in Chicago. She turned 60 the same time her mom turned 90. Adele Stenson is now teaching FCS in Wibaux, MT.

Awards – Jona McNamee- Wendy Wedum reported on behalf of Jona McNamee.

11 awards were awarded, which is the most nominated. Please pay your dues so you may be eligible for an award. You must upload your own awards. Jona and Wendy served on the national award review committee and it was an educational experience.

Bylaws – Katrin Finch- No changes to report, no national changes. Asked for input.

Member Resources – Sheila Friedrich-32 active agents and 1 active ag agent. Jeff has an announcement for tomorrow.

Professional Development; one application received–Jennifer Anderson

We have Funded for Lisa Terry to attend the Train the Trainer DEEP training. Jennifer and Alice reviewed the applications and would like to award them. Curious as to how to do that, they brought it up to the members of MEAFCE. It was voted unanimously that the committee can approve where these funds go.

Public Affairs –Nori Pearce- No Report.

Member Reports

MEAFCS 2015 Annual Session attendees- Jane Woolery began reporting. This was the first time she attended and she considered it a very valuable experience. Brought programs back to share and had 3 shared notes. Please send out a note to explain what you learned when you attend a national conference so that others can learn through you. She attended a workshop that connected people through technology with 1-2 min videos and revamping older information. She has an entire list of Dining with Diabetes updated information. Jane also attended a workshop on doing meetings instead of planning meetings, she and Alice Burchak were able to incorporate these skills in setting up 4-H camp. She has had great success with the e-parenting program. 300 people sign up and the schools send out the information. She wished she had attended sooner. She mentioned the cost of isolation and burnout as a way to justify the cost to the county, being able to share what she learned made it valuable, not costly.

Lisa shared her experiences in the paper and connected with commissioners.

PILD attendees- Meghan Phillippi and Lee Schmelzer attended this year. It is the Public Issues Leadership Development conference. Neither Meghan or Lee were available to report former attendees shared that there were a variety of workshops that dealt with leadership and value added opportunities. Also a good way to regain motivation for the awesome jobs we do. There were tools to implement absorbed learning.

JCEP attendees-No JCEP Attendees in the room. Joint Council of Extension Professionals. Former attendee Mandy Reed Reported that it was one of the most useful conferences she had attended. Working on Leadership development and ways to implement this leadership in your job. One of the most valuable conferences for time and finances.

Specialist Updates

Administration/Family and Human Development – Sandy Bailey

- Housing Specialist Position

Food And Nurtrition-Lynn Paul-No report as she was not present.

Master Volunteer Food Preservation-Nori Pearce-Laurie Lauth reported on Nori Pearce's behalf. Laurie attended and thought that she was better equipped to go forth with the master volunteer training. Great for working with volunteers. Lisa Terry read an email from Nori stating this program is much like the program in CO and WA that was being used before and that it works well. Many wondered when the next training would be and requested sooner notice.

Family Economics –Marsha Goetting connects with the MSU Foundation and E-News. She is a monthly guest on KGEL Kallispell connecting estate planning to those who can plan. She continues to meet with the Alzheimers workgroup. Has written two Mont Guides with the help of MEAFCS members Jackie Rumph and Kendra Sielstad. She has also written one on brand transfer with MSU Extension Agent Elin Kittlemen.

Agriculture Economics and Economics -Joel Schumacher

Solid Finances will be available next year, wellness groups are pushed to include finances, best practices in work places. He is designing table top displays for wellness fairs if there is an interest. He will have 30 people from across the nation in attendance next week for Webinar trainings. He is also working with a grant to shift financial education and training to libararians.

There will be money to cover their attendance if we have any in our counties that may be interested.

Unfinished Business(move to end of meeting)

- **Reports on accepted proposals for NEAFCS annual session**
Lisa poster session on strong hearts program. Jane is doing one on the Art of Science and Operation concession intervention. Sandy is working with Hawaii and Colardo for team effort on the Powerfultools for Caregivers program. Powerful Tools for Parents of Disabled children and Powerful Tools for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.
- **Vendor possibilities for annual session-** Cost is \$500 for non profit \$1,000 for profit and \$690 for first time vendor.
 - Cream of the West
 - Mt Beef Council
 - Cattlewomen
 - Active Parenting
 - Presto
 - Marsha asked about Pork Producers.
- **NEAFCS Hosting 2016**– Tara Andrews & Sheila Friedrich
Lisa suggested we discuss this in a meeting after this one.

New Business

Election of Treasurer- Marsha moved to elect Joel by acclimation. Phyllis seconded. Lisa declares Joel our contiued treasurer for one more term.

Need By-Laws Chairman- Election of secretary. Wendy moved to close Nominations, Diann seconded. Lisa asked for acclimation and Jackie was voted yes.

Announcements

- NEAFCS Annual Session, September 12 – 15, 2016, Big Sky Montana; Hotel registration opened May 1st, conference registration opens June 1st.

Adjournment Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting and Carrie Ashe Seconded.