

**Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Winter Board Meeting
Texas 4-H Center and via Microsoft Teams
December 7-8, 2021**

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Winter Board Meeting was called to order by Amy Ressler at 1:09 p.m. on December 7, 2021.

The following members were present: Kendra Callahan, Penny Berend, Laura Graves, Alaina Woolsey, Cathy Pearson, Felicia Thompson, Staci Winders, Andrea Brooks, Tonya Poncik, Fallon Foster, Molly Flores, Angie Gutierrez, Sally Garrett, Gabrielle Washington, Joanne Ureste-Armijo, Zelina Zavala, Amy Ressler, Liz Espie, Ronda White, Lynette Babcock, Norma Munoz, Sarah Latham, Micah Holcombe, Kelli Brown, and Melode Watson.

The Inspiration for the day was given by Amy Ressler. She shared The Power of Words by Jocelin Villarreal.

President Ressler appointed Kendra Callahan and Gabby Washington to review the minutes of the Winter Board meeting.

Secretary Melode Watson conducted the Roll Call for the Board with board members answering roll call by answering "What's your word?"

Melode also presented the minutes from the Summer Board meeting. Andrea Brooks and Joanne Ureste reviewed the Summer Board meeting minutes. Penny Berend made the motion to approve the minutes. Sally Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Norma Munoz reported the balance of the investment account was \$110,735.89 on December 7, 2021. The checking account balance is \$66,254.91 as of December 6, 2021. She reported there are 186 members – 169 renewals, 16 new members, and 1 new life member. She reported that she has received dues from all districts except two. Norma also reviewed income and expense reports.

District Reports were given by the District Directors as follows: (District directors discussed structure, district memberships, scholarship, etc)

District	NEAFCS Members	Agri Life	CEP	EFNEP	BLT	Other	Vacant Positions	State Only
01								
02	16	15	0	0	0	1	1	0
03	20	14	0	0	4	2	0	0
04	15	14	0	1	0	0	2	0
05	18	16	0	0	2	0	1	0
06	4	4	0	0	0	0	3	0
07	12	10	0	0	2	0	0	0
08	15	12	1	0	2	0	2	0
09	17	13	0	1	2	1	0	0
10	12	12	0	0	0	0	3	0
11	17	15	0	0	0	2	1	5
12	12	9	2	0	1	0	3	0

*Note: No report was given from District 1. There was no one in attendance at the meeting from D1.

Norma reviewed the new form that will be used for District Reports. She also noted that members can join anytime during the year.

PEAC Meeting Topic – Possible topics/issues were discussed. Amy and Liz will attend the PEAC meeting.

- Competition within FCH areas, especially larger counties with many agents. Stepping on each other's toes. More prevalent in some counties than others.
- Expectations – hard to know expectations and each person's role.
 - Basic performance expectations across the board.
- Competition with specialists – they can offer programs for free when agents have to charge.
- Lack of consistency between counties.
- Communication

Amy noted that some of these issues were discussed during the TEAFCS officer meeting with admin in the fall.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Amy Ressler – Amy reported that agents need to sign up for committees. She also noted that anyone can serve on committees – not just board members. She shared the guidelines for attendance at District, State and National meetings. She stated that admin is making adjustments to the document.

1st Vice President, Ronda White – Ronda gave an awards update. She will be emailing awards guidelines and information to all directors and associate directors. The Texas deadline for national awards is February 15. If interested in judging awards application, please contact Ronda.

2nd Vice President, Lynette Babcock - Lynette reported that NEAFCS is currently accepting proposals for Annual Conference. She also shared information about the NEAFCS webinars. The webinars are posted to the NEAFCS website.

Secretary, Melode Watson – Melode reported that her term ends this year. Anyone interested in serving as secretary, please contact Melode.

Treasurer, Norma Munoz – Norma reported that her term ends this year. Anyone interested in serving as the treasurer, please contact Norma.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Laws-Melode Watson - Melode reported that her committee will be meeting before Spring Boards to review the Standing Rules.

Member Resources-Liz Espie – Liz encouraged state affiliate members to join National Committees. Members can sign up on the NEAFCS website. She also encouraged agents to encourage interns to join as student members to increase our reach.

Texas Extra-Sarah Latham reported the next edition will be released January 1, 2022. Quarterly deadlines for 2022 are March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15.

Historical – Kelli Brown asked board members to send her program pictures (2 per program) from their districts. The photos will be displayed at the TEAFCS Conference.

4-H Foundation-Micah Holcombe – Micah will email the 4-H Foundation report to all board members.

Webmaster-Chris Coon-No report. Chris was not in attendance at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:19 a.m. Wednesday, December 8.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Annual Conference in Tyler – District 6 reported that the conference went well. Even though the goal of conference is not to raise funds, they were able to make a significant profit. Half of the profit remains with the host district and the other half is put into the TEAFCS Contingency Budget.

NEAFCS meeting report – There were approximately 10 attendees from Texas for the virtual NEAFCS Conference. During the business meeting, possible by-laws were discussed. It was tabled to give them time to adjust the wording. A virtual party was held for Dianne Gertson – NEAFCS President from Texas.

Meeting with ELT – TEAFCS officers met with ELT in the fall. A summary of the meetings with professional associations was distributed by Dr. Ripley during the General Session.

PEAC – Salaries, compression, locality pay, mid-year raises were discussed at the PEAC meeting. Admin is very aware of these concerns and trying to address them and prioritize the issues. It was also discussed that if they get more money, they will have to figure out how to allocate it. Dr. Murano stressed the importance of communicating our value and our impact to the legislators because they are the ones making budgeting decisions. PEAC will meet quarterly.

Peter McGill, Director for VG Young Institute, met with members at PEAC meeting. They host the Judges and Commissioners Court meetings across the state. They ask each association to donate money to be used for the breaks at those meetings. Professional associations donate \$1500 annually. In TEAFCS, each district association donates \$100, and the state association donates \$300. He explained that the current amount does not cover all of the costs for the breaks, so he asked that each association consider increasing their donation to \$2000. He also encouraged representation from associations at the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Election fill President-Elect vacancy – Amy reported that there were two TEAFCS members who were interested in the President-elect position. Flora Williams asked to be withdrawn from consideration after being asked to serve as an EPS officer. Sally Garrett made the motion to accept Joanne Euresti by acclamation for the position of President-elect. Cathy Pearson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joanne will assume the role of President-elect.

2022 TEAFCS Conference Update – Lynette Babcock reported the 2022 TEAFCS will be July 25-28 in Decatur at the Fairfield Inn. The hotel will take reservations now. They are working on a fun Friendship Event. Their goal is to open registration after Spring Board meeting. Anyone who would be interested in presenting a session needs to contact Lynette.

Idea Sharing by Districts – each District Director shared programming ideas from district.

Donation to VG Young for Judges and Commissioners Court Conference – Kelli Brown made a motion to increase the donation to the Judges and Commissioners Court Conference by \$500 from the state association. Laura Graves seconded the motion. Motion passed. The total donation to will now be \$2000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy provided the membership with the following dates to remember:

2022 Spring Boards – May 3-4, 2022	Brownwood, TX
2022 TEAFCS Conference – July 25-28, 2022	Decatur, TX
2022 NEAFCS Conference – September 12-14, 2022	Raleigh, NC
2022 Winter Boards – December 6-7, 2022	Brownwood, TX

A motion to adjourn was made by Fallon Foster. The motion was seconded by Andrea Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melode Watson".

Melode Watson
TEAFCS Secretary