# KEAFCS Spring Board Meeting May 1, 2014 Fayette County Extension Office

President Mary Hixson called the KEAFCS Board meeting to order with opening prayer by Tamera Thomas. Past-President and Parliamentarian, Becky Nash reviewed parliamentary procedures. Minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting in December. The committee to review today's minutes is Ruth Chowning, Jill Harris and Leslie Workman.

The roll was called with 23 members present. President Mary Hixson extended a special welcome to Dr. Vail and Dean Cox.

Dean Nancy Cox addressed the board and expressed her appreciation for Dr. Vail and Dr. Henning being such good advocates on behalf of KEAFCS. She requested that agents send her a couple of sentences about a success story (ex. I provided this program free due to state and federal funding...) that could be used for publication on behalf of the college. She stressed the importance of thinking about the environmental and economic needs, as well as the well being of our clientele.

Dr. Ann Vail addressed the board and commended extension agents and staff for being highly favored in Kentucky for nutrition education. She continues to work with agents on family assets assessments, as well as collaborations with other colleges. She also reported growth in HES student enrollment.

Secretary Vicki Wynn read a correspondence from Donna Fryman expressing her thanks for recent awards received from KEAFCS.

Treasurer Nellie Buchanan presented the financial report and reported a checking account balance as of 4/30/14 of \$51,1999.69. A motion was made by Becky Nash to accept the treasurer's report as submitted, and was seconded by Tamera Thomas. The motion carried. The written report was presented and has been filed.

### **Officer reports:**

*President's report:* Mary Hixson reported she attended JCEP and represented Kentucky at a great in-service and was a wonderful leadership opportunity. She also attended the KEHA March board meeting in Bowling Green and that the group is very supportive of the NEAFCS national meeting. She highlighted her activities as President in a written report and it has been filed.

*Vice-president for Awards and Recognition:* Jill Harris reported a total of 102 entries were received, and increase from 61 entries in 2013. Kentucky is allowed to send up to 3 entries in each eligible award category and those were sent to NEAFCS for national competition in March. As of this date, Regional and National winners have

not been notified. She thanked everyone for submitting entries this year. Her written report has been filed.

*Past President:* Becky Nash reported that the Friend of Extension Award nominations will be submitted by the Louisville and Ft. Harrod areas.

*Vice-President for Professional Development:* Edith Lovett reported that NEAFCS State's Night Out would be held September 17 at Spindletop. Reservation forms will be emailed soon. She also shared information about the upcoming FCS in-service meeting in May and KEAFCS meeting December 2-4. Her written report has been filed.

*Vice-President for Member Resources:* Amanda Hardy reported three new agents have been hired and will be invited to join KEAFCS. Her written report has been filed.

*Vice-President for Public Affairs:* Leslie Workman submitted a written report and it has been filed.

## **Special Reports:**

*Nominating Committee:* On behalf of the nominating committee, Debbie Shepherd made a motion to change Constitution and Bylaws to allow the nominating committee to send forward multiple nominees for membership vote. The motion was lost and no action was taken.

Retirement & Life Members: Judi O'Bryan reported that the Annual Retiree Luncheon would be held June 3 at Kurtz Restaurant in Bardstown. Her written report was submitted and filed.

*Constitution & By-laws:* Laura White Brown is working with the committee and bylaws and would like anyone noting potential changes to contact her.

*2014 NEAFCS Planning:* Kathy Byrnes and Sally Mineer stated that reservations should be made as soon as possible. Their written report has been filed.

*Pride of Kentucky Endowment:* Jennifer Bridge reports that the fund balance is \$163,560.27 as of 3/31/14.

*PILD:* Leslie Workman and Nellie Buchanan reported that the Hill visits were very productive and they expressed their appreciation of the support of JCEP.

*KEAFCS auction:* Mary Hixson reported that over \$1000 was raised during the silent auction at the KEAFCS December meeting.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

A budget committee of Jill Harris, Jennifer Bridge, Stephanie Derifield, and Mary Hixson was appointed for 2014.

Area news should be reported by May 16 to Cecelia Hostilo. Becky Nash volunteered to research a webmaster for the KEAFCS information.

Katie Smallwood Trump, Alethea Price and Mindy McCulley are representing KEAFCS on the committee to make recommendations for changes in the career ladder.

#### **New Business:**

A motion was made by Becky Nash and seconded by Ruth Chowning to handle the Plate it up!—Kentucky Proud funds as an account under the umbrella of KEAFCS, with two check signers to make reimbursements, issue checks, etc. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ruth Chowning and seconded by Judi O'Bryan that the Executive Officers serve as a standing committee for the scholarship fund to select recipients who apply for funds to attend the NEAFCS national meeting. The motion carried.

The date for the KEAFCS fall board meeting was set for October 28, 2014.

Becky Nash made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Wynn, KEAFCS Secretary

## **Upcoming Events:**

- NEAFCS, Lexington, Kentucky September 15-18, 2014, Registration open June 1-July 15
- 2014 KEAFCS Annual Meeting December 2-4, Marriott, Lexington, KY
- Area Officer Forms AND Area POW to new President Elect December 15
- NEAFCS Committee Applications Due December 31