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## NEAFCS Affiliate Officers and Committee Chairpersons

**State: Kansas**

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## KEAFCS Committees 2011-2012

**Audit Committee:** Meets annually before the new officers take office to audit the treasurer's books.

Bev Dunning, Sedgwick Co- Chairman  
Susan Jackson, Harvey Co- Chair-Elect  
Belinda Oldham, Wichita Co, Treasurer  
Linda Beech, Finney Co, President

**Membership Resources Committee:** works to improve employment opportunities for members; responsible for providing a welcome gift for new members at the Annual Meeting or Friendship Night.

Kathy Bloom- Chairman  
Bernadette Trieb, Wabaunsee Co- Chair-Elect  
Donna Preisner, Pawnee Co  
Mary Sullivan, Grant Co  
Deanna Sweat, Post Rock Dist  
Megan Maxson Ferrell, Harper Co

**Retirement Committee:** contacts each retiree concerning selection of a book of their choice to be placed in the library of their choice or donation to a charity of their choice not to exceed \$50; also sends retirees an application for life membership in NEAFCS.

Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Post Rock Dist- Chairman  
Barbara Stockebrand, Woodson Co- Chair-Elect  
Mary Lou Odle, Central Kansas Dist  
Diann Gerstner, Thomas Co  
Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark Dist  
Carolyn Andres, Multicounty NE

**The Scholarship/Friend of FCS/First Timers Committee:** makes decisions on guidelines for state scholarships, reviews applications for state and national scholarships; also reviews applications and selects recipients for the Friend of FCS Award and NEAFCS First Timer Award, a scholarship for attendance at a member's first National meeting.

Diane Burnett, Miami Co- Chairman  
Sheryl Carson, Kearny Co- Chair-Elect  
Cindy Williams, Meadowlark Dist  
Ann Ludlum, Southwind Dist  
Jodi Drake, Pratt Co  
Anna Mae Brown, Crawford Co  
Crystal Bashford, Morton Co

**History Committee:** gathers and maintains a history of the Association.

Joann Paschal, Russell Co- Chairman  
Kathy McEwan, Southwind Dist- Chair-Elect  
Diane Nielson, Atchison Co

**Recruitment Committee:** Responsible for contacting persons (new or returning) who are eligible for membership in the Association. Responsible for making new members feel welcome and informed.

Donna Krug, Barton Co- Chairman  
Gina Aurand, River Valley Dist- Chair-Elect  
Kandace Metcalf, Rolling Prairie Dist  
Denise Sullivan, Leavenworth Co  
Sharon Ericson-Fryback, Gray Co  
Jan St Clair, Comanche Co  
Chelsea Richmond, Flint Hills Dist

**Professional Development Award Committee:** notifies eligible members, screens and selects recipients for Distinguished Service Award, Continued Excellence Award, Extension Educator of the Year Award, Florence Hall Award, and New Professional Award.

Deb Wood, Geary Co- Chairman  
Jamie Rathbun, Ellsworth Co- Chair-Elect  
Susie Latta, Marshall Co  
Nadine Sigle, Post Rock Dist  
Deanna Turner, River Valley Dist  
Connie Bretz, Walnut Creek Dist  
Libby Curry, NW Area

**Program Awards Committee:** encourages and reviews applications for program awards such as Financial Management Award, Diversity Award, Research Award, Environmental Educational Award, Child Care Training Award, Food Safety Award, Housing Outreach Award, Clean Homes & Healthy Families Award, Healthy Lifestyle Education Grant, and Community Partnership Award.

Rebecca McFarland, Frontier Dist- Chairman  
Nancy Honig, Stevens Co- Chair-Elect  
Valeria Edwards, Johnson Co  
Martha Flanagan, Cherokee Co  
Pat Gerhardt, River Valley Dist  
Tranda Watts, Multi-county NW

**Communications and Public Relations Awards**

**Committee:** encourages and reviews applications for communication awards such as newsletters, news articles, slide sets, radio spots, internet technology, etc.

Rhonda Gordon, Lyon Co- Chairman  
Amy Lorenzen, Golden Prairie Dist- Chair-Elect  
Nancy Schuster, Anderson Co  
Barbara Ames, Wildcat Dist  
Melinda Daily, Sunflower Dist  
Denise Dias, Sedgwick Co  
Anna Schremmer, Phillips-Rooks Dist

**Public Relations / Marketing Committee:** Responsible for creating the public image of the Association. Creates marketing pieces including making / updating KEAFCS brochure as needed.

Kathy Tharman, Doniphan Co- Chair  
Susan Krum, Douglas Co- Chair-Elect  
Leah Robinson, Central Kansas Dist  
Carol Ann Crouch, Scott Co  
Jill Deters, Pottawatomie Co  
Liz Brunscheen-Cartagena, Sedgwick Co

**Research and Studies Committee:** often asked to suggest topics for research projects; also helps keep Association members informed of research projects going on.

Debra Bolton, SW Area- Chairman  
Lisa Friesen, Sedgwick Co  
Nozella Brown, Wyandotte Co  
Fran Richmond, Frontier Dist  
Sharolyn Jackson, NE Area

**United Association Conference Committee:** responsible for planning in conjunction with other Family and Consumer Science associations, the United Association Conference held in Wichita each spring. Committee consists of President, President-elect, VP for Professional Development plus two other members.

Linda Beech, Finney Co  
Ethel Schneweis, Ford Co  
Kathy McEwan, Southwind Dist  
Anna Mae Brown, Crawford Co  
Denise Dias, Sedgwick Co

**Budget Committee:** works with the Treasurer to complete a budget that reflects the current needs of the Association. The treasurer serves as chair of the budget committee, with the President and President-Elect as members.

Belinda Oldham, Wichita Co, Treasurer- chairman  
Linda Beech, Finney Co, President  
( ), President Elect

**Constitution, By-Laws and Policy Committee:** responsible for reviewing the current articles governing the Association. Proposed revisions are then brought before the membership for approval. This committee shall be made up of the immediate six Past Presidents plus two members appointed by the Association President, with the President-Elect serving as chairman of the committee.

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Kathy McEwan, Southwind Dist  
Joann Paschal, Russell Co  
Nadine Sigle, Post Rock Dist  
Melinda Daily, Sunflower Dist

#### KAFCE Liaison

VP Member Resources- Christine McPheter, Meade Co.  
Alternate- *Deanna Sweat*

#### State 4-H Advisory Liaison

VP Member Resources- Christine McPheter, Meade Co.  
Alternate-

#### COMMITTEES ROTATED AMONG AREAS

Rotation through 2014 listed on website

**Annual Report Committee:** (2012- Southeast) responsible for compiling and sending the Association Annual Report to the Membership, including state life members. *Committee is rotated among the Area Counselors.*

**Friendship Night Committee:** (2012- Southwest) responsible for planning the Friendship Night Event in conjunction with Annual Extension Conference. The event is a social event for all members, state life members and guests which may include awards, welcome of new members, installation of officers or other activities. *Committee is rotated among the Area Counselors.*

**Nominating & Association Newsletter Committee:** (2012- Northwest) responsible for securing members names to be placed on an annual ballot for election of officers, with assistance from the immediate past-president. This committee is also responsible for compiling and distributing an Association newsletter to the membership, including life members. The newsletter is published 2-3 times a year. *Committee is rotated among the Area Counselors.*

**State Fair Fashion Revue Committee:** (2012- Northeast) responsible for organizing, script writing, decorations, room monitors and superintendents to assist during judging. This area will work with the State 4-H Office. *Committee is rotated among the Area Counselors.*

**KEAFCS Board Meeting**  
**October 20, 2011**  
**Minutes**

President Linda Beech called the meeting to order at 7:00 am. Members present were Linda Beech, Nancy Honig, Belinda Oldham, Ethel Schneweis, Andrea Wood, Deb Wood, Rhonda Gordon, Jamie Rathbun, Rebecca McFarland, Diane Burnett, Tara Solomon, Kylie Ludwig, Kathy Tharman, Deb Bolton and Cindy Evans.

Treasurer Belinda Oldham reported that we currently have 52 paid members for 2012. There were no minutes shared.

**Report of Officers**

Linda reported that NEAFCS has an officer toolkit and publishes an impact report that summarizes what several states have done. If she asks for program impact, please send it so she can report what we are doing.

JCEP – February 7 - 9 in San Antonio. The President Elect will be invited to represent KEAFCS.

Nancy Honig indicated her goal was to create a directory that could be posted on the KEAFCS web site to help members know each other. It could include a photo, awards received, committee the person is assigned to, county/district, etc. Cindy Evans asked that we consider making that information secure.

Our group is needing a listserv. Linda will send it to Cindy Evans and Cindy will send to all board members.

The group has received a request from Carla Morrical Frederking to become a life member of the KEAFCS. The group discussed how this might work. Ethel felt we would need to look at the bylaws. President-elect is chairperson of the bylaw committee. Linda appointed Nancy Honig, Belinda Oldham and Robin Eubank to review the bylaws and report to the board their thoughts and concerns or to submit a proposal. National life members get a reduced fee to attend national meeting.

Robin Eubank reported that the Awards and Recognition committee is well organized. A welcome letter and brochure was sent to all new agents. Tara Solomon followed up with each one before conference to see who planned to join the association. New members that have joined are Megan Marson-Ferrell, Becky Reid and Laura Weiss-Cook.

KEAA – The group discussed that KEAA is discussed during new agent training, but KEAFCS has not had a presence. Linda will follow up to see if we can have someone talk to the agents about our association and will send information to Tara about when new agent training is taking place. Tara will find someone to go to share information about KEAFCS.

Cindy Evans suggested to send a letter to the new agent's mentors and direct supervisors (county or district coordinators). There was a brief discussion reminding the group who is eligible for membership.

Ethel – reminded us that the educational webinars offered by NEAFCS sets us apart as an association. We are able to send ideas for webinars as well.

United Association Conference – Anna Mae Brown will be conference chairperson. Nancy Honig will be on that committee as well. Get program ideas to them. Notes and presentations are available from previous conferences. Ethel reported our association will be in charge of serving a break. The conference will be at the Sedgwick County Extension office again, and she would appreciate knowing who is willing to help so she can assign people to “pick up granola bars or put water on ice.”

### Reports from Area Counselors

Andrea Wood – Reported that Southwest will be in charge of Friendship Night in 2012.

Jamie Rathbun - no report

Kylie Ludwig - no report

Kathy Tharman - no report

She asked that when it comes to recognizing births, deaths, etc for agents in our area, are we recognizing ALL agents, or just those that are members? How do we determine who gets cards/gifts and who doesn't?

*Leave to Area to determine - depending on how Courtesy Fund fees are paid in*

Audit – no report

Budget – no report

Member Resources – welcomes new members at Friendship Night. Christine McPheter was the chairperson, but Kathy Bloom will be the new chair.

Retirement – Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen reported that some states pay for their agents to have a lifetime membership in NEAFCS. Our current bylaws read that we will pay “up to \$50.” No action was taken.

Diane Burnett – Diane is in charge of the Scholarship committee as well as awarding the Friend of FACS and First Timer's Awards. She said she wished she had a list of recipients. Cindy Evans reported that she had made one when she was Scholarship and Awards chairperson.

Linda Beech said we need to get more award applications in. Talk to colleagues and encourage them to apply.

Linda shared tentative dates for board meetings. She will send information later for the December 12<sup>th</sup> conference call at 1:30 pm.

The group discussed where to have the spring association business meeting, whether to hold it at the United Association Conference in Wichita or at Spring Action Conference. The group decided to have the board meeting at Spring Action Conference. No action taken on when to have the business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 am.

## **KEAFCS Board Meeting December 12, 2011**

KEAFCS President Linda Beech called the meeting to order at 1:35. She announced that she would soon be transferring to her position in Ellis County. Agents should call her on her cell phone after next week. Board members attending the conference call were: Linda Beech, Diane Burnett, Deb Woods, Belinda Oldham, Nancy Honiog, Robin Eubank, Jamie Rathbun, Andrea Wood, Rebe3cca McFarland, Tara Solomon, Christine McPheter, Cindy Evans and Donna Drug.

### **Minutes**

Cindy advised those on the call that minutes from the October 18 KEAFCS Board meeting and the October 20<sup>th</sup> board meetings had been sent. Corrections were made to both minutes. Nancy Honig moved and Belinda Oldham seconded to approved both sets of minutes as amended.

**Treasurer's Report** – Belinda reported there are 66 paid members as of today; heard of some still sending dues. Balance of \$19,949.55. (checking and CD's) Belinda has not received money from Continuing Education for Friendship night. Linda suggested that she contact them.

### **Report of officers**

#### **President:**

Linda reported she has submitted the Kansas Officer officer list to national office and to the regional director. She has a national affiliate president's webinar on Thursday and discovered NEAFCS gives a few \$150 scholarships to the PILD conference. She will ask questions about how to qualify for those scholarships.

#### **President Elect:**

Nancy Honig reported she has information for attending JCEP and is trying to arrange rooming with agents from 4-H to save costs.

#### **Treasurer:**

Belinda has applied for a new EIN number from the IRS. She is working to create a treasurer's notebook that will be complete when her term is up.

### **VP of Awards and Recognition**

Robin is working on information to e-mail to members today. More information will be available online about the Distinguished Service Awards. The deadline to submit a application is January 17<sup>th</sup> (needs to be postmarked by that date). Our winners will be sent to national by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **VP of Member Resources**

Christine asked the group about having Cindy Evans purchase a silver platter to recognize next year's Friend of Extension FACS. By consensus, the group gave approval. She said her committee is using the same Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> date to have the award application due.

### **VP of Public Affairs**

Tara said she needs to complete an impact report for NEAFCS by February 10<sup>th</sup> and has e-mailed her committee. There are six subject areas to report in: food safety, childhood obesity, protecting

our resources, family life, healthy homes and the environment, and food and nutrition. She hopes to get everything submitted by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Linda suggested using Walk Kansas and ServSafe to find programs that already have impacts created.

### **VP of Professional Development**

Linda reported that Ethel is providing excellent leadership to the planning of the United Association Conference in March 2012.

### **Area Counselors**

SW – Andrea Wood - had program enhancement last Friday. Their area discussed hosting Friendship Night and chose a theme. Had a good sharing time as well.

SE – Kylie Ludwig– no report

NW – Jamie Rathbun – Reported their area met outside of Dighton for program enhancement. Starting to gather information for an association newsletter. Needs information soon; goal is to work on it the week after Christmas.

NE Kathy Tharman – no report

### **Operational Committees**

Audit – no report

Budget – no report

Constitution and Bylaws – Nancy didn't have a report, but reminded us that a committee has been created to look into whether to offer a lifetime membership for KEAFCS.

### **Program of Work Committees**

#### Under VP of Member Resources:

Membership Resources – no report

Retirement Committee – no report

Scholarship/ Friend of FCS/ First Timers – Diane Burnett – reported their committee will move their application deadline to Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> to be consistent with the other award deadlines.

History – no report

#### Under VP of Awards and Recognition

Professional Development Awards --Deb Woods had no report

Program Awards Committee – Rebecca McFarland has no report

Communications/Public Relations Awards – no report

#### Under VP of Public Relations & Marketing

Public Relations/Marketing Committee – Tara e-mailed this committee to get impact reports.

Recruitment Committee – Donna said she didn't know much about her role but may have a role in recruiting student members, which will be discussed under new business. Linda explained that the role of this committee is to look for people who are eligible for membership, and try to recruit new or lapsed members to the group. The group looks "outward" to recruit members. She compared this to the Membership Resources committee which looks "inward" to serve members.

#### Under VP of Professional Development

Research & Studies Committee – no report

United Association Committee – no report

**Webmaster** – Robin Eubank reported that when members are using the KEAFCS site it is easiest to find it by searching “agent association” in the search box from the KSRE home page.

### **Liaisons**

KAFCE – Christine – no report

State 4-H Advisory – Linda questioned if that group even exists. Christine had no report.

### **Old Business**

March 7<sup>th</sup> Event – Tara reported there will be another “save the date” notice in the Tuesday Letter. (Also submitted last week). Participants will sign up for the pre-conference tour through conference registration. The schedule is still being finalized, but so far there will be a fiber arts tour, stop at a spice shop, leisure time in Old Towne, and fun comedy show at Loony Bens. The day will start at 11:30 am. Trying to work in a \$5 - \$10 discount for association members.

Linda encouraged us to book overnight in Wichita so that we are there for Spring Association business Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 10:00 am.

### **New Business**

NEAFCS Student Membership Category – new from national level since the business meeting in Albuquerque. Wants to offer the national membership at half the cost; will need to discuss state dues for this group. Regular member pays \$120 – \$90 national and \$30 state (of which \$6 goes to KEAA).

Belinda would like the fees to be similar to others; we have several different fee structures now. Discussion about student members for KEAFCS. Do we need a lifetime membership either?

Belinda felt we need to make a recommendation to the entire association for a vote. Linda reiterated that we have the committee– Nancy, Belinda and Robin. She asked them to draft a recommendation to bring to the business meeting in March.

### **Announcements**

Reminder of Spring Association Meeting at United Conference in March. Decided we would have a board meeting at Spring Action Conference. Robin suggested a conference call instead of a meeting at February Agent Update. Chose to have a conference call prior to United Association Conference. Will NOT have a business meeting; Robin will present association awards at that time.

### **Future board meetings:**

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (During Discovery Days – tentative time 3:30 pm

August Update, date and time TBA

Annual conference – prior to KEAFCS Fall Business Meeting

### **2012 Area Responsibilities:**

SE – Annual Report    SW – Friendship Night

NW – Newsletter and Nominating    NE – State Fair Fashion Revue



*Draft minie approved*

KEAFCS Board Meeting  
February 27, 2012

### **Call to Order/Roll**

President Linda Beech called the conference call meeting of the KEAFCS board to order at 10:35 am. Other members on the call were Deb Wood, Jamie Rathbun, Cindy Evans, Robin Eubank, Linda Beech, Kylie Ludwig, Ethel Schneeweis, Belinda Oldham and Donna Krug.

### **Minutes**

Belinda moved to approve minutes of the December 12 board meeting convened by conference call. Ethel seconded; motion passed.

### **Communications**

Linda shared a letter from the North Central Region asking KEAFCS to make a donation in support of the North Central Region Volunteer Forum in October. She would like the board to discuss this under new business so we can take a recommendation to the full group next week.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Belinda shared our 2012 proposed budget to date and an updated membership list. The checking account has a balance of \$4,645.42 and our two CDs total a net worth of \$19,102.41. She moved the 12 month CD into savings. A 6-month CD will renew in August.

Belinda will send an e-mail to the five persons who were KEAFCS members last year but have not joined the association this year. (Nicole Burnett, Jill Deters, Leah Robinson, Nancy Schuster, Lisa Friesen) Also, Deb Sellers and Margaret Phillips did not pay dues this year.

Belinda talked about what she needs from members. Membership – go online and print off, then give her a copy. She will print a copy of what it looks like when you print it off online.

### **Reports of officers:**

President, Linda Beech – is trying to pass along information from NEAFCS as she receives it. Trying to keep communication open with the board as well as K-State administration. She asked if anyone on the board had seen the monthly report from K-State Research and Extension that is sent to President Schultz. Linda attached a copy of the February 2012 report for our review. She talked to Gary Peirzynski at February Update to ask how to get more FACS information in this report. He made a contact to KSU Communications to get more information. Linda suggested that in addition to sending information to Gary we should also send success stories to Kris Boone, Gloria Holcome and/or Elaine Edwards with a cc to Marie Blythe.

The report only appears on our K-State Research & Extension homepage for a few days when it is first printed. She will involve Paula Peters to see if we can coordinate with the PFTs to report success stories/outcomes in different months to the Department of Communications.

Nancy Honig, President-Elect – sent a summary report from her JCEP experience.

Treasurer – Belinda – Needs to talk about dues under old business.

VP of Awards & Rec – Three applications were received for the Distinguished Service Award. (Can award 2) and 1 for continued excellence. No communication or program awards were submitted.

VP of Member Resources – Christine McPheter – No applications were received for the first timer's award; One nomination for Friend of Extension FACS – Karen Blakeslee.

VP of Public Relations and Marketing– Tara Solomon – A state report was sent to national; Kylie Ludwig will report about marketing under old business.

Linda forwarded information about new agent training to Kathy Tharman and Donna Krug. She asked if either was planning to attend the lunch on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Kathy and Donna will share the responsibility; If there are no new FACS agents, we may not work as hard to have someone there on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Kathy will find out.

Ethel – reminding people of the NEAFCS webinar on March 27<sup>th</sup> webinar on NEAFCS "Put Some Interest with Pinterest in Your Programs. How to Use Pinterest & Other HOT Forms of Social Media to Promote Extension Programming." If you can't participate that day it will be archived on the NEAFCS web site along with other webinars from 2010 and 2011.

#### **Area Counselors**

SW Andrea Wood – Has been working on Friendship Night – forming committees  
SE Kylie Ludwig – 23 people are registered in the KEAFCS Field Day; Everything is set up and ready to go.

NW Jamie Rathbun – No report

NE – Kathy Tharman – no report

#### **Operational Committees**

Audit - no report

Budget – no report

Constitution, By-Laws – Nancy Honig – We will discuss the committee suggestions regarding dues changes/additions for retirees and students under old business.

#### **Program of Work Committees**

\*Under VP of Member Resources – No reports from any committee chairpersons

\*Under VP of Awards and Recognition – No reports

\*Under VP of Public Relations & Marketing

\*Under VP of Professional Development

United Association Conference– Ethel Schneweis is making final arrangements with caterers. Caterers will provide a wait staff for bussing tables at no further charge. Would pad meal count by 5%; needs meal count by March 2. Ethel discussed the meals: taco bar on Thursday and Italian on Friday. We can set up whenever we need them. \$10 per day delivery; Ethel needs help getting refreshments set out. No deposit needed; United Association will pay for it. Budgeted \$10 a meal (including snacks) and are still within budget.

KEAFCS brochure ofr UAC packets --Tara has the most current version of the KEAFCS marketing brochure. The conference committee is stuffing packets at 8:30 on Wednesday night. Need 130 copies of the brochure to go in the packets.

Webmaster Robin Eubank – Send things to Robin to put online. Robin asked Tara to send the marketing brochure to be placed on the website.

#### Liaisons

KAFCE– Christine said State FCE President Mary Jane Adams has her name as well as Deanna Sweat and will contact them if needed.

State 4-H Family & Consumer Science Advisory – meets by phone March 1; it is an inactive entity at this point. They are on the State 4-H Action Team

#### **Old Business**

March 7<sup>th</sup> Field Day – no further report

Student Dues and Kansas Lifetime Dues– Belinda reported for the committee. She said they first needed to clarify “*What are the lifetime Kansas dues?*” Our current policy says it’s a “one time \$20 annual fee.” That is very confusing, so the committee recommends a one-time payment using three times the annual dues.” This would only be available at retirement.

*If someone is a national lifetime member, does it cover Kansas lifetime dues as well?* In the past, if they paid national lifetime dues, that included them in Kansas and they did not have to pay Kansas dues. At this time the Kansas dues is \$30, so three times would be \$90 for lifetime membership of Kansas dues only. If someone wishes to be a national lifetime member, those dues are currently \$90, so three times the national dues would be \$270, and would include being a Kansas lifetime member as well.

This would entail a bylaws change so we would need to vote on changing the bylaws at the March 8<sup>th</sup> association meeting.

Student Dues – Student membership in NEAFCS is one-half the dues for regular members, so one-half of \$90 (current NEAFCS dues) would be \$45. Kansas dues for students is recommended at \$15, which is half of our current \$30 dues. So, a student wishing to be a state and national member of NEAFCS/KEAFCS would pay \$60.

There was discussion about whether to offer a student Kansas membership without a national membership. Robin was hesitant to make it state only if the regular agents can’t join state only.

The committee will present the bylaws change with two new dues categories for the membership to vote on at Spring Association meeting next week. Linda will work with Belinda to get it e-mailed to the membership today so they have a 10-day period for review as our by-laws require.

The call was ended early due to technical difficulties. The rest of the business will be discussed at the Association meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Evans  
KEAFCS Secretary

**KEAFCS Spring Meeting  
Minutes  
March 8, 2012**

**Call to Order**

KEAFCS President Linda Beech called the meeting of the spring association meeting to order at 8:35 am on March 8. There was one addition to the agenda. Secretary Cindy Evans passed a roll call sheet which was signed by 31 members. The minutes of the October 18<sup>th</sup> business meeting were read. Motion to approve by Mary Lou Odle; seconded by Ethel Schneweis. Motion passed.

**Communications**

Linda Beech shared that there was one communication from the planning committee of the North Central Region Volunteer Forum that would be addressed under new business.

**Treasurer's Report**

Belinda Oldham shared a list of itemized checks written since the beginning of our new budget year in October. She placed money in two certificates of deposit. We have 69 paid members and paid dues to KEAA for 63. (Specialists don't pay KEAA dues.) No bills were presented for payment. Tara Solomon will have her county send a bill to Belinda for the printing of the KEAFCS brochure.

**Report of Officers and Committees**

**President – Linda Beech** – Linda is channeling lots of information from NEAFCS to the appropriate committees. She reported that NEAFCS created a student membership category last fall. The Kansas affiliate will be asked to provide hospitality items for National meeting in Columbus, Ohio this fall. They are planning for 600 to attend. They will accept hospitality items in any amount.

Monthly KSRE updates are provided to President Schultz and have been remiss to include FACS, 4-H, horticulture, community development and other programs not directly related to agriculture and ag research. Linda made an official request to Gary Pierzynsky. He responded that he would be glad to add other program efforts to the report if he had the information. Linda encouraged us to funnel impacts to the KSRE Communications Department (send to Kris Boone, Gloria Holcombe and/or Elaine Edwards with cc to Marie Blythe and Paula Peters.)

**President-Elect Nancy Honig** – Nancy gave a report from JCEP. The meeting in San Antonio reflected that the extension system in many states are experiencing major restructuring including layoffs and job loss. The only state with no problems was Texas. Our new extension director is coming from Pennsylvania where 80/121 staff took early retirement and the state is all districts, no counties.

AAFCS along with NIFA is looking to find a Family Consumer Sciences logo for all related professions. It can be viewed on the NIFA web site. Nancy will visit with Paula Peters to see where Kansas Extension stands in using the logo. Because of our federal partners, we can use it any way we choose.

National Meeting: If you are planning to attend NEAFCS in Columbus, you can reserve rooms now. In addition to the hospitality items mentioned by Linda, they are also looking for donations for a silent auction.

The next Galaxy conference will be September 15 - 19, 2013 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Proposals are due this September. Associations will NOT host national meetings that year and will instead attend Galaxy.

**Past President – No Report**

**Secretary – No Report**

**Treasurer – Belinda Oldham** shared suggestions from her committee for student membership and National Life Membership. See attached sheet for wording. The National guideline is for student membership to cost one-half the dues of regular members. In reviewing the wording for State Life Member, Bev Dunning asked if the ten year requirement to be an honorary state life member was based on employment or membership in KEAFCS.

**VP of Awards and Recognition – Robin Eubank** was absent; Linda will present awards under New Business.

**VP of Member Resources** – no report

**VP of Public Relations – Tara Solomon** – March is Living Well Month. Some new resources are available. Find a link to the resources on the KEAFCS website.

**VP of Professional Development – Ethel Schneweis** – reminded members of the NEAFCS webinars. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be a webinar on Pinterest. The webinars are recorded and archived if you are not able to participate that day.

**Area Counselors**

SW – Andrea Wood – SW is working on Friendship Night.

SE – Kylie Ludwig – Amanda Davis is starting April 1 in Greenwood County.

NW – Jamie Rathbun – Sent out the KEAFCS newsletter in January.

NE – Kathy Tharman – Leah Robinson had a baby boy. Welcomed Diane Nielson from sabbatical.

**Operational Committees:**

Audit Committee – Bev Dunning will report in the fall.

Budget Committee – No Report

Constitution, By-Laws and Policy – Nancy Honig – Recommendations for changes to membership categories will be handled under new business.

**Program of Work Committees:**

\*Under VP of Member Resources

Membership Resources Committee - No report

Scholarship/Friend of Extension FACS – Diane Burnett was absent. Christine reported there were no applications for the First Timer's award. They may reoffer the stipend closer to national meeting. A nominee was selected for the Friend of Extension FACS.

History Committee – no report

\*Under VP of Awards and Recognition – No reports from committees

\*Under VP of Pulic Relations & Marketing – No reports from committees

\*Under VP of Professional Development

United Assoc Conf – Ethel reminded the group that we are in charge of refreshments and lunch. She would appreciate help refilling glasses with tea, water and coffee.

Webmaster – Robin was absent. Linda reminded members to check out the KEAFCS website at [www.ksre.ksu.edu/agent\\_association/](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/agent_association/)

**Liaisons**

State 4-H Advisory – Christine reported they have been working on judging classes for the state fair.

NEAFCS Liaison – Bev Kindler reported that at the national meeting in Albuquerque, NM, NEAFCS began working on a campaign to raise \$300,000.

Old Business – none

New Business

1. Bylaws change to reflect new dues categories. Nancy Honig moved to accept all changes as written. Seconded by Sheryl Carson. Discussion. Becky Reid moved to amend the motion to strike the words “was employed for less than 10 years.” Seconded by Diane Nielsen. Amendment passed. Vote to accept the bylaws change passed.

2. Consider communication requesting a donation for the 4-H volunteer forum. Kylie moved to donate \$100 to the forum. Seconded by Christine McPheter. Discussion. Kylie shared that she would like to use the extra money earned from the KEAFCS Field Day towards this donation and it would have little effect on the KEAFCS budget. Motion passed.

3. No bills presented.

4. KEAFCS Awards – There were no applications for the communications awards. Applications were received for professional development. From Kansas, we can recognize two members for distinguished service. Those will be Nancy Honig and Susan Jackson. We can recognize one person for continued excellence. That will be Nancy Nelson. Recognition for these awards will be at National meeting.

**Announcements:**

\*Carol Ann Crouch suggested we should rethink having a silent auction during Spring Action Conference. Lisa Long is making arrangements. A member asked if we would have trouble getting space approved at this late date. Christine pointed out that Margaret Phillips is at this conference and could probably approved it. Linda Beech felt that we needed a committee. Volunteers were taken: Carol Ann Crouch, Chairperson; Belinda Oldham, Diane Burnett, Kathy Tharman, and Megan Ferrell.

\*The next association meeting will in October 2012 during annual conference.

\*Members we asked to be thinking of hospitality items for Kansas to send to the NEAFCS conference in Columbus. Ideas generated included: Kansas Wheathouse – Shirley Voran (Wheat nubs); recipe books from the KS Wheat Commission; Flour (but this would be heavy for people to carry home; Mary Lou Odle said a popular item distributed at the Women Managing the Farm program was chapstick called “Chicken Poop.”

Linda reminded the areas of their responsibilities:

SE – Annual Report

SW – Friendship Night

NW – Newsletter and Nominating

NE – State Fair Fashion Revue

Motion to adjourn made by Mary Lou Odle. Seconded by Kathy Tharman. Motion passed.

<b>KEAFCS Proposed Budget 2012</b>			
			Actual Spending
<b>Income</b>			2/16/2012
Dues	75 @ \$120.00	9000	7948
Friendship night		1000	1666
Spring Workshop		1500	
Interest		100	17
Miscellaneous			
Cookbooks		300	866
Pledge from savings/fund raiser		2000	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$13,900</b>	<b>\$10,497</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Dues, NEAFCS	75 @ \$90.00	6750	6210
Dues, KEAA	70 @ \$6.00	420	378
Friendship Night		1000	1280
National Meeting		1200	
KEAFCS Scholarship		150	
Officer Expenses		780	
President	\$300		
President elect	50		
Secretary	25		
Treasurer	25		
VP Member Resources	100		127
VP Public Affairs	25		
VP Professional Development	205		
VP Awards and Recognition	50		
JCEP		2000	905
PILD		1500	
Miscellaneous		100	4
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$13,900</b>	<b>\$8,904</b>

<b>Account Balances</b>	10/15/2011	2/16/2012
KEAFCS Checking	\$2,770.51	\$2,645.42
12 month CD	5513.6	5522.82
6 month CD	10926.85	10934.17
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>\$19,210.96</b>	<b>\$19,102.41</b>

Belinda Oldham  
Wichita County FCS Agent

## **KEAFCS Board Meeting**

**May 31, 2012**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by President Linda Beech.

Those on the conference call meeting were: Debra Bolton, Jamie Rathbun, Belinda Oldham, Diane Burnett, Andrea Wood, Kylie Ludwig, and Robin Eubank. Nancy Honig, Ethel Schneweis, Cindy Evans and Linda Beech were physically in the NE Area Extension Office.

Ethel moved to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes. Seconded by Debra Bolton. Motion passed.

No communications.

Belinda reported that all of the KEAFCS accounts totaled \$20,200.32. The checking account has a balance of \$3736.42. We profited \$770 from the Silent Auction at Spring Action Conference.

Belinda reported the bills from the United Association Conference have been submitted. The check for the money donated to the North Central Region Volunteer Forum has not cleared the bank yet.

Debra moved to approved the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ethel. Motion passed.

### Report of Officers

#### **President – Linda Beech**

Linda thanked KEAFCS for paying her expenses to PILD. She also received a \$150 scholarship from NEAFCS. While at PILD in Washington, they celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Morrill Act that established the Extension system. Abraham Lincoln signed that into law in 1862 to "educate people in agriculture, home economics, mechanical arts and other practical professions." The mission of education was meant for all areas of the country and in all socio-economic classes.

Linda reported the state leaders at PILD comprised an inspiring group. In regards to funding issues and our reputation, we need to let people know who we are and why it's important. Need to be prepared always with 2 things:

\*elevator speech that is 15 - 30 seconds; and a

\*stump speech – the 2-3 minute summary of your program on a local level: who you are, what you do.

She told us to look for the Creative Ideas program grant from NEAFCS that grants Living Well cookbooks for educational purposes.

**Secretary – No Report**

#### **VP of Public Relations & Marketing – Tara Solomon**

Tara submitted impacts for the National impact report. Tara sent several, but one related to



Walk Kansas was the only one reported at this time. Gluten-Free Living was an excellent NEAFCS webinar.

Cindy mentioned she was on the Urban Conference Committee. More information to come on that conference which will be hosted in Kansas City in May 2013.

### **VP of Professional Development –Ethel Schneweis**

Ethel encouraged people to check out the NEAFCS webinars that have included Pinterest and gluten-free living. The programs are archived and usually include powerpoints.

### **Area Counselors**

SW Area – Andrea Wood – SW Area met for a retreat. Went to Scott City and Leoti, and enjoyed neat tours at the Heartland Flour Mill. They are working on Friendship Night which will be at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park.

SE Area – Kylie Ludwig – reported the SE area had an update in mid-May. Really enjoyed the NW area's special topic tables at August update when they shared educational things they had been doing. They are trying to do the same to share information from SE at the August Update.

NW Area – Jamie Rathbun– She is working on the KEAFCS newsletter –please e-mail to her by June 10<sup>th</sup>. They will also be looking for President, VP member Resources; Treasurer, VP of Public Relations and Marketing; as well as SE and SW Counselor. (See page 2 of agenda)

NE Area – Kathy Tharman sent report . Gina Aurand is the chair for state fair fashion revue and other committee leaders are Ginger Kopfer, and Deb Wood.

**Retirement Committee** – Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen is considering the Living Well book as an option for those retiring to put into a library.

### **Under VP of Professional Development**

Research and Studies Committee – Deb Bolton – reported the study is a regional thing: large study of Finney County conducted in four languages. Sociologist from K-State working within immigrant population as well as KU anthropologist there. Study done in Finney a year ago will be presented at Colombio de Colores. National Council on Family Relations -- can get certification as a family life educator; sponsored out of the College of Human Ecology. She will type up that report and send out.

United Assn Conference– Ethel received feedback that everyone enjoyed the meals and she appreciated everyone that helped. Linda said in regards to the United Association Conference that Gayle Price had an idea of working hand in hand with FNP to create a statewide nutrition tract.

Linda thanked Robin Eubank for being our webmaster. Has a moving, colorful summary of who we are and what we do. Robin said awards were taken care of. She is always willing to update or make changes to the web site.

**Liaisons:**

KAFCE – Linda reported that Deanna Sweat participated in a state meeting. They had good discussion with plans for state meeting, but nothing that needed to be passed along.

**Old Business –**

Student Membership promotion – Linda sent an e-mail to Donna Krug to ask her to make a report. We are encouraging students to join the professional association and become familiar with extension.

Silent Auction – Nancy Honig said she thought it was an easy way to raise funds. Linda sent a thank you to the committee that thought of the idea.

**New Business –**

Hospitality Items for National Meeting – We are needing to collect hospitality items for national meeting: Nancy had suggested wheat nubs. She suggested we buy it in bulk and package them ourselves (there) to save money. Perhaps we could plan for 600 of these then miscellaneous other items.

Other ideas: cookbooks from the Wheat Commission. Linda said she would make that contact. Packages of chocolate covered soybeans. (Jamie Rathbun)

Ideas or contacts – Linda asked us to be thinking of things that represent Kansas. Those items are a little more interesting to bring home than a pen or pencil.

Nancy Honig said she would like to start a list of who plans to attend national meeting. Nancy will start that discussion by e-mail. Linda asked if Belinda had put together a list – she had not. Jamie has created a list from national. Jamie could put an article in the newsletter.

**Announcements:**

Next board meeting during August FCS Update. Linda Beech has asked Linda Lamb about a date and location.

**Reminders:**

KEAFCS nominations – see list on the agenda; She encouraged us to be recruiting now for officers. Our last board meeting for the year will be just prior to our association meeting in October.

Forward FCS Impacts and accomplishments to President Schultz and to KSRE Communications.

If you have FACS impacts or accomplishments, be sure to share with KSRE communications.

Ethel moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.