

MEAFCS Fall Meeting
Annual Conference
Montana State University Campus
October 29, 2012

Members attending: Alice Burchak, Lisa Terry, Marsha Goetting, Nori Pearce, Mary Anne Keyes, Phyllis Hanson, Jona McNamee, Diann Pommer, Shaye Skovgaard, Laurie Lutt, Joel Schumacher, Teresa Terry, Sheila Friedrichs, Ardis Oelkers, Paul Lachapelle, Lea Ann Larson, Tara Andrews, Megan Phillipi, Roubie Younkin, Jennifer Anderson, Kelly Moore, Katelyn Anderson, Denise Seilstad, Mandie Reed, Larry Brence, Carrie Benke, Liz Werk, Phyllis Dennee.

President Mary Anne Keyes called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Minutes: Tara moved to accept as presented, Phyllis 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joel gave a summary of the accounts - General operations funds included \$2,500 in checking, \$2,600 in CD. Savings HAS \$4,100 which is restricted for professional development and there is \$6,100 in the permanent fund. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Announcements:

4Health programming: Carrie Benke sent a thanks to those who have participated in the program and let everyone know this will be offered state wide for Extension or community partners in 2013. Carrie will still provide training, funding for snacks, opportunity to run program w/o data collection and a reminder that evaluations are still needed. Carrie has a report on preliminary results for those who want it. She is planning to do a training before FCS update for agents or community partners. Has a sign-up sheet for those who are interested or contact her directly at the 4-H Center for Youth Development.

Save the Date: The FCS update is scheduled for April 30 to May 2.

Alice Burchak reported that Mike Vogel has home repair kits and Sarah Hamlen is working on energy kits. Alice will coordinate the workshop with Mike Vogel for those who are interested in learning how to use the kits before FCS update.

Awards

Jona McNamee & Sheryl Knowles (Cascade County) received first place, Western Region, for the National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, for their efforts teaching youth at the Paris Gibson Alternative Middle School. The youth learn to prepare and cook meals using foods from the school's food pantry.

Tara Andrews, Judy Johnson, Sheila Friedrichs, and Ardis Oelkers received First Place, Western Region for the National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences for their Mealtime Solutions newsletter.

Unfinished business:

Discussion about purchasing lifetime memberships to the National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, for Judy Johnson, Bernie Mason for their lifetime of contributions to MSU, Family and Consumer Science programs. Marsha moved to pay for two life memberships each costing \$300.00, if they would like to be a lifetime member.. Lisa terry 2nd, motion passed.

MEAFCS Committees: needs volunteers to fill the Chairs. Thank you to the members below who volunteered to chair the committees.

Awards - Jona McNamee

Bylaws - Mary Anne Keyes

Public Affairs - Nori Pearce

Professional Development - Shaye Skogaard

Member Resources - Sheila Friedrichs

Committee Reports:

Bylaws - need to be reviewed by the next meeting.

Finances - reminder to complete membership renewals, existing members received an email notification. The membership was asked to share this information with new Extension Agents.

Professional Development - applications are on line due may 1st - \$300 for professional development opportunities.

Public Affairs - nothing new to report.

Awards: Jona McNamee requested that agents submit their programs to the National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She will be forwarding the award applications.

New Business -

Marsha's challenge gift - I cannot find my description for Certified Financial Planner (CFP) challenge grant - does someone have this nearby? Joel is willing to mentor/teach for anyone who wants to do this training. Asking association to use the money from the professional development funds. The money is there and is designated for professional development. Nori moved to use the funds from professional development to match the funds from Marsha, Jona 2nd, motion passed. Discussion included: Will there be a committee to make the decision if more than 3 people are interested in pursuing the CFP. May need to do an application/selection process with the professional development committee. Is the on-line app appropriate? Yes, covers the details. What will the committee do if more than three people want to do this - award partial scholarships so that more people can attend. There is other money left over in professional development fund. Joel clarified that it is a two part test, each test costs \$425. Anyone who signs up for the training needs to pay first, then get reimbursed. Due to the high interest within the membership, there was a motion that the professional development committee will address the funding and application. Larry Brence - reminded us that RDHs have some money that would be available - including each Agents professional development funds, Laurie moved to have the committee look at how to award partial scholarships out to people, Joel 2nd, motion passed.

Introduced new members to the MEAFCS association.

Alumni Relations Committee: Marsha has been keeping a list of FCS Alumni informally for several years with Laurie Lutt and Karen Tyra. The goal is to keep retired agents in the loop/in contact. This proved very help to notify past Agents when Claire Del Guerra passed away in September. Phyllis moved to create an Alumni Relations committee, Sheila 2nd, motion passed. Marsha Goetting volunteered to chair this committee.

FCS Survey: Joel reported on a brief survey came as a result of an MEAFCS officers conference. Since our association only meet two time per year, the officers wanted to get information from the membership on ways to extend training opportunities beyond our basic times that we meet. Survey summary was handed out to the membership. Joel is willing to do a class on how to use adobe connect for webinars. Joel is willing to do a class for those interested in sharing with the other FCS group. Willing to do any time frame session, presenters will need a headset with a microphone. If Agents are interested, email Joel Schumacher and he'll work on getting a training organized. Be ready to provide info on time and day that works best. FCS Agents are asked to please send an email to Dr. Mike Vogel about the FCS updates - what you liked, what you do not like, how the Update works best for you. If want an adobe connect session update at update, please let Mike Vogel know.

FCS Special Award: Katelyn Anderson, Megan Phillippi and Jane Wolery created an ice breaker award. They detailed the impacts of a client who wanted to know if 8 inches was good? And, apparently 8 inches is great as it relates to weight loss. The "impacts of 8 inches" was awarded to Denise Seilstad, Fergus County.

Other new business: Jona explained that she has had numerous requests from people wanting to donate a memorial to honor Claire Del Guerra and wanted to know how to best handle these requests. Marsha suggested these could be given to MEAFCS and would go into the endowed professional development account.

Jona McNamee moved to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Wedum
Secretary