NCCESA' NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION Professionalism Proficiency Public Relations

## NCCESA CAMPUS CHAPTER APRIL 4, 2008 203 Brickhaven – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Minutes*

Attending: Susan Brame, Andrea Brooks, Tracy Brown, Linda Cahoon, Laverta Flewellen, Donna Holland, Mary Ann Lofgren, Vicky Merritt, Alice Pennix, Vicki Pettit, Charlotte Simpson, Vivian Smith, Donna Stewart, Makia Tillman, Anita Wright

**Call to Order and Welcome:** President Tracy Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

**Thought for the Day:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Charlotte Simpson gave the "Thought for the Day" on *Take Your Happiness Trip by Barton Goldsmith, Scripps Howard News Service.* 

Happiness is not an exit off the freeway. The only way to reach this destination is to look within yourself. Here are tools that may help.

- 1. Be easily amused.
- 2. Don't dwell on the negative.
- 3. Trust that your life has meaning.
- 4. Do something nice for yourself.
- 5. Always have something with you to read.
- 6. Do something for someone else, without expectations.
- 7. Eat something you love to eat once a week.
- 8. Get outside and appreciate your environment.
- 9. Giving love and understanding is the first step to receiving it.
- 10. Always have a goal.

Remember that happiness is usually found somewhere off the beaten path between fantasy overpass and the reality off-ramp.

**Roll Call:** Vicky Merritt gave the roll call in the absence of Karla Frizelle, Secretary. Present: 15 members

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were emailed to each member and President Tracy Brown noted two changes in the written copy of the minutes and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were none. Alice Pennix made a motion to accept the minutes with the two changes. Makia Tillman seconded.

**<u>COMMITTEE WRITTEN REPORTS</u>** – (see attached reports to minutes)

Membership: Written report submitted by Vicky Merritt, Chair of Membership Committee.

Public Relations: No report per Makia Tillman, Chair of Public Relations Committee.

**Reflections:** Written report submitted by Suzanne Hugus, Chair of Reflections Committee.

**Nominating:** Written report submitted by Susan Brame, Chair of Nominating Committee

Rules and Bylaws: No report per Laverta Flewellen, Chair of Rules and Bylaws Committee.

**Finance:** Donna Stewart, Treasurer submitted written Treasurer's Report showing the following balances:

Checking	\$317.57
Money Market	\$3,468.07
Shares	\$27.28
TOTAL FUNDS	\$3,812.92.

**Hospitality:** Written report submitted by Charlotte Simpson, Chair of Hospitality Committee. Change in date of picnic from June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign up for food contribution to picnic.

Fundraising: Written report submitted by Stephanie Tedesco, Chair of Fundraising Committee.

**Professional Improvement:** Written report submitted by Geri Bushel, Chair of Professional Improvement Committee. A trip to the North Carolina Museum of Art is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. today after our business session. Arrangements were made for carpooling for those interested.

**Outreach Committee:** Tracy Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President provided information on the upcoming 2008 SRERSSA Meeting November 12-14, 2008 to be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Those interested in attending will need to be prepared to pay expenses out-of-pocket. Web site is being updated with information regarding the meeting and activities.

**Old Business:** Dues of \$25.00 are due to Donna Stewart – make checks payable to NCCESA Campus Chapter

**New Business:** Updated 2007-2008 Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs provided to members. Due to a couple of members resigning, a couple of vacancies in Vice Chairs are needed. Alice Pennix volunteered to be Vice Chair, Hospitality Committee and Anita Wright volunteered to be Vice Chair, Public Relations Committee. **Special Reports:** 2009 State Planning Committee Presentation was given by Vicki Pettit. A video was shown to members that is being proposed to be used at the 2008 NCCESA State Meeting in Wilmington, NC, September 17-19, 2008 by President Tracy Brown when she extends the invitation to the 2009 NCCESA State Meeting in Raleigh, NC. A suggestion was made to add to the video some information about NC State University and NC A&T State University. It seemed the video focused more on Raleigh and the things around the Raleigh area rather than the two Universities since our theme is "Inside Extension, Campus Style". Vicki will contact Mark Dearmon to see if he can help us with some NC State clips and the A&T members will check with their contacts.

Committee assignments for the 2009 NCCESA State Meeting was given out and due to a member resignation that was to serve as Chair of the Favors Committee, Alice Pennix volunteered to Chair this committee. Committee Chairs need to have a report ready at the next Campus Chapter meeting to outline what your committee is doing and expectations of members. Vicki and Karla will come to your committee meeting, if needed, to help you with the planning. Some committees will need to work together such as Decorations & Favors.

Discussion of the budget for the 2009 NCCESA State Meetings was given by Vicki Pettit and with our upcoming fundraisers, we should be on track in meeting the budget.

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

June 17, 2008NCCESA Campus Chapter PicnicAugust 1, 2008NCCESA Campus Chapter MeetingSeptember 17-19, 20082008 NCCESA State Meeting

November 12-14, 2008 2008 SRERSSA Meeting

Pullen Park Room 203, Brickhaven Hilton Riverside, Wilmington, NC Nashville, Tennessee

Website:

NCCESA State Website: <u>http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/nccesa/</u> NCCESA Campus Chapter Website: <u>http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/nccesa-ncsu/</u> Southern Regional Extension and Research Support Staff Association (SRERSSA) Website: <u>http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/assn/sressa/</u>