

**Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
Spring Board Meeting
Texas 4-H Center
May 3-4, 2022**

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Winter Board Meeting was called to order by Amy Ressler at 1:06 p.m. on May3, 2022.

The following members were present: Carolyn Prill-Bennett, Wendy Hazzard, Kendra Callahan, Penny Berend, Laura Graves, Alaina Woolsey, Cathy Pearson, Felicia Thompson, Haley LaCaze, Staci Winders, Kelli Maberry, Andrea Brooks, Tonya Poncik, Fallon Foster, Angie Gutierrez, Sally Garrett, Andrea Valdez, Amy Ressler, Joanne Ureste-Armijo, Liz Espie, Ronda White, Lynette Babcock, Norma Munoz, Sarah Latham, Kelli Brown, and Melode Watson.

The Inspiration was given by Joanne Ureste. She shared quotes from Yoda and Yoda's Wisdom for Awesome Agents.

President Ressler appointed Sally Garrett and Cathy Pearson 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 is your Yoda advice for programmatic or professional success?"

Melode also presented the minutes from the Summer Board meeting. Kendra Callahan and Gabby Washington reviewed the Winter Board meeting minutes. Tonya Poncik made the motion to approve the minutes. Norma Munoz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Norma Munoz reported the balance of the investment account was \$103,641.96 on April 29, 2022. The checking account balance is \$69,862.18 as of April 29, 2022. She reported there are 173 members.

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

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

District	NEAF CS Members	Agri Life	CEP	EFNEP	BLT	Other	Vacant Positions	State Only	Retire es
01	14	12	1	0	0	1	4	0	1
02	14	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
03	20	14	0	0	4	2	0	0	0
04	17	16	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
05	19	15	0	0	2	2	1	0	1
06	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
07	12	10	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
08	15	12	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
09	19	15	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
10	15	13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
11	17	20	2	0	0	0	0	5	1
12	11	6	1	0	2	2	4	1	0

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

- Previously discussed:
 - Competition within FCH areas (ex: in larger counties, multiple agents doing nutrition programming, fighting for same audience, etc)
 - Communication within organization – too many emails about certain things – none or little about others
- Other issues
 - Membership and Involvement in Association
 - Numbers have declined
 - People want to be involved but don't have the funding
 - Professional Development has to meet certain criteria for some to be able to attend meetings (ex: Healthy South Texas agents)
 - Need help in funding to get more involved
 - Needed for Career Ladder, yet have to pay out of pocket
 - Ideas: scholarships for EFNEP? Get Cooperative Extension/Prairie View involved?
 - Roundup
 - Storyboards
 - Didn't get results last year until after Roundup
 - Is it a state contest recognized at Roundup?
 - Digital contest – people aren't seeing boards created by 4-Hers
 - Invitational contest
 - Will they open invitational contests to intermediates like in the past? Some agents use these contest as recruiting tools with good retention
 - More clarification on Fee-Based Programming
 - How many programs per focus area?
 - Some DEA's have given agents fee-based goals while others haven't
 - Where is fee-based \$\$ going? Would like to see more transparency
 - Plan for future – cost of living increase, etc

- Adjustment – 10 years and below got adjustment
- Clarification – CEP agent expectations on roles and responsibilities to unit assigned – county issue?
- Positives
 - Dr. Avery is visiting each district
 - Discover Extension – new New Agent Training – two board members attended and reported that it is a positive revamp
 - BLT System
 - Easy to use
 - Would like to be able to get reports (not able to get them currently)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Amy Ressler – Amy reported that she in on national committees. She encouraged us to consider attending national meetings – good networking with others from other states, good way to get involved.

President-elect Joanne Ureste – Joanne reported that she attended JCEP. The theme was Reconnect, Reflect, and Recharge – make time to take care of yourself. She said it was a great way to network. She shared resources received from JCEP. She also attended PILD where they were able to meet with U.S. Representative about increasing funding. Joanne wrote the impact statements for Texas. Amy noted that these interpretation documents were given to legislators.

1st Vice President, Ronda White – Ronda gave an awards update. There were 18 national awards applications. These applications are currently being judged. She said we should get results in May. There were 24 state-only awards applicants and 1 scholarship applicant. The judging was completed this week. Notifications will be emailed soon. Award winners will be recognized at the state conference in July.

2nd Vice President, Lynette Babcock - Lynette will give an update later in the meeting

Secretary, Melode Watson – No report.

Treasurer, Norma Munoz – Norma reported that she has looked at the budget for the current year and will begin working on the new budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Norma Munoz – Norma reported that we have discussed opening an operating account for membership dues. This will take place with the new treasurer. She is currently trying to find a bank that is more readily available for the majority. The existing account would be left as the contingency account.

By-Laws-Melode Watson – Melode reported that the By-Laws committee met last month and reviewed the Standing Rules. Proposed changes will be presented later in the meeting.

Member Resources-Liz Espie – Liz reported that she needs retiree names and addresses. Retirees will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card. She also discussed the Clothing Swap at 2021 TEAFCS

Conference was a success and would like to do this again this year. She will get with District 3 to make plans for this year's Clothing Swap. She also encouraged members to check the NEAFCS website for national committee opportunities and webinars.

Historical – Kelli Brown reported that she will utilize photos from Texas Extra to highlight programs at the state meeting.

Texas Extra-Sarah Latham reported the next edition will be released July 1, 2022. Reminder will be sent June 1.

4-H Foundation-Micah Holcombe – Amy read the Foundation report submitted by Micah. The next meeting will be during Roundup.

- Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships – Interviews were held April 29-May 1. Notifications should be sent by Friday, May 13. Banquets will be held during Roundup.
- Clover Gala Fundraiser – will be held June 9 in the evening during Roundup. Tables and individual tickets will be sold. A Silent Auction will also be held.
- County Extension Agent Program – reviewed Q&A
- New Partnership/4-H Merchandise for your County
 - Order 4-H merchandise from CC Creations and a portion of the county's sales will go back to the county.

Webmaster-Chris Coon reported - No report. Webmaster was not in attendance

OLD BUSINESS

Revision of district membership report – If you have suggestions to make it easier to complete and gather information, please let Norma and Melode know.

OTHER

TEAFCS will host 2023 Spring Boards. It is in our budget to provide refreshments as the host.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation to Disaster Relief for employees

Two employees were affected by the tornadoes this spring – Alinda Cox from D3 and Shaniqua Davis from D5. There have been accounts set up for both agents. TCAAA is donating to both. TAE4-HYDP is having members donate individually. It was noted that a donation could come out of the contingency budget. There is \$2700 budgeted that has not been used this year. Penny Berend shared that D3 has a courtesy policy. Discussion was held. Tonya Poncik made a motion that we implement an Emergency Assistance Fund and create a committee to develop guidelines. Sally Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee will consist of Tonya Poncik, Andrea Brooks, Norma Munoz, and Amy Ressler.

Expenses for JCEP and PILD

Travel expenses budgeted this year for PILD was \$2000 and \$2500 for JCEP. Norma explained that Amy paid her meals out of pocket at JCEP but didn't have receipts for reimbursement. The GSA per diem for Kansas City would be \$224 for the whole trip. Norma noted that there nothing in writing about reimbursing for meals using GSA or receipts. Penny Berend made a motion to reimburse Amy per diem based on GSA for Kansas City for JCEP 2022. Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was recommended that it be put in Standing Rules allowing an individual to use the TEAFCS debit card and stay within the GSA per diem. Discussion was held. It was decided to table the matter until Standing Rules are addressed on the agenda tomorrow.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Idea Sharing by Districts – each District Director shared programming ideas from district.

Meeting reconvened at 8:52 a.m. Wednesday, May 4.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Expenses for JCEP and PILD (Continued)

Norma explained that Liz was not able to attend 2020 and 2021 conferences due to Covid, so we only paid for registration fees since the conferences were virtual. Liz applied for the NEAFCS scholarship for 2022 PILD and received it to attend the conference. She paid hotel (\$1705.51) and meals (\$434.50) out of pocket. The budget for JCEP was \$2500. We spent \$985.50 for Amy and Joanne. There was \$2000 budgeted for PILD, and we spent \$1286.22. There is \$2228.28 leftover from both budgets. Liz's total out-of-pocket expenses were \$2140.01. Norma asked for discussion on reimbursing Liz. The money will come out of this year's budget. Carolyn Prill-Bennett made a motion that we use the money left over from the 2022 JCEP and PILD budget line items to reimburse Liz for out-of-pocket expenses for 2022 PILD Conference. Carolyn amended the motion due to Covid restrictions and inability to attend in person as President-Elect and President in 2020 and 2021. Kelli Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Recommendations for nominating committee

Joanne will head up the nominating committee to determine the slate of officers to be presented. Joanne reviewed officer information and responsibilities from the By-laws. She asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Ronda White, Tonya Poncik, and Carolyn Prill-Bennett volunteered to serve.

Standing Rules revisions – The By-Laws committee presented proposed changes to the Standing Rules. Discussion was held and more changes were suggested. A revised version of proposed changes will be presented at the Summer Board meeting and voted on at that time.

Texas Extra submissions

In the past, district representatives submitted Texas Extra information/articles to the person in charge of Texas Extra. Sarah Latham has suggested a change in the submission process for Texas Extra. The new process would utilize a Google Drive. Some districts may feel that this would bypass the district representative. Discussion was held on how the district representative could still be involved – encourage others to upload articles to Google Drive, share the link with district members, etc.

2022 TEAFCS Conference Update – Lynette Babcock reported on the 2022 TEAFCS Conference hosted by District 3. The conference will take place July 25-28 in Decatur at the Decatur Conference Center. There are pre-conference sessions that will take place on Monday. Lynette shared the

schedule for each day. Registration cost is \$225. Early bird registration will end June 30, and late registration will run from July 1 to July 8.

NEAFCS Hall of Fame – Dianne Gertson asked Amy to submit nominations for Texas. A nomination was submitted for the NEAFCS Hall of Fame.

Discover Extension – Dr. Woodruff sent out an invite to present at Discover Extension. If you are in the College Station area from May 31-June 2 and would like to present, please let Amy know.

Donation to 4-H Foundation Gala – A donation to the gala was discussed. It was also noted that Texas 4-H Foundation has made a donation to the state meeting. Tonya Poncik made a motion to authorize Micah Holcombe to spend up to \$250 for auction items for Texas 4-H Foundation's Clover Club Gala. Norma Munoz seconded. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy provided the membership with the following dates to remember:

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 Norma Munoz. The motion was seconded by Cathy Pearson. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melode Watson
TEAFCS Secretary