

Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Spring Board Meeting – via Microsoft Teams
May 5-6, 2020

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Spring Board Meeting was called to order by Brittany Martin at 9:30 a.m. on May 5, 2020.

The following members were present: Aimee Sandifeer, Amy Ressler, Andrea Brooks, Angie Gutierrez, Angie Sifuentes, Brittany Martin, Carolyn Prill, Cathy Person, Courtney Mercer, Courtney Parrott, Felice Acker, Flora Williams, Gretchen Sanders, Joan Gray-Soria, Jocelin Villarreal, Joanne Ureste, Kailey Scott, Karan Heffelfinger, Kay Herron-Rogers, Laura Graves, Leticia Hardy, Liz Espie, Lynette Babcock, Mandy Patrick, Melanie Potter, Melode Watson, Molly Flores, Norma Munoz, Penny Berend, Ronda White, Staci Winders, and Tonya Poncik.

The Inspiration for the day was given by President-Elect Liz Espie. She shared with the Board the following African proverb, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go forward, go together.” She encouraged to remember this quote as we continue to adapt and change to COVID restrictions.

Joan Gray-Soria reported on the TEAFCS State Meeting. Members are excited about all of the events they have planned. Joan gave the membership an overview of the conference. Joan assured the membership that if the event is cancelled due to COVID-19, then everyone will be reimbursed. Felice Acker made the motion to approve the 2020 TEAFCS State Meeting agenda. Melanie Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Martin appointed Penny Berend and Joanne Ureste to review the minutes of the Spring Board meeting.

Secretary Gretchen Sanders conducted the Roll Call for the Board with “How are you separating your professional life from your personal life?”

Felice presented the minutes from the Winter Board meeting. Karan Heffelfinger and Cathy Pearson reviewed the Winter Board meeting minutes. Penny Berend made the motion to approve the minutes as presented with some grammatical and spelling corrections to be made by Felice. Kay Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Amy Ressler reported the balance of the investment account on May 5, 2020 to be 85,347.16. The checking account balance is \$51,563.45.

Brittany Martin began a discussion of membership. Amy Ressler reported that there are currently 184 members plus 9 state only members. Previously, agents had questioned whether or not assistant agents could join. Discussion followed that included BLT and

Healthy Texas employees becoming members. They are considered state only members and are not considered members regarding NEAFCS delegate numbers. Members discussed that if we have a lot of state only members that we might lose NEAFCS voting delegates. Leticia Hardy requested that TEAFCS define the state only member option. Amy Ressler suggested that we table this discussion for now.

District Reports were given by the District Directors as follows:

District	Current Members	ENP Members	1890 Members	Vacant Positions	New/ Transfers	Retirees
01	18	0	1	1	1	0
02	16	0	0	2	0	1
03	21	0	0	0	4	1
04	19	2	0	3	0	0
05	16	0	0	1	0	1
06	6	0	0	0	2	0
07	11	0	0	1	0	1
08	16	0	1	2	0	0
09	23	0	3	2	0	1
10	18	0	0	0	1	1
11	20	1	1	1	1	0
12	8	0	0	1	0	0

Executive Committee Reports:

President, Brittany Martin attended the virtual PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference and she attended JCEP in San Antonio. Brittany reported that she has been meeting with Dr. Jeff Hyde to share the importance of Agents being a part of TEAFCS as well as other associations. Dr. Hyde will be using the newly formed Sounding Board to communicate with Agents. Dr. Hyde would like to pivot from Agent concerns expressed and discussed through professional board meetings. Discussion followed.

President-Elect, Liz Espie-Liz continued the discussion about her experience at PILD. She stressed the importance of having an elevator speech ready to go. She also stressed the importance of impact statements. She encouraged the membership to read the impact statements on the NEAFCS web site. Liz also asked Courtney Parrott to share more information about impact statements. She made the membership aware that we should make sure to report everything to TexasData so that we can be recognized at the national level. Courtney suggested that our membership contact someone at the state level to get our impact statements sent on to the state level.

1st Vice President, Lynette Babcock-Lynette thanked everyone on the awards committee for their hard work. She reported that there were 41 applications submitted to the national level, 38 advanced, 11 state only applications.

2nd Vice President, Joan Gray-Soria-Joan suggested that we consider event insurance in case of other disasters. She reported that if we AgriLife says we have to cancel the 2020 TEAFCS state meeting it will cost over \$22,000 if the City of Amarillo says we cannot meet it will be covered under the implausibility clause. Felice announced that the Executive Board has voted to cover the amount if AgriLife cancels the event.

Secretary, Gretchen Sanders-No report.

Treasurer, Amy Ressler-Amy announced that the Finance Committee members will be meeting to assist with budget development. Members of the Finance Committee include Norma Munoz, Leticia Hardy, Brittany Martin and Liz Espie. They will meet by Zoom soon.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws-Andrea Brooks-No report.

Member Resources-Felice Acker-Felice announced that her committee was unable to meet, but will present information at the summer board meeting.

Historical-Cathy Pearson-No report.

Texas Extra-Flora Williams reported that she needs articles for the next issue by July 15, 2020.

4-H Foundation-Mandy Patrick-The 4-H Foundation met in March. There 423 4-H application and 225 were selected. Selected 4-H members were asked to submit a video answering interview questions. There will be no banquet this year due to COVID social distancing practices. Texas 4-H Foundation Director, David White, had previously announced that donors were still committed to 100% of their donations. Some alliance partnerships such as the Houston Astros and Schitterbahn will be delayed.

Website-Jocelin Villarreal-Jocelin announced that she will update a few things and post minutes. She will also send out a poll to find out how long the membership would like to have pictures posted. Penny made the motion to keep photos as an archive of special events as long as there is space available on website. Gretchen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Brittany reported that she sent out a list of District Directors and Executive Board.

Liz Espie requested that District Directors report how many members will be attending NEAFCS. She will be arranging a states night out.

The meeting was adjourned until May 6, 2020 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was called to order by Brittany Martin at 10:15 a.m. on May 6, 2020.

Liz Espie led a discussion about TEAFCS Executive Board officers for 2020-2022. Liz is reported that the following offices will be elected at the 2020 TEAFCS State Meeting: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Texas Extra Editor.

Brittany asked the membership to let her know if new members would like a NEAFCS pin.

Spring Board Meeting Administrative Questions-Short discussion followed about some of the questions, especially communication via e-mail.

Brittany reported on the PEAC (Professional Extension Agents Council) and that it probably won't happen in the future. She also reported that TEAFCS members should communicate the importance of being a member and the importance of professional development opportunities and mentoring to retain employees. Discussion followed about professional organizations and the new Sounding Board. Comments from membership followed with suggestions that we have a professional development opportunity at Board and discussion about how each district hosts their professional development events.

Brittany asked the membership to vote to have TCAAA host the next board meeting as the Texas 4-H Center will hold their deposit since the Spring Board meeting was cancelled. Felice Acker presented a poll via Microsoft Teams and members votes unanimously to shift the rotation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. Liz Espie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brittany provided the membership with the following dates to remember:

2020 TEAFCS Conference, July 28-30, 2020

Amarillo, TX

2020 NEAFCS Conference, September 14-17, 2020

Snowbird Resort, UT

Respectfully submitted,



Gretchen Sanders
TEAFCS Secretary