

Opening Business Meeting

Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC

Aug. 22, 2007

Crystal called the meeting to order.

Treasurer Report:

Operating - \$12,288.93

Enrichment – \$2957.11

Committee Reports:

Annual Conference – Danielle Barco reviewed workshops scheduled for Annual Conference.

Constitution – Joyce Watts presenting. Committee member distributed ballots to cast votes to make a constitution change that would enable committee chairs to be voting members on the Association Board. Crystal called for questions and discussion. Mille Bruton expressed that this will change the board to create a board where many of the board members will be appointed rather than a primarily elected board.

Diversity – no report.

Finance – Angela Shaver reporting. Reviewed items processed since Winter Board. \$1000 has been donated to the Ag. Agents Association for Sons and Daughter program offered as part of their National Meeting. Angela explained the Centennial Challenge asking districts to donate \$1000 toward the Endowment Foundation. NW has a made donation and 4 other districts have made commitments to donate. The Endowment helps with cost of professional development. Once \$100,000 is met the proceeds will be split 60/40 to help the state/district association with professional development activities. Current Balance for Endowment is \$91,221. There is an auction planned for Youth and Families Summit with proceeds to benefit the respective association endowments. Angela asked that all financial receipts be submitted within 2 weeks after the annual meeting.

Membership – Jennifer Grable reporting. There are 178 state members with 5 new members who have joined since January. New members were introduced. New member orientation will follow the business meeting.

Nominating – Spring Williams reporting. Slate of officer candidates were introduced. Absentee voting was promoted and several members did cast votes. Crystal opened the floor for office of Secretary. No additional candidate nominated.

Professional Development – Dale Safrit reporting. Committee work was completed at Winter Board. Chad Ray is incoming chair.

Programs – SheAnn reporting. Thanked everyone who submitted summer programming ideas. Will be giving this material to districts and letting districts decide how to distribute.

PRI – Jeannette Schuszler reporting. There will be a Share Fair with items from each district. Members agreed that marketing 4-H is a top priority. Committee recommendations: 1) coordinate marketing efforts with CES Marketing coordinating and also Mitzi Downing who is working with marketing from the state 4-H staff; 2) review duties from constitution.

Rapport – Sarah Kotzian reporting. Recognized committee members.

Recognition – Lesa Walton reporting. Ninety-five applications for awards were received and 43 award winners will be recognized later in conference during Awards Night.

Historian - Richard Freeman reported that the library staff from NCSU has posted all association materials in archives on the web.

District Reports:

NC – Brandi Boaz reporting. Met in Caswell Co. in May with program on stress management. Teresa Clark in Durham retired.

NE – Juanita Bailey reporting. Held Spring meeting in Chowan County with program on GIS/mapping provided by Science House. Will be making a donation to the Endowment Fund. Welcomed 2 new agents to the district; no vacancies in the district.

NW – Barb Dunn Swanson. Piloted a new evaluation tool at their district activity day. Amy Pardue will be joining Extension in Sept. as new 4-H agent in Alleghany.

SC – Roshunda Blount reporting. District meeting was held in Anson County on Nov. 6. Introduced new agents in the district.

SE - Tammy Boyd reporting. SE agents met in April in Kinston. They are planning for Winter Board in February..

SW – Robbie Furr reporting. Recognized Heather Jones, new 4-H agent in Cabarrus Co. Reviewed schedule for the Annual meeting.

West – Heather James reporting. The West district met on April 5 for processing new information and compiled a response to the Blue Print for Success.

Business-

Web Site – the committee is reviewing the option to move the Association web site to a another location and making it more user friendly.

A donation has been made donation for Sons and Daughter program for the National Ag. Agents meeting to support the NC Agents in their efforts to host the meeting in NC.

Recognition Recommendation – changes from the Recognition Committee need to be put in writing and then provide to Carolyn Langley to so changes can be noted on the Association web site.

FCS/4-H Ad Hoc Committee – Approached the FCS Association about the possibility of having a joint Association meeting. Contacted the FCS President, but they were not interested.

Skits and speeches presented by slate of officer candidates.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Mull
Secretary

** Constitution stays the same. Did not receive the 2/3 vote needed for change.