

Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries 1984 Fall Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met for their fall meeting on November 8, 1984 at the Beaufort County Agricultural Extension Office. The meeting was called to order by President Betty DeCamp.

A devotion was given by Peggy Bailey of Martin County. A cordial welcome was extended to us by Betty Chandler, Beaufort County Extension Secretary.

Roll call showed 28 secretaries present, which included one new member, Brenda Parker from Craven County and one visitor, Ginny Williams from Hyde County.

Minutes of the spring meeting were not read as copies were given to each member. Myrtle Rountree moved that they be approved as presented. Seconded by Katherine Gilliam, the motion passed. The treasurer's report was given by MarySue Wright-Baker showing a balance of \$108.83.

Katherine Gillam then reported on the state meeting and training held in Raleigh. Peggy Bailey suggested that a letter be sent to Tom Hobgood from the district association expressing appreciation for the opportunity for training at the state meeting in September.

Becky Gray, Beaufort County Extension Secretary, then introduced our guest, Mario Hunter, Clarinetist, who provided entertainment and also gave us background information and history of the clarinet.

Everyone then enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Extension Homemakers. A very special thanks to our sponsors for the day: Pork Producers, Farm Bureau Insurance, Renn Taff, White's Department Store, Edward Ray Edward Insurance, Shop-Eze Hardware, PCX Farm and Garden Supplies, Extension Homemakers, House Next Door, E-Dell's, First Citizens Bank, Texasgulf Inc., Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce, and Jimmy Johnson Garden Supply. After lunch, door prizes were given out. President Betty extended thanks to the Beaufort County Secretaries for their hospitality.

Committee Reports

Finance - Peggy Bailey, Chairman - no report.

Goals and Aims - Myrna Home, Chairman, absent - no report.

Hospitality - Ruth Smith, Chairman - sent one card to Sharon Ward in Chowan County for the birth of a daughter. Ruth asked that we let her know if there is anything the committee can do.

Membership - Jo Ann Clemmons, Chairman - is no longer an Extension Secretary. Hilda Mitchell reported that a letter was sent to ten prospective members in May. President Betty encouraged everyone to invite secretaries who are not members. Associate and honorary membership was explained for the benefit of new members. Earla Moore suggested that we do something for secretaries who retire in the way of a card and/or letter of congratulation. Lillie Walker moved that upon retirement, they be recognized in some way by the association. After discussion, motion rescinded. Lillie moved that the board of directors for the district come up with a proposal and present at the next meeting. Seconded by Earla Moore, the motion passed. It was also noted that the state executive committee will review and revise the handbook which will be clarified at the state meeting.

Public Relations - Dwan Saunders, Chairman - reported that she did submit news to the state for the newsletter and they did report total service of all members of our association.

Rules and Bylaws -Earla Moore, Chairman - no report.

Professional Improvement - Janet Hardison, Chairman - no report.

Old Business

Betty DeCamp told us about the State of the Future Campaign which is designed to raise money for Extension programs, etc. and asked if we would be interested in contributing. After discussion, Catherine Winslow moved that we not donate at this time due to shortness of funds. Seconded by Peggy Bailey, motion passed.

Beaufort County did use the scholarship this year.

Bertie County then invited everyone to meet in their county for the spring meeting.

Katherine Gillam reminded us that it was our turn to hold the state meeting in 1986. After discussion, Linda McMullen moved that we do host the 1986 state meeting and invite the state association members to join us at Nags Head. Seconded by Dwan Saunders, the motion passed.

Nominating Committee presented a slate of prospective officers for consideration for 1985. They were:

- President - Myrtle Rountree
- 1st Vice President - Betty Cox
- 2nd Vice President - Carol Hardee
- Secretary - Tammy Smith
- Treasurer - MarySue Wright-Baker

There being no further nominations, Peggy Bailey moved that we accept recommendation for slate of officers from the nominating committee. Seconded by Becky Gray, motion passed. Lillian Knight installed the 1985 officers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty DeCamp, President
Tammy Smith, Secretary