



Minutes

NCCESA Campus Chapter
NC A&T State University-Coltrane Hall
October 14, 2011
1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

Call to Order and Welcome: President Anita Wright called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She then asked members to review and approve the agenda. Susan Graham made a motion to accept the agenda. Alice Pennix seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Thought for the Day: The thought for the day was shared by Susan Graham:

desiderata - by max ehrmann

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant, they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass.

Take kindly to the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Roll Call: Eleven members were present – Andrea Brooks, Tracy Brown, La Joy Evans, Karla Frizzelle, Susan Graham, Suzanne Hugus, Donna Holland, Vicky Merritt, Alice Pennix, Helena Poole, and Anita Wright.

Approval of the Minutes: Members were asked to review minutes. Several changes were noted for correction. Donna Holland made a motion to accept corrected minutes. Alice Pennix seconded the motion (motion was carried).

Committee Reports

Finance: Tracy Brown provided members with current financial stats & explained the fees our chapter is incurring from the IRS.

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| CHECKING | \$ 1,248.98 |
| MONEY MARKET | 2,697.86 |
| SHARES | 28.80 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | \$ 3,975.64 |

Fundraising: La Joy Evans reported that our “Movie-Junk Food” Basket sale was successful, thus earning the chapter a profit of \$253.40. The basket was raffled at the state meeting in Statesville, NC and the recipient was Donna Tulley from Clay County. Evans thanked everyone for their participation.

Hospitality: No report

Membership: No report

Nominating: Vicky Merritt reported the function of the committee, role of the chair, and present members. She stated that the committee wouldn’t have anything to add until May or June.

Suzanne Hugus stated that no one from our chapter was nominated for an award at the State meeting. Members briefly discussed that we should at least nominate someone. It was suggested that the nominating committee handle this task. Vicky Merritt, chair of nominating committee said she would discuss the suggestion with Karla Frizzelle. Karla urged members to complete the profile form, which would be helpful when nominating a member.

Professional Improvement: No report

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Public Relations: Susan Graham reported that she has developed a draft template for an on-line newsletter for our chapter. The committee planned to meet on 10/14 to discuss the draft and possible topics that would be covered in the newsletter, frequency, etc. In addition, she welcomed any interested members to join the committee.

Reflections: No report

Rules & By-Laws: No report

Old Business: Our chapter set up a table to collect donations at the 2011 NCCESA State Meeting in efforts to support the Sue Mills Lighthouse Award. Several members contributed items for the table. Vicky extended a special thanks to Karla Frizzelle for organizing the table display, Vicki Pettit for providing the photo & frame with stand – a donation from Extension Administration- County Operations. Devona Beard reported that we received a total donation of \$59 which has been deposited in the Sue Mills Lighthouse Award Foundation account.

New Business

2011-2012 Financial Budget: Tracy Brown presented members with a proposed budget for 2011-2012. A few additions and corrections were made (i.e. # of members decreased from 18 to 15), and a motion was made by Alice Pennix to accept the proposed budget. Vicky Merritt seconded the motion.

2011- 2012 Committee Assignments: Members signed up to serve on committees (as needed).

Selection Process for the Secretary of the Year Award: Alice Pennix discussed the current process and explained the draft of the revised form for the selection process. Some of the members suggested a few minor changes. Alice agreed to incorporate those changes & email the revised form to chapter. This item will be voted on at the next business meeting.

We then had a five minute break before our professional development portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Chiquita McAllister, Fiscal Officer with the Cooperative Extension Program at NC A&T SU, conducted a session entitled, *“Navigating Life’s Obstacle Course: New Coping Skills for Difficult Times”*. The session focused on coping skills to use during challenging times, communication styles, and self-confidence. Members had a chance to participate in hands-on activities that provided more insight on each topic. In

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addition, members were provided with resources (booklet, hand-outs) for future use. The session was closed by having the members create a circle with Mrs. McAllister and say one thing we would like to change. Anita Wright thanked Mrs. McAllister for her presentation and resumed the meeting.

Announcements

- ❖ Membership Dues
- ❖ Upcoming Business Meeting – December (***Date, location TBA***)

Anita reminded everyone to get their membership dues to Tracy Brown as soon as possible. She asked the Hospitality Committee to identify a date and location for our December meeting as soon as possible so members can save the date on their calendars.

After the reading of the benediction, the meeting was adjourned.