

AAFCS-TX Board Conference Call Minutes
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 **4:00 – 5:00 P.M.**

President Nancy Shepherd, CFCS called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Members present: Joyce Armstrong, CFCS; Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE; Janis White, CFCS; Linda Mock, CFCS; Catherine Dutton; Leisha Bridwell, CFCS; Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS; Frances Hare, CFCS; and Nancy Shepherd, CFCS.

Minutes: Frances Hare will take minutes for this meeting. Secretary Joice Jefferies sent minutes of the January meeting by email a few weeks ago for review and corrections. Some corrections were emailed back to her. Catherine Dutton moved that the January Minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Joyce Armstrong. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Mock, Treasurer will present budget at the business meeting at State Conference. Goal for Silent Auction is \$1200 and more items are needed. The best 3-4 items donated will be auctioned at the Live Auction on Friday evening after the Awards Banquet. Students will help with set up and closing of the Silent Auction.

Old Business

2015 State Conference: Nancy reported for Darlene Hicks, VP Professional Development and Jeanette Willard, General Arrangements Chair. Program is being proofed and menus are set. San Antonio Home Economists in Home and Community will help with registration. Packets will be prepared for registrants, exhibitors, and speakers. Minutes, budget, and agenda will be distributed at the Business Meeting as well as certificates for Board Members. Only the Alamo tour has made. Menger Hotel is full and Crocket Hotel has rooms available. Equipment needs are still being determined. Please notify Darlene and Jeanette if you are bringing any equipment, such as laptop or projector. Joyce Cavanagh is bringing two projectors and Janet Rodriguez is bringing one. Four exhibitors have paid their fees. For the Awards Banquet a local high school group will provide music; special decorations are planned. Everyone is to dress to identify their heritage as part of the theme of the meeting – Cultures Within.

Silent Auction: addressed in the Treasurer's Report. Linda Mock will contact Darlene Hicks about tables.

Awards Banquet: Jaylie Beckenhauer reported that there will be no speaker. Awardees will have some time to speak and will be contacted about this. There are 7 plaques – one for each category with 2 for Professional of the Year. There are seven Mabel Irwin awards. Members with 20 and 30 years of membership will be asked to stand. Jaylie will talk to Janet Rodriguez about certificates. NTBS will present two Donna Culliton awards with certificates. After the awards, members will share heritage of their dress. Jaylie will contact Barbara Ware to take pictures of the event and awardees.

Student Participation: Barbara Allison sent her report that students will meet Thursday, March 5 from 5:00 – 6:00, but they need a location. Nancy will check with Darlene, Jeanette, and Janet for a place. Barbara wants some Board members to come to the meeting to give welcome and tell what they do in the organization. Barbara suggested Janet, Linda and Frances so they could tell where students are needed for help and to get information about the students' demographic presentation and door prizes at the Saturday Brunch. Barbara asked that certificates of attendance be given to the students.

Before this telephone conference in an email to the Board, **Jaylie Beckenhauer made a motion with a friendly amendment to support the students by using the \$1000 budgeted for 2015 Student Scholarships be divided among the undergraduate and graduate student members who register for the 2015 State Conference. The intended use for the money is to reduce the students' registration fee.**

Second by Frances Hare. Discussion during the telephone conference included these points: approximately 10 students will register; TWU students received financial help for the conference from their department; Joyce Armstrong suggested students make application for the funds; does all of the money have to be spent this year or can it carry over to help students attend national conference; there is also Student Unit money that students can decide how to use; Betsy Norum Award sponsored by Home & Community is a stipend given to first year student member attendees for national conference. It was agreed that Jaylie Beckenhauer would create the application form and send to Catherine Dutton to place on Google form and email to all registered students. Any student who completes the form will receive some financial help from the funds. The item will be added to the agenda for the next Board Meeting. **Question was called and motion passed.**

Certification Testing: Nancy reported for Janet Rodriguez that 2 or 3 members have registered. There is a proctor assigned. Joyce Cavanagh offered to proctor, if needed.

Conference Registration: Nancy reported for Janet that 46 + are registered plus exhibitors.

Leadership Workshop: Joyce Armstrong and Catherine Dutton have great plans and will include information about the Texas organization in the workshop. It will be 10:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. Thursday morning.

Texas Vision Survey: Joyce Armstrong encouraged all of us to complete the survey. She and Catherine will have I-Pads at State Conference for members to complete the survey between sessions. Participation numbers need to increase.

Conference Speakers: Joyce Cavanagh reported all are confirmed. Suggestion made to include speaker names, topics, photos, etc on Constant Contact mailing soon to generate interest in the conference.

Membership: Frances Hare explained that paying membership dues late does not change the renewal month. If renewal is December, but is paid in March, the next renewal will be December. Many members think it would be March, but it is not. Lapsed members can re-join at first year membership reduced rate, but member loses the lapsed year for years membership. Members can contact Sophy Mott to have years membership include their student membership years.

Officer Ballot: Ballot was sent by email February 17 with deadline of February 19. This is not enough time. Nancy will contact Janet to extend the deadline. It was noted that link to voting should be in first paragraph, not later in the body, and that two names cannot be selected on the Nominating Committee nominees.

New Business

Finance Committee: will meet Wednesday, March 4, 2:00-3:30 P.M. Since Linda Mock is running for Treasurer for next year, a Finance Committee Chair will be needed since there will be no past Treasurer for the position.

Executive Committee: will meet Wednesday, March 4, 3:30 – 5:30 P.M. Immediately following this meeting the full Board will meet for dinner – dutch treat.

Board of Directors: will meet Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. All Board reports are due to Joice Jefferies and Nancy Shepherd by February 23.

VP Academic Affairs: Sheila Lumar is removed from the ballot. She will continue to help Jay Yoo until the end of May. A replacement will be appointed. Executive Committee needs to discuss Bylaws and the division of the Academic Affairs responsibilities to two people. The issue can be discussed, but a vote on Bylaws changes must have notice to members, so cannot be voted on until 2016 State Conference.

The next Board meeting will be at State Conference, March 4, Menger Hotel, San Antonio.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Hare, CFCS, Retired
for Joice Jefferies, Secretary