FEAFCS BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2002
Panama City Beach, Florida

In Attendance: Marilyn Simmons, Terri Thompson, Elaine Courtney, Chris Procise, Denise Blanton, Brenda Williams, Susan Rachels, Tina Allen, Christy Walter, Nayda Torres, Brenda Rodgers and Mary Sue Kennington.

Call To Order: Marilyn called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM

Minutes: Tina motioned to accept the June 4, 2002 Board Meeting Minutes as mailed. Denise seconded the motion.

Correspondence: Letter from Danielle Gordon indicating that she would not be able to accept the Professional Development Grant.

Treasurer’s Report
Chris distributed written report. Members discussed the following items:

* 4-H Foundation Hilliker Scholarship
* Association Award Plaques - increase funds
* Program of Excellence Awards - award cash to top 10 winners
* Fl. Association of Counties - Denise Blanton is not spending the allotted $300. The space rental has increased from $150 to $325. The baskets were purchased with the $219.85 as indicated in the report.
* Final statement indicating income and expenses - concerns raised.

Approved Income - $10,455.52 balance 12,143.65
Expenses - $8,041.10  save 7,880.58

20,024.23

Elaine motioned to accept the report as modified; Mary Sue seconded the motion.

District Director’s Reports
Elaine moved to dispense reports at meeting. Members agreed.
Susan seconded motion. Motion passed.

Denise moved to realign our District Directors with the new Administrative District. Mary Sue seconded. Motion passed.

Members indicated that Mary Harrison is not a member and has been elected to District Director. Issue will be addressed at a later time.

Finance
Board members discussed 2003 proposed budget. The open boxes in the written report need to be addressed and voted on at the Membership Meeting. The dark boxes are items already approved.

Denise discussed the Fl Association of Counties expenses. The space rental may need to be increased to $335 to cover the rental of $1000 divided by three or four associations.
Members decided to eliminate the money designated to the 4-H Foundation Hilliker Scholarship.

Members discussed funds for professional development and agreed to use auction funds for this item.

Denise motioned: 1. Auction money to be used for any Association expenses
               2. Increase to two-$250 Professional Development awards offered each year.
Elaine seconded. Motion passed.

Members discussed money for Abstracts and Program of Excellence Awards.

Denise motioned to no longer give money for Program of Excellence Awards beginning in 2003.
Tina seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Abstracts submitted:  FACAA 39      ESP  5
                    4-H      27      FCS  7

The District Directors need to promote abstracts.

Tina motioned to approve amended budget for membership approval.
Elaine seconded motion. Motion passed.

Nominating
Brenda expressed her gratitude for the efforts of the Nominating Committee. She recommended that the District Directors start promoting offices.

By-Laws and Handbook
Mary Sue distributed written report indicated proposed changes.

Board members agreed to send changes to membership via electronic or regular mail for voting.

Policies reviewed with Board and changes reflected in notebook.

Christy motioned to approve policies as amended.
Denise seconded motion. Motion passed.

Public Affairs
Denise distributed written report. She discussed the Association of Counties exhibit: 52 Commissioners, 20 County Attorneys and two State Legislators visited our booth. There were 12 baskets that represented the various program areas.

She expressed the importance of this Event for IFAS.

Member Resources
Tina distributed written report and discussed recent events.

Awards and Recognition
Elaine distributed written report and discussed the 2002 results as well as the sponsorships. She also indicated that we have increased our National winners from 4 in 2001 to 8 in 2002.

Professional Development
Terri Thompson gave an oral report. She noted three applicants received and two awarded. Also, there were seven abstracts presented from eight submitted.

Youth
Danielle Gordon was absent. Mildred is the recipient and will receive her award at the breakfast.
Audit
No report given.

OLD BUSINESS
Mary Harrison showed the quilt for the September 11th drawing.

NEW
Marilyn discussed the NEAFCS Annual Conference. She needs a list of those members planning on attending.

Marilyn gave COP report

Scott Jackson will give Terri disk for abstracts.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christy Walter (for Nancy Gal)