



National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

LEAFCS Spring Board Meeting Wesley Conference Center – Woodworth, LA April 24, 2018

Call to Order and Welcome

LEAFCS President, Robin Landry, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

Inspirational Reflection

The inspirational reflection was given by Cathy Agan reading the “Extension Worker’s Creed”.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tiffany Williams.

Minutes & Correspondence

Becky Gautreaux emailed the minutes of the previous meeting to everyone in advance. Karen Jones motioned to dispense reading the reading of minutes. Tiffany Williams seconded it. Robin Landry sent a sympathy card to Beth Gamble. She sent a thank you card. Robin read the card. There were no other correspondence.

Financial Report

Mandy Armentor distributed the financial report. Report on file. Terri Crawford motioned for the treasurer (Mandy) to look into moving the Maxine Reeves CD and Maxine Reeves checking into general checking and stipulate a line item to use that for the award until funds run out. Robin Landry seconded the motion.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Affairs – Alethia reported 13 awards packs were received for review. There were few entries per category. Several applications did not meet the requirements. Brittney Seay represented LEAFCS at JCEP. Shatonia McCarty represented LEAFCS at PILD Conference. Report on File

Member Resources- Sandra Raines resigned. Robin Landry took her member resource position. Committee received five applications, which two of the five submitted were for two new award categories. No first place winners due to not following proper guidelines. Terri Crawford will pass on the binder for this position to the new person. Report on File.

Awards & Recognition- Data sheets were sent to all members. Entries for awards were dispersed to proper committee members for review. Eight first place state winners were entered into the website for national awards. Certificates were printed and they will be given at the awards breakfast. The Vice President of Awards and Recognition should contact qualifying members for to apply for Distinguished Service Award, Continued Excellence Award, and Extension Educator of the Year. Report on File.

Professional Development- Report on File.

Regional Directors- Cathy Agan, Region 1 reported having 18 members, including a new agent. Report on file. Mandy Armentor, Region 2 reported on behalf of Kylee Brown that there are 21 members. One new agent in Calcasieu that we are trying to recruit.

Special Committee Reports

Audit- Mandy Armentor reported she and Grace Peterson would get together at this conference so that Grace can review the information.

By-Laws – Brittney Seay stated there was no report.

Convention Arrangements- Mandy Armentor welcomed everyone to the Wesley Center in Woodworth. Wednesday evening will be on your own. Team building activity will be this afternoon. She mentioned the ditty bags and programs are on their way.

Convention Program- The official program is on the way. Patrick Grady, Healthy Communities panel, and Alice Thompkins will be speaking this week.

Convention Sponsorship- Robin Landry reported she and Mandy sent out sponsorship letters. The sponsorship list has been updated. Sponsorship received were from the American Sugarcane League (\$300), SUDIA (\$500 for the breakfast), Amerigroup (\$500), Egg Commission (\$500), and Farm Bureau (\$666). In-kind donations were made as well. Thank you letters for sponsorships will be available for members to sign so they can be mailed. Report on File

Convention Registration- Mandy Armentor reported having 32 members registered with two additional guest paid for by the association. Region 1 has 16 attendees and region 2 has 14 attendees. Two more members registered and were unable to attend. Report on File.

Installation- Joan Almond mentioned 14 officers would be installed at the breakfast. Report on File.

Faculty Council- Alethia Lawrence reported three agents were nominated for Faculty Council. No members were elected. Denise Holston, Mandy Armentor, Becky Gautreaux, Shatonia McCarty, and Wennie Xu are on Faculty Council. Report on File.

Handbook – Mandy Armentor informed the board of the handbook's changes will be revised to include the state and national winners, deceased members, state convention updates, and life

members. The revision will be sent out when completed. She will go through and review it for consistency as well. She encouraged all members to read the handbook. Report on File.

Marketing- No report provided.

Member Recognition- Diane Uzzle was absent. Report on File.

Nominating- Brittney Seay reported Becky Gautreaux declined her nomination for President Elect. Cynthia Stephens is the nominee for VP for Professional Development. VP for Member Resources nominations are Tiffany Williams and Emelia Clement. Wennie Xu will be the Region 2 Alternate Director. Markaye Russell will be the Region 1 Director. Shannan Chevalier will be Secretary. Cathy Agan will be Parliamentarian. Sandra May will be Region 2 Director. Dianne Uzzle will be Alternate Region 2 Director. Voting will occur in the membership meeting to approve all nominations and the slate of offices.

Special Awards- Cathy Agan reported one application was received for Family Health and Wellness award. Two applications were received for Betty Jane Fairchild award. No applications were received for New Professional or Maxine Reeves award. Report on File.

Ways and Means- Becky Gautreaux reported the sales and volunteering at the state and district shows were great. Next year all t-shirts will be shipped to district managers. Sales profited about \$9,000. There are 52 shirts left from 2017 and 159 shirts from 2018. The weather affected sales since it was warmer this year. All youth sizes were sold. Our booth for the state show will be moved next year. Terri Crawford motioned to donate the remainder of the 2017 livestock show t-shirts to a charity. Mandy Armentor seconded that motion. The motion passed.

Scholarship- Mandy Armentor reported on Dr. Karen Overstreet's behalf there is a scholarship recipient that will be awarded at the awards banquet. Report on File.

Old Business

Robin Landry mentioned nominations will be opened during the member meeting for the VP of Professional Development. Then there will be elections held for VP of Member Resources and VP of Professional Development. The slate of offices will be voted on as well.

Brittney Seay reported enjoying Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference, February 14-15, 2018, in Orlando, FL. She loved getting together with other members from across the nation.

Mandy Armentor reported the Ad Hoc committee (President, Vice President for Professional Development, Treasurer) met and they recommend that the LEAFCS members representing at PILD/JCEP would have their meals, airfare, lodging, and ground transportation reimbursed based on PM 13 and having necessary paperwork effective today. This recommendation would start with 2019 conferences. Mandy Armentor motioned the recommendation. Terri Crawford seconded it. The motion passed.

New Business

- The Handbook update was covered in the report and will be completed by Mandy Armentor by the end of June.

- Due to the confusion and disagreement with joint FCS and LEAFCS conference, Robin Landry asked for suggestions to cancel or continue trying to join the conference. Bid policies and payments were troublesome. Board members mentioned not having excursions nor support with the added training days. Mandy Armentor motioned to discontinue joint conferences starting in 2018 with Region 1 hosting the conference. Becky Gautreaux second the motion. The motioned passed.
- Discussion ensued for one application being submitted and winning several years. It was mentioned that there are no definite rules in NEAFCS that pertain to a situation of this type. The VP of Awards and her committee will look into the potential for a bylaws change for how many times a program could win the same award.

Announcements:

- NEAFCS 2018, September 24-27, 2018, San Antonio, TX
- Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) Conference, February 6-7, 2019, in Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio, TX.
- Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference, April 14-17, 2019, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA.
- Region 1 will look at dates and locations for the 2019 LEAFCS Conference.

With no further business to discuss; Joan Almond made a motion to adjourn; Terri Crawford seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.