

MEAFCS Meeting – May 7, 2014

Attending: Marsha Goetting, Sheryl Knowles, Joel Schumacher, Shaelyn Meyer, Tara Andrews, Katelyn Andersen, Sheila Friedrichs, Mary Anne Keyes, Lisa Terry, Kelly Moore, Lynn Paul, Alice Burchak, Jennifer Anderson, Carrie Benke, Jane Wolery, Diann Pommer, Jackie Rumph, Denise Seilstad, Julie Riley, Ludmila Keller, Lea Ann Larson, Roubie Younkin, Nori Pearce, and Wendy Wedum.

Meeting was called to order by president Nori Pearce at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes: Tara moved, Mary Anne 2nd, motion passed
Marsha moved, Carrie 2nd treasurer's report, motion passed.
Galaxy was reported on in the fall.

NEAFCS National Conference – early bird registration. Tara said you can only get reservations for the dates of the conference. If arriving early, make reservations soon. Attending – Nori, Roubie, Denise, Sheila and Tara will get together for room sharing. Please let Nori know if you plan to attend.

Annual Conference – Save the Dates: October 21-23. Lisa reported the planning committee meeting is requesting our MEAFCS meeting to move to a different time because of the 100 year celebration. FCS Group will have their meeting without a meal.

Alumni Relations – Marsha reported that she, Lisa and Phyllis will be getting together to write a newsletter.

Awards – Jona sent in four awards. There were some issues with submissions, because we did not have the information needed from the national office. Any committee members or officers (not President or Vice-President) who need to communicate with the National office must be designated as a vice president in our record keeping. You can select if you are an elected officer online. All submissions are state winners. Regional awards will happen in August. Jane reminded us that we ask our 4-H members to do record keeping and encouraged us to work by example. There was a suggestion to complete collecting data for the food fact sheets and submitting it for an award next year. Jona also mentioned that the only awards that have received national recognition have had a specialist affiliated/listed with the award. Jona would like to have a person help her. Carrie Benke and Wendy Wedum volunteered to help. Remember to work on compiling the information (summaries, evaluations, photos) for the awards as you work on a project. You must have a pre- and post-test to go with larger programs.

Bylaws – Mary Anne reported on the issue of Vice-Presidents to recognize the committee chairs and the four officers who report to the National Committee. Jane moved to draft a change to the bylaws to the membership to vote on-line. Joel 2nd. Motion passed.

Member Resources – Sheila reminded the membership to go to the NEAFCS website and get signed up. There are a number of webinars that very well done. Can also go back to listen to the recordings.

Professional Development – Alice reported there is one application for the AFC grant from Wendy Wedum. June 1st is the deadline.

Public Affairs – Nori asked if anyone wanted to chair this committee following Shaye's departure. Involves following the legislative sessions (state/national) and reporting to the membership about events, concerns and then some. Lynn Paul volunteered to monitor state activities. Marsha reported that a Great Falls legislator is forwarding a resolution to have financial education in the high schools. Jona let us know that the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren group is drafting three more bills for the up-coming legislative session. Lynn said if there are policy changes happening to report that in public value.

Unfinished Business:

AFCPE Challenge Grant – Wendy has applied.

New Business:

Marsha Goetting's Donation – Marsha donated \$1,300 and MEAFCS matched this to financially help 3 people complete the AFC education and certification offered by AFCPE. Marsha just donated an additional \$1,000 to be added to the AFC professional development fund. Joel moved to add this \$1,000 to the existing \$2,600 fund. Mary Anne 2nd. Motion passed.

NEAFCS National Conference 2016 – Sheila and Tara reported their findings to host the National meeting. The Intent to Bid was submitted in April. The committee had a conference call with NM and the National office about timing and financing. Big Sky and Billings are only locations large enough to host a conference of this size.
Welcoming event - \$25/head from National. Actual cost is about \$50 and Leadership Recognition event – dinner for 80 people. NM earned about \$5,000 net. Need \$15,000 and additional sponsors. Are they consistent sponsors at a national level. Dr. Cruzado for Keynote speaker. MSU Foundation – help with fundraising. Mike Schuldt will be talking to the Ag Agents about other associations helping with this. There is money in the 4-H fund.
Conference starts on a Monday evening – awards banquet is Thursday night. Then there are tours during the week. Workshops, posters, exhibits, National office coordinates all workshop/poster selections. Mary Anne moved to host the NEAFCS National Convention and that a ballot vote is taken. Jane 2nd. Motion passed 12 yea, 4 nay and 1 abstained.

Other: 100 years of Extension celebrations around the state.

Elections:

Treasurer – Joel is willing to serve another term. Diann moved to have unanimous ballot for Joel, Tara 2nd. Motion passed.

Secretary – Wendy nominated Jackie Rumph for secretary. Tara moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Jackie. Diann 2nd. Motion passed.

Roubie moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Wedum
Pondera County Extension Agent