

Northeastern District Association of Cooperative Extension Secretaries 1975 Fall Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Cooperative Extension Secretaries met on Tuesday, October 7, 1975 at 3:30 p.m. in the Club House at Bells Island in Currituck County. Mrs. Betty Dail, President, called the meeting to order. Betty announced that Mrs. Patterson was not able to come to the meeting, but sent her regrets.

The roll was called and showed a total of 16 members present.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

Hilda Mitchell, Treasurer, gave a report showing a balance of \$103.21.

Committee Reports

- Membership - Myrtle Rountree - no report.
- Hospitality - Mabel Jordan - had sent three cards.
- Public Relations - Miriam James - reported she had sent out a newsletter, a copy of which was sent to District Agents. Mrs. Patterson sent her compliments and expressed her pride in the secretaries of the Northeastern District.
- Finance - Frances Cobb - no report.
- Professional Improvement - Katherine Gillam - had written thank you notes to Mr. Jones and Sara Whitehurst. Also announced a couple of courses were being offered by the Industrial Extension Service - fee pretty steep - but someone may be interested.
- Rules and Bylaws - Celeste Spears - no report.
- Goals and Aims - Ruth Inez Smith - no report.

Betty called on Linda McMullen, Incoming State Vice President, to give a report on the state meeting which was held in Wilmington on September 26, 1975. Linda stated that there were 5 members from the Northeastern District in attendance - Marjorie Fields, Betty Dail, Linda McMullen, Linda Hollowell, and Miriam James. State Officers elected at the meeting were:

President - Catherine Fields
Vice President - Linda McMullen
Secretary - Joyce Henderson
Treasurer - Luba Smith

Linda informed members of activities of the State Association and discussed issues that were brought up on the state level. Linda then asked for our district members' opinions on some of these issues. A group discussion followed with the following results:

1. It was suggested that it would benefit the State President to know what is going on in each district. Hilda Mitchell made the motion, seconded by Lillian Briggs - that we send copies of the minutes of the Northeastern District to the State President. Motion carried and it was suggested that other districts might wish to do the same.
2. A motion was made by Celeste Spears to have Linda McMullen present to the Executive Board of the State Association the idea of changing the Bylaws concerning the location of the State Meeting. Sharon Doxey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Celeste Spears to ask the State President or Secretary to send to each district a list of all district officers and committee chairmen. Motion was seconded by Linda McMullen and carried.

Linda McMullen further discussed some aims and goals that we as a district and a state organization might consider. One being a membership of 100 percent active participation. Another that we continue to strive for time authorization for our meetings.

IMPORTANT: If you are interested in joining the NC State Employees Association, you may contact Betty Dail. She has information from Mr. Emmett Burden, Director, NC State Employees Association.

A discussion was held on the possibility of the state organization investigating the possibilities of awarding a scholarship to a high school graduate to business school. Factors involved would be to find out the procedure to set up a scholarship, amount of scholarship, funds necessary to back up a scholarship, etc. Members felt a committee composed of representatives from each district should have this responsibility. Miriam James made a motion that Linda McMullen bring this suggestion before the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Katherine Gillam and carried.

It was also suggested that the State Association consider paying the expenses of members of the Board in traveling to meetings.

New Business

Discussion was held on having a historian to keep records on what has been done during the year. This would rotate like other offices. Linda McMullen made a motion we have a Historian from the Northeastern District. Linda Hollowell, seconded; motion carried.

Betty asked if there were any volunteers to host our next meeting. Marjorie Fields and Louise Barnett invited the group to meet in Perquimans County for the next district meeting.

Betty announced that the State Meeting would be in the Southwestern District, probably in Hickory. No definite date has been set as yet.

The meeting broke for 15 minutes for the Nominating Committee to meet. The meeting was called back to order and President Betty called on Linda Hollowell for the invocation.

Linda McMullen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the coming year. They were as follows:

- President - Lillian Briggs
- Vice President - Katherine Gillam
- Secretary - Linda Hollowell
- Treasurer - Marie Roberson
- Historian - Earla Moore

Celeste Spears made a motion we accept the slate of officers for 1976 as presented; Myrtle Rountree seconded; motion carried.

Sharon Doxey installed the new officers in a candlelight ceremony with old officers taking part.

Jerry Hardesty, Currituck County Extension Chairman, welcomed the group to Currituck County.

President Betty told the group that she had enjoyed her year as President and thanked everyone for their cooperation and support. Betty then called on Incoming President Lillian Briggs and presented her with the gavel.

Meeting adjourned.

Betty Dail, President
Marjorie Field, Secretary