

**FLORIDA EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER
SCIENCES
Spring Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2006**

In Attendance: Danielle Gordon, Gayle Whitworth, Stephanie Toelle, Brenda Williams, Mary Keith, Elaine Courtney, Laura Royer, Joan Elmore, Diann Douglas, Chris Kilbride, Marcy Krumbine, Judy Corbus, Cyndy Mondelus, Carolyn Gregov

Welcome/Call to Order - President Danielle Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. at Northwest Grille Restaurant, Gainesville. She welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the evening's schedule.

Thought for the Day – Gayle Whitworth read an excerpt from an address given by Robert F. Kennedy to the young people of South Africa on their Day of Affirmation in 1966. The selection focused on “service” and emphasized that we all make a difference in whatever we do and in our various areas of service.

Agenda Approval – The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes & Correspondence - Stephanie Toelle moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Diann Douglas and passed. Joan Elmore moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Brenda Marty-Jimenez and passed.

Judy reported that the following correspondence has been sent since the Winter Board Meeting:

- Sympathy card to Jo Turner on the passing of her mother
- Sympathy card to Amy Simonne on the passing of her mother
- Sympathy card to Joan Elmore on the passing of her twin sister

The following correspondence has been received since the Winter Board Meeting:

- Thank-you note received from Amy Simonne for sympathy card

Treasurer's Report - Chris Kilbride. Written and oral report submitted.

All but five or six members have paid the full \$110 for 2006 membership dues. The dues increase reflects a \$10 increase in the National dues which was approved at the 2005 NEAFCS Annual Meeting. Chris submitted \$60 to National to cover the dues of the members who did not pay the full amount. Any dues increases for 2007 will be known after the 2006 Annual Meeting. As a matter of policy, members must pay the full dues amount to be eligible for awards, even if there is a rate increase after they have paid their dues for the coming year. Any proposed NEAFCS by-law changes will be received prior to the EPAF Meeting through the NEAFCS website and *The Reporter* so members can be alerted to any possible dues increases and plan accordingly.

Brenda Williams reported that \$1,000 has been received each from the Dairy Farmers Association and the Florida Tomato Committee. The Cookbook Marketing Committee will decide on the use of credit cards for cookbook payment.

Signature cards on the FEAFCFS bank account need to be updated now with the signatures of the current officers and again in October when the new Officers take office.

Laura Royer moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Joan Elmore and passed.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Northwest - Joan Elmore - Written and oral report submitted.

Northeast - Written report submitted by Meg McAlpine; oral report given by Stephanie Toelle.

Central – Cyndy Mondelus – Written and oral report submitted.

South Central - Marcy Krumbine - Written and oral report submitted.

South - Written report submitted by Monica Dawkins; oral report given by Chris Kilbride.

Campus - Written report submitted by Jo Turner; oral report given by Elaine Courtney.

ADVISOR – Oral report given by Danielle in absence of Nayda Torres, who was attending the CYFAR Conference.

National:

- **Obesity Initiative** – Extension educational programs in collaboration with other agencies. Glenda Warren is a member of this national group.
- **EFNEP Initiative** – Increase in EFNEP funding from Congress resulted in funding the 1890 institutions to conduct EFNEP. Dollars provided are quite low so another request is being made to request an increase so each 1890 institution will receive at least \$100,000.
- **Bankruptcy Education** – As a result of legislation, individuals filing for bankruptcy are required to take a minimum number of hours of family finance education. We are certified to teach the program.

State:

- 4-H and Family Initiative makes it through the Legislature at \$1 million. Thanks for all of your commitment to this effort.
- Two faculty positions with .70 FTE Extension appointments have been offered. One position is in Human Development and one in Housing. We are in the process of doing the appropriate paperwork to employ the faculty.
- Focus Teams continue to be very active and input is solicited on a regular basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance - Chris Kilbride – Same as Treasurer’s Report.

By-Laws – Gayle Whitworth - Written report and oral report submitted. Copies of the By-Laws with proposed changes highlighted were distributed to Board members and discussed. Marcy moved that the proposed By-Law changes be approved and presented to the membership to be voted on. The motion was seconded by Chris and passed unanimously.

Public Affairs – Diann Douglas – written and oral report submitted. Diann reported the need for a banner to reflect the various FCS program areas, as FCS was not represented in the banner display at the University of Florida *Gator Day* at the Capitol. She will work with Liz Felter on one or more banners. Laura recommended that each Focus Team be contacted for input on the banners. Brenda recommended that a summary banner along with one banner for each program area be developed.

Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting – Liz Felter has requested that each Association assemble one large basket to be given away in a drawing at the Extension booth. Danielle will have updated information following the May 18 EPAF Board Meeting and will follow up with Diann. Diann will send an e-mail to members to solicit donations.

Member Resources – Danielle reported for Dorothy Lee; no news to report.

Awards/Recognition – Stephanie Toelle - Written and oral report submitted. Stephanie reported that, to date, she has received one nomination from the Family and Personal Well-Being Focus Team for Suzanna Smith for the Extension Specialist Award. The application noted that Suzanna has filled in by providing leadership in this program area since Millie Ferrer’s promotion to Associate Dean for Extension. Stephanie will submit a list of award nominees with a synopsis of each candidate to the Board for electronic vote.

Professional Development - Mary Keith - Written and oral report submitted. Mary reported that the abstracts presented at EPAF will be grouped by subject matter topics to qualify for CEU credit. Mary has applied for CEU credit with one or two professional organizations. Members should contact Mary to arrange for filing of an application for CEU credit with other applicable professional organizations. Diann noted that CEUs are referred to as PDUs for AAFCS.

Nominating Committee - Written report submitted by Rita Law-McCumber, oral report given by Cyndy Mondelus. Cyndy noted the incoming slate of officers for 2006-2007:

- **President-Elect** - Brenda Williams
- **VP Member Resources** – Laura Royer
- **VP Professional Development** – Marcy Krumbine
- **Secretary** – Judy Corbus
- **Northeast District Director** – Joanne Cooper

- **South Central District Director** – Samantha Kennedy
- **Campus District Director** – Amy Simonne

Marcy inquired as to the response rate of the voting. Laura said that Rita reported a little over 50 members had voted.

Youth Committee – Laura Royer – Oral report submitted. Laura reported that she has not received any applications yet and encouraged members to submit. She has sent out two e-mails soliciting applications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PILD – Gayle Whitworth – Oral report submitted. Gayle reported that PILD participants attended a luncheon with members of Congress and aides. Participants emphasized that the \$4 million in base funding that Extension is requesting levies an additional \$30 million from counties and states. Luncheon attendees also were provided project highlights across all Extension disciplines. There was good representation from many of the Congressional offices.

Cookbook Update – Brenda Williams – Oral report submitted. Brenda thanked everyone who taste-tested the recipes. Several of the agricultural entities/organizations (Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, Florida Cattlemen's Association) that were contacted to sponsor our cookbook already have produced their own (titles include *Strawberries; Simply Florida... Strawberries*). Our Association will be working with them on other projects. Brenda said that the Committee hopes to send the cookbook to press the week of May 22. Assistance is needed with pre-sales in every county. Pre-sales events will be held at the EPAF and NEAFCS Meetings. The cookbooks should be available December 1, 2006, with 10,000 scheduled to be printed. Elaine is working with her local Tourist Development Council to promote the cookbook through them. She also is exploring the possibility of distribution through the Cracker Barrel Restaurants. Laura suggested that we also contact Bob Evans Restaurants, as they have a small gift shop in their restaurants. Members also are encouraged to take advantage of local events as promotion opportunities, especially those scheduled around December 1.

The Board discussed the number of books scheduled for the initial printing. The cost to print 10,000 books, at a base price of \$11.80/book, is \$118,000. A tentative sale price of \$28.95 has been discussed. Board members expressed concern over the financial obligation associated with the printing of 10,000 books. Elaine suggested that the Board either authorizes the Cookbook Chair to make the decision on the number of books to be printed or the Board makes the decision after exploring options as presented by the Cookbook Committee. Danielle will schedule a conference call for the Board to discuss and vote on financing options.

NEW BUSINESS

EPAF – FEAFCFS Fall Board Meeting – Monday, September 11, 3:30 p.m. Quarterly reports are due electronically to Danielle by August 14 for publication in the FEAFCFS Annual Report for distribution at EPAF.

NEAFCS – October 3-6, Denver, CO. A meeting update will be given at EPAF.

FEAFCS Website – Samantha Kennedy, Manatee County, is our new webmaster. The website has been revised and will be updated continually. All Board reports are due electronically to Samantha by Wednesday, May 31.

Life Member Directory – NEAFCS would like to update its Life Member Directory. Dorothy Lee will work with each District Director to provide a printout of Life Members to be updated at their next respective district FCS meeting.

All newsletter items are due to Danielle by Wednesday, May 24.

ADJOURN 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Corbus

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FEAFCS Secretary