

Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
78th Annual Business Meeting – Decatur, Texas
July 27, 2022

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Board Meeting was called to order by President Amy Ressler at 11:01 a.m. on July 27, 2022, at the Decatur Conference Center.

The Inspiration for the day was given by President-Elect Joanne Ureste. She shared a poem entitled, "Rise and Shine."

Past President Liz Espie presented the Business Meeting rules.

Amy Ressler appointed Sarah Latham and Andrea Brooks to review the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting and Felice Acker and Angelica Sifuentes to serve as tellers and timekeepers.

The credentials report was given by Secretary Melode Watson with 112 County Extension Agents, 2 Assistant Extension Agents, 9 BLT Agents, 2 FCH Program Assistants, 1 EFNEP Agent, 5 County Extension Directors and Urban Extension Directors, 4 District Extension Administrators, 5 Regional Program Leaders, 1 Regional Project Specialists- BLT, 1 Extension Intern, and 2 Administration for a total of 144 registered attendees. There were also 11 guests in attendance for a total attendance of 155.

Melode presented the minutes from the 2021 Annual Business Meeting in Tyler, Texas. Karen DeZarn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Louraiseal McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer Norma Munoz reported the balance of the investment account was \$100,917.71 on July 20, 2022. The checking account balance is \$66,110.26 as of July 20, 2022. She reported there are 179 NEAFCS members and 9 state only members. She also reviewed expenses and income.

Lynette Babcock presented the program of the 2022 conference for adoption with a correction. Martin Woodruff gave the Welcome instead of Kevin Holzbog. With the motion coming from committee, no second is needed. Motion passed.

Executive Board & Committee Reports:

President Amy Ressler reported on JCEP and also encouraged attendance at NEAFCS Annual Conference.

President -Elect Joanne Ureste reported on PILD and the nominating committee.

1st Vice-President Ronda White reported that members submitted 18 NEAFCS applications. All national applications advanced to Southern Region judging, and there were 8 winners at the Southern Region level. There were 6 national award winners. Twenty-four members applied for state only awards.

2nd Vice President Lynette Babcock – No report

Secretary Melode Watson reported that today's minutes will be available online at the TEAFCS website within the next 45 days.

Treasurer Norma Munoz reported that as of now, NEAFCS has no plan to increase dues.

Past President Liz Espie thanked everyone for participating in the Clothing Swap. She also encouraged members to check the NEAFCS website for webinars. She reported on the NEAFCS President's Charity and encouraged retirees to become life members.

Texas Extra Editor Sarah Latham reported submission deadlines for the rest of the year. Articles for Texas Extra are due on September 15 for an October 1 release date and December 15 for a January 1 release date.

4-H Foundation Representative Micah Holcombe reported that she served on the Scholarship Committee. There were 229 Baccalaureate, 6 Courageous Heart, 4 technical, and 6 collegiate scholarships awarded this year. She also reported on the Clover Gala Fundraiser held in College Station during Texas 4-H Roundup. Two hundred forty-two attended the event, and \$105,000 was raised. Micah provided information for Texas 4-H Grant opportunities and reminded agents about new partnerships and FDD's. She encouraged everyone to promote the FDD fundraisers.

Website Coordinator Chris Coon reported on the TEAFCS website and Facebook page. He encouraged members to send him photos or information to be posted.

Historian Kelli Brown reported that D3 last hosted the state conference in 2010 in Weatherford. Marian Ross of Tarrant County was the President. The conference was held at the Doss Heritage Center.

By-laws committee chair Melode Watson reported that revised Standing Rules were adopted by the board during the Summer Board meeting. Revised Standing Rules are available for viewing and will be posted to the TEAFCS website soon.

Unfinished Business

Amy asked for any old business to be brought before the membership. There was none.

New Business

Norma presented the 2022-2023 budget. She reviewed the proposed budget and discussed the contingency budget. Louraiseal McDonald made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 proposed budget as presented. Karen Lyssy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Amy announced the nominations for positions up for election were President – Joanne Ureste, President-Elect – Norma Munoz; 1st Vice-President – Kailey Roberts; 2nd Vice-President-Kate Blankenship; Secretary – Andrea Brooks and Sarah Latham; Treasurer – Tonya Poncik; Texas Extra Editor – Wendy Hazzard; Webmaster – Chris Coon; Historian – Kelli Brown; and 4-H Foundation Representative – Micah Holcombe. She noted that 2nd Vice President and Texas

Extra editor positions are nominated and appointed positions.

Joanne read the nomination form and qualifications of each officer candidate.

Members voted on the office of secretary. Felice Acker and Angie Sifuentes counted the votes. It was announced that Sarah Latham will serve as the secretary.

Andrea Brooks made a motion to accept the slate of officers. Louraiseal McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed, and the remaining slate of officers was elected by general consent.

Conference Announcements – Lynette gave announcements about the conference including information on lunch Wednesday and Thursday morning concurrent sessions.

Outgoing President Farewell Comments – Amy thanked everyone for the wonderful opportunity of serving as TEAFCS President. She also thanked the Board and Executive Officers.

Amy and Liz recognized retirees. This year's retirees include Mandi Seaton, North Region RPL, Kathy Carr, District 2; Angie Monk and Sandy Jenkins – District 5; Jacque Behrens – District 7; Jackie McLaughlin – District 8; Charla Bading and Connie Sheppard – District 10; and Elaine Fries – District 11. Retirees will be receiving gift cards.

Installation of Officers

Past-President Liz Espie, along with the other present Past-Presidents, conducted the installation of the new officers using a RISE Up theme. Each new officer received a token that represents their position on the TEAFCS board.

Joanne thanked Amy for her service as the 2021-2022 TEAFCS President. She presented Amy with a gift. Joanne then thanked District 3 and the previous TEAFCS board.

Abigail Pritchard moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Farrow seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Melode Watson
TEAFCS Secretary