

Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries 1981 Fall Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met for their fall meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 1981 at Moratock Park in Williamston, NC. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Linda McMullen.

A cordial welcome to Martin County was extended to us by Mr. Leon Allen, Martin County Extension Chairman.

Roll call showed 14 secretaries present.

Minutes of the spring meeting were not read as copies were given to each member.

The treasurer's report was given by Linda McMullen in the absence of Sharon Gibbs showing a balance of \$338.51.

Committee Reports

Goals and Aims - Ruth Smith, Chairman - no report.

Hospitality - Myrtle Rountree, Chairman - no report.

Membership - Earla Moore, Chairman - reported that she had sent out letters encouraging and asking district secretaries who are not members of our association to join us. Earla has gotten some response and will continue to pursue the idea.

Public Relations - Marie Roberson, Chairman - reported that she had sent a newsletter out. She also suggested that it would be good to have more publicity in the counties for our association through the local papers.

Finance - Miriam James, Chairman - no report.

Professional Improvement - Linda Buck, Chairman - absent, no report.

Rules and By-Laws - Peggy Bailey, Chairman - no report.

Old Business

Two members from our district attended the state meeting in September. They were Linda Buck and Earla Moore. Earla was called on to report on the state meeting she attended in Blowing Rock. She said that the meeting proved to be very interesting as well as educational. Dr. Carlton Blalock was roasted as his retirement approaches in the near future. Other NCSU administration in attendance were Drs. Dew and Yancey. There were also some county chairmen in attendance. It was announced that the state meeting will be held in the Southeastern District next year.

New Business

It was announced that the 1981 4-H scholarship which was received by Currituck County was not used. Linda McMullen asked for a recommendation from the floor to allow Currituck to keep the scholarship and have a chance to use it or draw again. It was noted at the state meeting that the Northeast District is responsible for obtaining a recipient for the education scholarship. It was suggested that we contact schools for eligible people for the scholarship. Applications should be sent to Katherine Gillam and she will forward them to the state nominating committee.

A suggestion was made that district meetings be held at an earlier time to keep traveling at night to a minimum. It was noted that there had actually been no time set for meetings. It is to the discretion of the host county. Louise Newsome made a motion that host county set meeting time earlier. Motion declined. After further discussion, a motion was made to set meeting time earlier to keep traveling at night to a minimum at the discretion of host county. Motion carried.

It was decided that Earla Moore and Linda Buck be reimbursed for attending the state meeting. They were asked to submit a bill to Sharon Gibbs.

A discussion was held concerning what should be done for Dr. Blalocks's retirement. Linda McMullen will contact the state association to find out their plans and also see what other districts are planning. A motion was made by Betty DeCamp to make a contribution of up to \$50.00 or equal amount of other districts. Motion passed.

Pasquotank and Camden counties will jointly host the spring meeting.

Nominations for 1982 officers were taken from the floor. After much discussion and nominations, the officers for 1982 are as follows:

- President - Katherine Gilliam
- 1st Vice President - Lillian Briggs
- 2nd Vice President - Sharon Gibbs
- Secretary - Tammy Smith
- Treasurer - Earla Moore

Mariam James of Pasquotank County installed the 1982 officers.

It was announced that Lillian Briggs is State 2nd Vice President this year. Our congratulations go to Lillian for representing our district on the state level.

Door prizes presented to each secretary were furnished by various businesses, organizations, and firms. Secretaries then enjoyed a very interesting and informative program on office machines presented by representatives for Gray and Creech, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

We enjoyed fellowship and a delicious dinner. Sponsors of the meal were CIBA-GEIBY, Diamond Shamrock, Union Carbide, Uniroyal and Williamston Office Supply Company.

Linda McMullen, President
Tammy Smith, Acting Secretary