

AAFCS-TX General Assembly Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 8, 2013
Civic Center, New Braunfels, Texas

Call to Order: President Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS called the AAFCS-TX Affiliate business meeting to order at 1:20 P.M.

President Beckenhauer asked for a brief moment of silence to honor and remember members who have passed away.

Board Member Reports:

President, Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS - shared her thoughts regarding accomplishments of the affiliate this year. She thanked the board members for their work. The Officer Handbook has been updated and printed for the new board. It will be placed on the Web site soon.

President Elect, Mary Olle - reflected on her experiences at 2012 National Conference at the Affiliate Presidents Meeting and the Leadership Conference. She encouraged members to attend the National Conference in June and the State Conference next year. She encouraged members to become actively involved and run for office.

Secretary, Frances Hare, CFCS - presented the 2012 General Business Meeting Minutes. There were no additions or corrections. **Hare moved to accept the minutes as printed.** No second required; **minutes were approved.**

Treasurer, Patti Rambo, CFCS - presented the Treasurer's Report and addressed questions by members. The report will be filed for audit. The Proposed 2014 Budget was presented.

- **Rambo moved that the Proposed 2014 Budget be approved as presented. Harriet Griggs seconded the motion**
- **Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE moved to amend the 2014 Proposed Budget by increasing Membership Income from \$10,000 to \$12,000; and increase the Web site Expense from \$650 to \$1,100. Second by Sandra Fry, CFCS. Rationale:** Cavanagh explained that with the cost of maintaining the Web site, change in webmaster, and resolving the accessibility of the Web site, expenses have increased. Membership has increased in the affiliate which has increased the income from dues. The trend is expected to continue. **Discussion:** Question about funding of PrePac with the difference between the proposed increase in membership funds and Web site expenses. Cavanagh answered that there is no expense for PrePac this year since we partner with FCSTAT. Knesek reported that future PrePac funds are dedicated in the savings account. Also, membership dues received from national are about \$1000 per month. There will be more income than expenses with this amendment. **The amendment passed.**
- The current motion as amended: **Rambo moved that the 2014 Proposed Budget be approved as amended to increase Membership Income to \$12,000 and increase Web site Expense to \$1,100. Second for amended motion by Sandra Fry, CFCS.** Noting that the increase in income is not balanced with the increase in expense, **Janet Rodriguez, CFCS moved to amend the 2014 Proposed Budget to make it balanced by adding a line item to**

the General Expenses with the difference (\$1,550) for future emergencies. Second by Sally Fortenberry, CFCS. There was no discussion. The amendment passed.

- **The amended motion: Rambo moved that the 2014 Proposed Budget be approved as amended to increase Membership Income to \$12,000 and increase Web site Expenses to \$1,100 with the remaining difference to be in a General Fund Expenses line item for future emergencies. Second by Kathryn Bryan, CFCS. The amended motion passed.**

Executive Director, Natalie Knesek, CFCS - There are 67 registered for the state conference including seven students. Membership for the Texas Affiliate is 427 which is an increase from June 2011 when membership was 365. Knesek reported 39 ballots were cast in the election.

Results:

President Elect - Nancy Shepherd

Secretary - Frances Hare, CFCS

Vice President Elect Professional Development - Janet Rodriguez, CFCS

Vice President Member Relations - Tyler Smith

Vice President Public Policy - Leisha Bridwell

Vice President Academic Affairs - Lisa Kennon

Nominating Committee - Karen Alexander and Carrie Brazeal, CFCS

Northeast District Chair Elect - Delicia Church

Northwest District Chair Elect - Roxie Godfrey

Southeast District Chair Elect - Janice White, CFCS

Vice President Professional Development, Jeanette Willard - Thanked her committee members for their work in making this state conference a success: Janet Rodriguez, CFCS, General Arrangements; Darlene Hicks, CFCS, Food; Nancy Shepherd, Awards; Frances Hare, CFCS, Rooms; and Patti Rambo, CFCS, Silent Auction.

Vice President Elect Professional Development, Joyce Armstrong, CFCS - Reported that the 2014 State Conference will be March 5-8, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas in Richardson. Sherri Dragoo will be the General Arrangements Chair. Armstrong extended a personal invitation to all to attend. She welcomes and encourages suggestions for the conference.

Vice President Member Relations, Nancy Shepherd - Congratulated the membership for the nominations for the 2013 awards and extended an invitation to the Awards Banquet tonight. She challenged the membership to nominate members for the 2014 awards.

Vice President Membership, Janelle Walter, CFCS - Fifty year members Kathryn Bryan, CFCS and Jennie Kitching, CFCS will be recognized at the Awards Banquet. Virginia Anderson passed away last April. Walter asked that members notify Natalie Knesek, CFCS, Executive Director of any member's death.

Vice President Marketing, Linda Mock, CFCS - Invited membership to visit the Web site www.tafcs.org. The Web site name will not be changed because the current domain name has more value since we have had it so long. Mock encouraged members to use the Members Only page for Minutes, Bylaws, and Handbook. She provided the username and password. A new webmaster has been hired. Mock is working on stronger liaisons with supporting organizations

related to FCS and adding those links to the Web site. Mock is also marketing to colleges and universities. She posts often on the Facebook page with current news, webinars, and other events.

President Beckenhauer, CFCS asked Patti Rambo, CFCS to pass the official hat for HUGS donations.

Vice President Academic Affairs, Harriet Griggs - Reported that the Editorial Advisory Committee met and made several suggestions to improve the research journal. The Board of Directors approved changing the name of the *TAFCS Research Journal* to *Texas Family and Consumer Sciences Journal*. There will be two issues: *Research Issue* and *Annual Conference Proceedings Issue*. Another change is that word length of submissions is increased from 1250 words to 3000 words. All of the changes are to improve the scholarly credibility of the journal which will be useful to those seeking promotions and tenure. Griggs has past issues of the journal for sale through the Executive Director.

Counselor, Janet Rodriguez, CFCS - Bylaws are currently being updated and revised to comply with changes at AAFCS. They will be ready for membership vote at the 2014 State Conference.

Recognition of Committee and District Chairs:

Northeast District - Mary Olle

Southeast District - Barbara Evans, CPFFE and Sandra Fry, CFCS

Northwest District - Nancy Shepherd

Southwest District - Angelina Bencomo who will serve in 2014 also

Communities - Sherrie Price, Professional Practice, and Kim Kamin, CFCS, Subject Matter

Finance Committee - Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE

Student Task Force - Joyce Armstrong, CFCS

Nominating Committee - Chair Arminta Jacobson, CFCS; Judy Warren; Ann Anderson; Michelle Jones; Paula Tripp, CFCS. Chair for next year will be Judy Warren.

Recognition of Underwriters - Paula Tripp, CFCS

All universities with FCS degrees were contacted for underwriting opportunities. Many responded with funds for this year and others with funds available for next year. Tripp recognized and thanked the current underwriters for their support of the 2013 State Conference:

North Texas Business Section, Janice Moore

Sam Houston State University, Janice White, CFCS

Texas Tech University, Barbara Allison

Texas Woman's University, Joyce Armstrong, CFCS

University of the Incarnate Word

Texas State University, Maria Canabal, CFCS

Recognition of AAFCS Leaders from Texas

Nancy Shepherd, Membership Committee Chair

Patti Rambo, CFCS, Chair Elect Council for Certification

Barbara Allison, Ethics Committee

Janet Rodriguez, CFCS, and Jaylie Beckenhauer, CFCS, Annual Conference Local Advisory Committee Co-chairs for 2013 National Conference
Janet Rodriguez, CFCS, Co-chair Elementary, Secondary, Adult Education Community
Johnny Sue Reynolds, CFCS, Project Manager, Pre-Professional Assessments and Certifications; Annual Conference Planning Advisory Committee
Gay Nell McGinnis, CFCS, AAFCS Staff

Old Business:

Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE made a motion directing the Board of Directors to explore the process of separating the ballot/election process from the State Conference registration and move to electronic voting. Second by Janelle Walter, CFCS. Discussion: Nancy Granovsky, CFCS added that electronic voting would probably increase number of members voting. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

- **Joyce Armstrong, CFCS made a motion to decrease affiliate student dues from \$70 to the national rate of \$60. Second by Joyce Cavanagh, CPFFE. Rationale:** Armstrong researched other organizations' student dues and Texas' rate is much higher. She also found that Texas' rate is higher than other states in AAFCS. With Texas' strong support for student membership, then we would want to maximize student membership by having a lower rate. **Motion passed.**
- **Joyce Armstrong, CFCS made a motion to increase HUGS support from \$20 to \$30 per student applicant. Second by Janet Rodriguez, CFCS. Rationale:** Armstrong supported the motion with the same rationale from the previous motion and added that the affiliate has the finances to support the change. The increase in HUGS support would make the amount students pay of their dues \$30. **Motion passed.** Question asked about when the change would be effective. Knesek answered that it would be immediate.

Announcements:

- Nancy Granovsky, CFCS commented that the change in dues and HUGS would be especially good to get students to the National Conference in Houston.
- Harriet Griggs reported that the AAFCS-TX Award for students is now a cash award instead of a scholarship.
- AAFCS Community of Partners in Home and Community sponsor the Betsy Norum subsidy of \$500 for student first time attendee to the National Conference. Applications and information are on the AAFCS Web site.
- Natalie Knesek, CFCS will do *e*-blasts to inform students and members of the changes and opportunities.
- Gay Nell McGinnis, CFCS reminded members of AAFCS incentive of a free webinar for new members and member renewals. The incentive applies to student memberships also.
- Students will meet today during the Communities time to discuss their roles in the Student Unit and how to be involved with the Unit. Natalie Knesek, CFCS reminded students that their membership renewals are to be sent to her for HUGS assistance. HUGS is available as long as they are students.

- Distinguished Service Award nominee Nancy Granovsky, CFCS was recognized. Members may write a note for her notebook and donate in her honor.
- Barbara Evans asked for help with Take It to the Street Report. Members who have participated in any way during 2012-2013 with financial literacy should write a brief summary and send to her ASAP. Members who have participated in obesity prevention should send a brief summary to Janelle Walter, CFCS for her TIS Report. Include number of contact/participants if possible in both submissions.
- Members encouraged to attend the AAFCS 2013 National Conference June 26-29, 2013, in Houston.
- Donations collected during the business meeting for HUGS: \$ 131.

Sally Fortenberry, CFCS moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:35. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Hare

Frances Hare, CFCS, Retired
Secretary, AAFCS-TX