

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences – Texas Affiliate

General Business Meeting

March 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by President Janelle Walter.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer Report - \$44,200.00 in savings, \$26,100 in Checking. The treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation.

The proposed budget was accepted by acclamation.

Board Officer Presentations

- President Elect attended FCSTAT conference August 2011 and hosted a booth. Also attended the president's reception at the Leadership Conference in Indiana
- S.E. District meeting was successful. Childhood obesity initiative was the Take it to the Streets project. A new chairperson is needed for the ensuing year.
- The Counselor reported that the handbook update and review is in progress; the bylaws will be updated to represent changes from recent years.
- The VP of Professional Development attended the national conference at AAFCS and will have organized this meeting
- VP Member Relations – contacted and recognized award nominees – there were not student award winners; members need to nominate student members to participate
- VP Membership – Veronica Billingsly – sent a packet to colleges and universities but needs to identify all those involved to increase student involvement.
- VP Marketing
 - Website has a Facebook page which is up and the meetings will be posted to get current information about the local and national levels
 - Student information will be on the website
 - Will continue to work on keeping the website current
 - Please send suggestions to help keep it updated; Frances Hare is the first administrator; Marlene Lobberecht is the second administrator; there needs to be additional administrators to back up the system

- VP Public Policy – Marlene Lobberecht wrote the Texas Advocacy Playbook which provides congressional information to board members and will send info on public policy bills to members if they request this. Will continue to monitor bills in Texas congress and resolutions put forth by AAFCS
- VP Academic Affairs – reports a good year. The journal has about 22 authors and there was a good response at this meeting for submissions (n=17) and reviewers (n=19). There is a need for more reviewers. There are concerns that no students applied for the scholarship this year.
- NE District Chair – reported a good year. Three goals for the district were met: 1) have all program areas represented in speakers/topics; 2) have low cost meeting that paid for itself; increase attendance.
- NW District Chair – reported successfully educating the community about FCS by establishing an annual speaker series, the first of which was Living with Disabilities – It Takes a Village. There were over 100 attendees with media coverage. They are planning a fund raiser for students to attend the national meeting. Need someone to accept the position for NW District Chair in the ensuing year.
- Executive Director – gave greetings and encourage more participation; worked with finances; will do the audit; published the 2010 research journal; will make past publications available on the website; coordinated the annual meeting with the VP for Program Development; counted the ballots; worked on HUGS and encourages students to apply for this; acted as liaison with AAFCS; appealed to keep membership updated with current contact information; commended Frances Hare for work on the website; announced her retirement effective May 31, 2011 to spend more time with her family.
- Student Unit Chair – thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve; traveled to Cleveland for the annual meeting; distributed information packets to schools for membership drive; reported the fall student meeting was cancelled due to non-participation; is planning to travel to schools to encourage student participation; stated that student scholarships will effect overall financial aid award packages; suggested that scholarships may eliminate potential candidates because of barriers and requirements.
- Nominating Chair – Thanked committee members and announce the results of the election.

Old business

- AAFCS Texas Affiliate is the new name and the board voted to change the name with the state of Texas.

- Janet Rodriguez will be travelling to universities for recruitment for TAFCS and needs help with room and board along the way
- The Handbook and Bylaws updates are in progress and will be posted on the website

New Business

- Fund Raiser at the national meeting – T-Shirts for Affiliates and Texas Chili
- Journal format will be updated to expand the depth and breadth of articles, making it more rigorous
- New format for the annual meeting – on college campuses, in civic centers, or other venues. Requested suggestions to make the meetings meaningful
- Resolutions –
 - Obesity Prevention – acceptance passed by acclamation
 - Sustainability of FCS – discussion will be posted on website for comments. It is not in final form at this time. It was accepted by acclamation with the change that the affiliate would be involved at state and local levels.
- Door Prizes were given

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences – Texas Affiliate