



## **AAFCS-TEXAS AFFILIATE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL**

### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

**Call to Order:** President, Joyce Armstrong, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Sandra Duke, Secretary, noted attendees as they logged on to call.

**Present:** Joyce Armstrong, CFCS (President), Janet Rodriguez, CFCS (Executive Director), Joice Jeffries (President-elect), Sandra Duke, (Secretary), Nancy Shepherd, CFCS (Counselor), Janis White, CFCS (VP Professional Development), Frances Hare, CFCS, Ret. (VP Membership), Judy Warren, (VP Prof. Development-Elect), Karen Alexander, CFCS (VP Member Relations), Catherine Dutton, (VP Marketing), Jay Yoo (VP Academic Affairs), Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE (Finance Com Chair), Sandra Fowler, (NE District Chair), Angelina Bencomo (SW District Chair), Barbara Allison, (Student Section.-Advisor)

**Not Present:** Linda Mock, CFCS (Treasurer), Roxie Godfrey, (VP Public Policy), Greg Thompson, (Co-VP Academic Affairs), Nancy Granovsky, CFCS (Nom. Com Chair). Meilana Charles, CFCS (NE District Chair-Elect), Angela McCorkle (SE District Chair), Kaitlyn Scott (Student Section-Chair),

**Minutes:** Minutes for October meeting will be sent with Minutes for November meeting.

**Review of Agenda:** President Armstrong reviewed the agenda and gained approval of members to proceed.

### **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report – Janet Rodriguez reported that there is currently \$4,660.59 in checking account which includes the most recent deposit from AAFCS for dues. The savings account balance is 68,405.79 in savings account.

Executive Director's Report – Janet Rodriguez reported that the audit committee meeting will be on Friday, November 13, 2015 in Huntsville, Texas. Audit committee members are Nancy Granovsky, Linda Mock, Barbara Evans, Angela McCorkle. Rodriguez will be visiting the Best Western Hotel in Bryan on Thursday evening to touch base and get clarification on some issues for conference.

### **Up-coming District Meeting Report:**

*Northwest District* – Karen Alexander reported that NW District meeting will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 3:15 – 6:15 p.m. They have partnered with Lubbock ISD with the theme of *Filling the FCS Educator Pipeline*. The meeting will begin with a Meet and Greet, followed by presentation from two area school districts on their FCS programs, an Extension presentation, and Alexander will present on Pre-Pac. This will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A period. The meeting is tied into a teacher professional development day so they are hoping that the FCS teachers will stay for this as well. The meeting will conclude with future directions and dialogue about building the Pipeline. To date, 18 have RSVP'd additionally they hope to have some Texas Tech students attend.

President Armstrong said she will try to attend the meeting; she has been able to attend 2 of the other 3 meetings held this fall.

### **VP Professional Development, Janis White, CFCS**

The 98<sup>th</sup> State Conference in Bryan/College Station February 18-20, 2016 at the Best Western Premier Hotel and Conference Center. The theme is *Sustaining Texas Families, Individuals, and Communities*.

Speakers:

Kip Averett - Quality water supply

Brandon Gunn – More environmentally-friendly pork production

Gay Nell McGinnis and Sharon Pierce – Filling the FCS Educator Pipeline

Personal development speakers are still being contacted, and the invited presentations are being scheduled. Nancy Granovsky is working on tours for Thursday afternoon which currently include (a) The George Bush Library, and (b) Mock hospital and clinic for training doctors and medical professionals.

Janet Rodriguez and Joyce Cavanagh are still working on the food.

Greg Thompson, Co-VP Academic Affairs, reported that the due date for proposals is November 15<sup>th</sup>. To date there are 6 submissions with a few more in the works. They are expecting a minimum of 8-9. Thompson and Jay Yoo will categorize the submissions by topics and report back to White after the deadline.

Catherine Dutton, VP Marketing, has set up links. She asked for an image and theme for social media, White will send this to her.

Karen Alexander, VP Membership Relations, reported on the status of nominations for awards. One excellent nomination for *Friend of the Family* from FCS at Sam Houston, Alexander recommends this award be presented. White filled in details about the nominee: Dan Phillips of the Phoenix Commotion helps fund housing made of 70-80% recycled materials for low-income families, has built approximately 2 dozen of these houses, and is becoming well-known at the international level. They would like to invite him to be keynote speaker at the banquet if he receives award. A discussion ensued about the merits of asking to speak whether or not he gets the award.

Alexander further reported that there are solid nominations for New Achiever, and Teacher of the Year, with two nominations for Professional of the Year. Alexander asked what to do with the other awards where a nomination was not received, specifically, Leader of the Year. Joyce Cavanagh suggested that if this is the year AAFCS gives this award, then review applicants for Professional of Year, and select one for that award, and the other for Leader of the Year. If this is not the year for AAFCS review, then pursue additional nominations. Cavanagh recommended running the final awardees by executive committee for approval rather than full board.

Barbara Allison, Student Section Advisor – reported that she, Nancy Shepherd, and Catherine Dutton, had a phone conference and came up with ideas which were passed on to Janis. Kaitlynn Scott had suggested that instead of raffled baskets as a fund-raiser, the students will paint a canvas to auction off. These will be made ahead of time. The students want to join in on the National AAFCS student project for their service project: Cards for Kids. Students will get together to make cards to give to national campaign or donate locally. The North Texas Business Section wants to sponsor a Student Only Session It is scheduled from 2:30 – 3:15 on Friday, they ask that advisors and others considering using students to assist during presentation to avoid double booking them. Discussion ensued about the value of students meeting together to discuss their own issues, yet not at the exclusion of association with the professionals. Allison suggested that the service project might fill both needs. The AAFCS Certification exam will be offered in a hard copy/proctored format on Saturday at 1p.m. We will be offering a one day registration fee, to attend Saturday morning session and attend brunch for those wishing to take the test yet not able to attend the entire conference. White reported that once food costs were finalized they could set the student cost for registration.

### **District Updates:**

- ***Southeast District*** –Joice Jeffries reported that the recent SE District meeting was successful.
- ***Southwest District*** – Angelina Bencomo sent the following report as time did not allow for her oral report:  
The TAFCS Southwest District held its annual meeting in conjunction with the New Mexico Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2015 Annual State Conference in Las Cruces, NM on October 16-17, 2015. The meeting was held on the campus of New Mexico State University.

The theme of the conference was ***Sharpening FCS Skills to Build Strong Families***. Marlene Lobberecht of Texas was the keynote speaker. Marlene spoke about optimizing individual, business, non-profit success and increasing satisfaction and community involvement. Her speech was informative and energizing.

Also included in the conference were research poster displays, a Chinese Auction, discussions, awards and plenty of door prizes! Sessions included: Food Insecurity in the Border Area, Fashion Update for the Professional World, Mental Health 101 and Adolescents, The Merit of Young Adult Literature in FCS and Strategies for Successful Resource Management (Panel).

We were honored to have Dr. Merrilyn N. Cummings, Linda Wells and Lela Goar as presenters. We were delighted to have had Dr. Barbara Allison, TTU, attend the conference. There were 70 FCS professionals in attendance and the entire event was enjoyable and inspirational.

- ***Northeast District*** –No report.

### **Comments and Announcements:**

- Joice Jeffries, President Elect, Reminded board members about the FCS Day, Dine In initiative December 3<sup>rd</sup>. She sent an email with program details prior to phone conference.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Duke, Secretary