



National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences

LEAFCS Summer Board Meeting

Via Skype

August 23, 2017

Call to Order and Welcome

LEAFCS President, Robin Landry, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Minutes & Correspondence

Becky Gautreaux emailed everyone the minutes of the previous meeting. She asked for a motion to dispense with reading of minutes. Mandy Armentor made the motion, and it were seconded by Robin Landry. There was no correspondence to bring before the board.

Financial Report

The report was emailed out by Mandy Armentor. The balanced budget was approved and accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

Public Affairs – Alethia Laurence had no report.

Member Resources- Sandra Raines reported emailing LEAFCS members to submit items for The Aggregate Newsletter. She mentioned she was contacted to submit information about our state-wide projects to NEAFCS to include in the e-newsletter. She submitted information about Healthy Communities. Report on File.

Awards & Recognition- Karen Jones reported the winners from the Spring Banquet. She will announce national winners at the winter board meeting. Report on File.

Professional Development- Layne Langley reported sending out two webinar announcements. She requested that members submit webinars to her that maybe of interest, and she would then send to the membership. Results from the conference survey were shared with the planning committee. Report on File.

Regional Directors- Cathy Agan, Region 1 reported having 14 members and encouraging new employees to join. Flowers were also sent to Carolyn Robinson for a death in the family. Report on File. Kylee Brown, Region 2 reported 21 members. She mentioned this increased since last year due to recruitment. Report on File.

Special Committee Reports

By-Laws – Robin Landry read Brittney Seay’s report on her behalf due to microphone issues. There were no Bylaws changes made to the handbook. Report on file.

Faculty Council- Alethia Laurence will seek nominations from LEAFCS to run for Faculty Council. Report on File.

Handbook - Mandy Armentor reported that the handbook will be revised after nationals to include national winners, scholarship application and information, LEAFCS Executive Board Members, and policy changes. She will send out these changes when they become available. Report on File.

Marketing- Kylee Brown reported there was an increase of members due to word of mouth and suggestions made to coworkers. There are 35 members. Robin Landry noted the website duties are now under the Marketing chair.

Nominating- Robin Landry read Brittney Seay’s report on her behalf. At the annual board meeting we will vote on who will become the VP for Professional Development (R1), VP for Member Resources (R2), Secretary (R1), Regional Directors (R1 & R2), and Alternate Regional Directors (R1 & R2). Report on file.

Ways and Means- Becky Gautreaux reported the contest email for submissions to design the state livestock show shirts will be sent in September.

Scholarship- Robin Landry read Dr. Overstreet’s report. Application notices will be sent out in January. They will be received electronically. Emphasis for the scholarship will be on professional development.

2018 LEAFCS Convention- Robin Landry mentioned the arrangements and sponsorship chairs are TBD. Layne Langley will be in charge of the program. Mandy Armentor will cover registration.

New Business

- Layne Langley reported that the conference survey results indicated that the majority of the respondents (22 yes/5 no) were in favor of a joint conference. It was noted that the funds from the state office helped get “top-notch” speakers. Location and dates will be announced later. A committee will be formed with state and LEAFCS members discussing the plan mid-September. Robin called for ideas on where the conference should be held.
- Mandy Armentor mentioned a member won multiple awards with monetary amounts to attend nationals and is receiving \$3000. She made a motion to appoint an Ad Hoc committee with Karen Jones (VP Awards Chairman), the President, and other members to review this concern. The board denied this request. Instead, it was suggested that the award winners who go onto nationals have a training on how to create an extraordinary packet to win state and national awards. Layne Langley, Terri Crawford, Cathy Agan,

and Diane Uzzle were suggested to be the presenters at the training. Karen Jones will coordinate this for a professional development session at Annual Conference.

- Mandy Armentor reiterated that the handbook will be updated to include the listing of officers. This will provide a permanent record for future reference.
- Robin Landry mentioned the scholarship information will be listed in the handbook as a way to inform individuals on how to apply and receive money to attend nationals.
- Brittney Seay will get a list together on who might be nominated for offices at the Winter Board Meeting.
- Robin reported the attendees to NEAFCS include: Diane Uzzle, Robin Landry, Layne Langley, Becky Gautreaux, Karen Jones, Liz Bryan, and Brittney Seay. Reminded us to register early and book the hotel. The state's night out is Wednesday.

Announcements

- NEAFCS 2017, October 16-19, 2017, Omaha, NE
- NEAFCS Voting Delegates are Karen Jones and Robin Landry.
- Annual Conference & Winter Board/General Meeting, Dec. 12-13, 2017, Baton Rouge, LA
- Start thinking about LEAFCS/NEAFCS Awards and dues deadline will be approaching towards the end of the year!!
- LSU AgCenter State Livestock Show Feb. 10-17, 2018 at Lamar Dixon. Robin Landry encouraged everyone to sell t-shirts as it is our only fundraiser. Travel cannot be claimed when doing this.
- Begin to plan selling Livestock show t-shirts at your parish and district shows and make plans to schedule a time for selling at the state show. Robin reminded everyone to contact Becky Gautreaux on how to get shirts to sell at these shows.

Mandy Armentor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25. Karen Jones seconded the motion.