

**Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences**  
**Summer Board Meeting**  
**Holiday Inn, Tyler, TX**  
**July 28, 2021**

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Spring Board Meeting was called to order by Liz Espie at 11:04 a.m. on July 28, 2021.

The following members were present: Kelli Lehman, Melanie Potter, Penny Berend, Aimee Sandifeer, Kailey Scott, Courtney Parrott, Staci Winders, Andrea Brooks, Micah Holcombe, Leticia Hardy, Molly Flores, Angie Gutierrez, Sally Garrett, Angie Sifuentes, Joanne Ureste, Liz Espie, Amy Ressler, Ronda White, Mandy Patrick, Norma Munoz, Tonya Poncik, Sarah Latham, Jocelin Villareal, and Melode Watson.

The Inspiration for the day was given by President-Elect Amy Ressler. She shared a quote from Paula Coehlo, "The rose is a rose from the time it is a seed to the time it dies. Within it, at all times, it contains its whole potential. It seems to be constantly in the process of change: Yet at each state, at each moment, it is perfectly all right as it is."

President Espie appointed Andrea Brooks and Joanne Ureste to review the minutes of the Summer Board meeting.

Secretary Melode Watson conducted the Roll Call for the Board with board members answering roll call by answering "What is your favorite flower?"

Melode also presented the minutes from the Spring Board meeting. Aimee Sandifeer and Karan Heffelfinger reviewed the Spring Board meeting minutes. Courtney Mercer made the motion to approve the minutes. Melanie Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

District reports were put on hold until Melode and Norma can meet and come up with a more accurate system of reporting membership numbers at board meetings.

Treasurer Norma Munoz reported the balance of the investment account was \$106,709.09 on July 25, 2021. The checking account balance is \$58,117.08 as of July 25, 2021. She reported there are 182 NEAFCS members (168 renewals, 14 new members, and 1 new life member) and 7 state only members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

By-Laws-Melode Watson – Melode clarified the proposed by-laws amendment which will be presented at the Annual Business Meeting.

Member Resources-Brittany Martin – No report (Brittany was not in attendance at the Summer Board meeting). Liz announced that Felice Acker will present member resources committee report at Annual Business Meeting. Liz reminded everyone to participate in the President's Charity by donating \$21 and to encourage district members to also participate.

Historical – Tonya Poncik reported that she has pictures from last year's conference and that they would be uploaded to the website.

Texas Extra-Sara Latham reported that submissions for the next edition are due on September 15 for the October 1 release date. She also asked that district directors let her know if their district editor has changed.

4-H Foundation-Mandy Patrick – Mandy reported that Texas 4-H Foundation Executive Director David White will give welcome and talk about 4-H Foundation to conference attendees during the opening session.

Webmaster-Jocelin Villarreal-Jocelin reported that the last update was when conference registration was taken down. She will update the website with new Texas Extra deadlines. She asked that everyone let her know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Liz Espie – Liz deferred her report to the Annual Business Meeting.

President-Elect Amy Ressler – Amy deferred her report to the Annual Business Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ronda White – Ronda deferred her report to the Annual Business Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Mandy Patrick – No report

Secretary, Melode Watson – No report

Treasurer, Norma Munoz – No report.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Updates – Norma reported that the iPad has arrived and has been set up, so it will be used as needed for TEAFCS finance business. She is continuing to work on finding a bank to move the TEAFCS operating account (everything but the contingency fund).

NEAFCS President's Reception – Liz reported that AgriLife has given \$5000 in support of the President's Reception. Liz asked for an additional \$2000 in support from TEAFCS. Courtney Mercer made the motion to support the President's Reception with a \$2,000 donation. Sally Garrett seconded the motion Motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

2021 TEAFCS Conference Update – Mandy reported that the New Board Meeting will be in the Gemini Room. She also noted that attendees need to pick up a conference schedule from the basket on the registration table.

2021 NEAFCS Annual Session Voting Delegates – Liz explained that Texas gets 7 voting delegates. Voting delegates receive a stipend to help with travel expenses. Five of Executive Board member positions are automatic voting delegates (unless not attending NEAFCS Annual Session). The remaining delegates would come from odd numbered districts. District directors reported on potential number of members attending the national meeting. Delegates will be determined at a later date.

New Finance Subcommittee – Norma reported that the other professional associations donate a Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship. She stated that it has been discussed how TEAFCS could fundraise in order to support the 4-H Foundation with a scholarship. Minimum scholarship amount would be \$3000-\$4000. A new subcommittee will be formed to address this fundraising effort. Committee sign-ups will be at the new board meeting.

Ann Sonner Scholarship – Norma reported that they are trying to determine when the Ann Sonner Scholarship started and where the money came from. She reported that she has not been able to find out much information during the research. There have only been 2 scholarships given since 2015. A discussion was held about the scholarship. Information gathering will continue to find out history of the scholarship and determine the funding source. Item tabled.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Swap – clothing will be in Gemini Room

Liz provided the membership with the following dates to remember:

2021 NEAFCS Conference – November 2-5, 2021	Grand Rapids, MI
JCEP Leadership Conference – February 9-10, 2022	Kansas City, MO
PILD Conference – April 3-5, 2022	Arlington, VA
2022 TEAFCS Conference – July 25-28, 2022	Decatur, TX
2022 NEAFCS Conference – September 12-15, 2022	Raleigh, NC

A motion to adjourn was made by Sally Garrett. The motion was seconded by Melanie Potter. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melode Watson TEAFCS Secretary