

**KEAFCS Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 22, 2015  
5:15 P.M. Bluemont Hotel**

The KEAFCS Board Meeting was called to order by KEAFCS President, Denise Sullivan, on Tuesday, August 22, 2015 at 5:15 P.M. at the Bluemont Hotel during August Update. Those in attendance were: Denise Sullivan, Cindy Evans, Susie Latta, Kylie Ludwig, Sheryl Carson, Jody Drake, Nozella Brown, Melinda Daily, Kathy Tharman, Nancy Nelson, Gina Aurand, Robin Eubank, Julianne Shoup and Diane Nielson.

The Minutes of the June Board Meeting were reviewed. There were some questions regarding the treasurers report in the minutes so they were not approved. This will need to be done at the October meeting.

Communications – Susie Latta, Secretary, had received no communications.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sheryl Carson. Sheryl reported total income to date is \$11,777.20 in income. Expenses totaled \$14,600.86. The balance in the checking account is \$9,318.77.

**Report of Officers and Committees**

President-No Report.

President-Elect- Kylie Ludwig – Reported that 15 people are planning to attend National Meeting and plans have been made for state night's out. When reviewing the Constitution and Bylaws, Kylie believes that job descriptions are not clear and what is currently being expected of the position. She asked the officers to review their job descriptions for accuracy and clarity. At that point she will decide if changes need to be made to these documents.

Past-president- Cindy Evans – Chair of Nominations committee – thanked everyone for their assistance in getting people to run for office. She felt like there was excellent representation from all over the state. Elected positions include Donna Krug for President Elect, Beth Ireland for Secretary, Nozella Brown for Vice President of Awards and Recognition, and Teresa Hatfield for VP of Professional Development. Other officers for the upcoming year include Kylie Ludwig-President, Denise Sullivan -Past President, Sheryl Carson-Treasurer, VP of member Resources-Robin Eubank, VP of Public Affairs-Julianne Shoup, NW Counselor -Anna Schremmer, NE Area Counselor-Gina Aurand, SW Area Counselor -Jody Drake, and SE Counselor-Rhonda Gordon. Denise was designated as the person to send out the Qualtrix ballot for the election. Denise thanked the committee for their hard work.

Secretary - Susie Latta – No Report

Treasurer- Sheryl Carson reported that she is changing the way the audit will be done. Annual Conference is a busy time so the committee will start looking over documents soon and then they will just have to look over the last two months prior to the annual meeting.

VP of Awards & Recognition - Nozella Brown reported all the awards were submitted online and that Kansas had great participation and that we had several regional and national awards. Nozella turned award info in to the annual conference committee for the program booklet. Nozella will take care of the certificates for the awards.

VP of Member Resources - Robin Eubank – No Report.

VP of Public Relations & Marketing - Julianne Shoup – Impact reports were submitted in almost every area. It was recognized that Kansas made it into 50% of the national reports. Kudos to us.

VP of Professional Development - Amy Lorenzen – No Report.

Area Counselors-

SW- Jody Drake stated that the SW Area is in charge of the annual report. Please get your report to her so she can put the report together. She announced that the area has picked up three new FCS Agents.

SE - Rhonda Gordon reported they are looking for help with the State Fair Fashion Revue. She also reported that last year's KSU flour mill donated 6,000 pounds of flour to KSRE. While we are losing our connection in that department we are hoping that we will continue to be able to get flour from the mill. Rhonda also told about a joint enhancement day opportunity for all areas to come to Salina and see Farmer Direct whole grain mill. It was discussed that we should nominate Mark Fowler for a Friend of FCS award next year.

NW- Melinda Daily - Reported they have had one resignation. Friendship Night will be held at the Train Dpot. It will cost \$25 to attend. It will involve wine tasting from Liquid Art Winery.

NE - Kathy Tharman reported that she would be getting out a KEAFCS newsletter soon. We want to highlight KEAFCS candidates and make members aware of upcoming opportunities within the association. If you have anything that needs to be put in the newsletter please send it to Kathy as soon as possible.

### **Operational Committees**

Audit/Budget Committee - Sheryl Carson – The committee is in the process of accomplishing the responsibilities of this committee.

Constitution, By-Laws and Policy-No Report

### **Program of Work Committees**

#### **Under VP of Member Resources (Robin Eubank)**

- Membership Resources Committee – Kathy Bloom – No Report
- Retirement Committee – Nancy Nelson - There have been three retirees this year including Tranda Watts, Kathy Lupfer-Nielson, and Martha Flannigan.
- Member Benefit Committee - Cindy Williams - No Report

### **Under VP of Awards and Recognition (Nozella Brown)**

- Professional Development Awards Committee – Nancy Schuster - No Report.
- Program Awards Committee- Rebecca McFarland - No Report.
- Communications/Public Affairs Award Committee- Deanna Turner - No Report.
- Scholarship/Friend of Extension FCS/First Timer's Stipend - Ethel Schneweis announced that Christine McPheter was the recipient of the scholarship, Erin Petersile is receiving the First Timer's Stipend and Mary Bernhardt, Saline County and Volunteer with the FCS Action Team and sewing camp is receiving the Friend of FCS award.

### **Under VP of Public Affairs (Juliann Shoup)**

- Public Affairs/Marketing Committee- Juliann Shoup - No Report Diane Nielson wanted to suggest the association do a state wide campaign to promote Living Well Month in March.
- Recruitment – Gina Aurand - reported that someone has been representing our organization at the new agent training and encouraging new agents to join the association.

### **Under VP of Professional Development- (Amy Lorenzen)**

- Research and Studies Committee- Sharolyn Jackson – No Report
- History Committee – Cindy Evans – Cindy has completed 10 years of putting together officers and minutes to be put on the Associations Website. She also has made a book with all this information that is located in the archives in Hale Library. A jump drive with all this information on it was also made. She suggested that the Bylaws be changed to add that it be a duty of one of the officers to make sure all current years minutes get put on the website. Cindy also wanted the membership to know that if you want to get something from the archives you need to call in advance because the box is not kept onsite.
- Friendship Night – Melinda Daily, NW Counselor – stated they were finishing up the details of friendship night to be held during annual conference. Sign up will be through the annual conference sign up system.
- United Association Conference Planning Committee – Denise Sullivan has agree to be chair for the upcoming conference year. There was a lot of discussion regarding concerns of this conference and tight budgets. Why we can't get more agents to attend was also discussed. If anyone has suggestions on how to improve this conference or theme ideas please let Denise know.

**Webmaster-** Becky Reid - No Report. This continues to be a challenge.

### **Liasons**

KAFCE- Valerie Edwards – No Report. Kathy Tharman is attending the state conference in Garden City.

### **Old Business**

As we discuss the bylaws we will make sure we will include who is responsible for making sure the minutes get put in the archive and that they are recorded on the KEAFCS website.

## **New Business**

Cindy Evans moved and Ethel Schnewies seconded that as a member benefit we reduce three people's dues by \$30 this coming year for a total of \$90. Motion Carried. Robin Eubanks said that she will promote this member benefit in the upcoming newsletter. This is a way to encourage people to pay their dues in a timely manner.

Denise presented the concept of purchasing voluntary life insurance for members and their spouses. This is something the Ag Agents Association does. It is not typical life insurance but a pledge to give money to a member's family in the event that something happens to them while they are working for KSRE and a member of the association. Members are asked to sign a pledge of donation every year that they would be involved in this program. This idea will be brought to the membership in October.

Nebraska is hosting the NEAFCS Annual Session in 2017. They are asking surrounding states to help support them in their efforts. They have requested a suggestion gift of \$500 to \$1000. Members are asked to think of ways to raise money to be donated to our neighbors for their efforts in putting on the Annual Session in 2017.

The United Association Conference is scheduled to March 3 and 4, 2016 in Wichita.

## **Announcements/Reminders:**

**KEAFCS Meeting at Annual Conference** - October 20, 2015. The board meeting is at 12:30 and the full association meeting at two in the KSU Union.

## **NEAFCS annual session November 2- 5, 2015**

### **2015 Area Responsibilities**

- NE - Newsletter and Nominating Committee
- SE - State Fair Fashion Revue
- SW- Annual Report
- NW- Friendship Night

Susie moved and Robin seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susie Latta  
KEAFCS Secretary