

Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries 1986 Spring Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met for their spring meeting on April 9, 1986 at the Chowan County Extension Office in Edenton, North Carolina. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Cox.

Mike Williams, Chowan County Extension Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. A devotional was given by Tammy Smith, Chowan County. Roll call showed 26 secretaries present, which includes a new member, Kathleen Pollock from Currituck County. Tammy Smith Moved that reading of the minutes be omitted since everyone was mailed a copy. Seconded by Myrtle Rountree, the motion passed. The treasurer's report was given by Louise Newsome showing a balance of \$558.63. We now have 30 paid members in our association.

Dr. Tom Hobgood, Northeastern District Extension Chairman, spoke to the secretaries after lunch. He expressed appreciation for support in the recent campaign to restore federal funds to the Extension Service. He also talked about changes that will take place during the fiscal year 1987 in penalty mail. He also pledged his support for the annual state meeting which is being hosted in September by our District.

Committee Reports

- Finance -- Louise Newsome, Chairman, reported we had \$88.63 of our own money to spend. Dues are to be increased.
- Goals and Aims -- Hilda Mitchell, Chairman, read Goals & Aims. Discussion was made. Secretaries are encouraged to attend seminars and in-service trainings.
- Hospitality -- Katherine Gillam, Chairman, no report.
- Membership -- Tammy Smith, Chairman, reported 30 paid members. Welcomed new member, Kathleen Pollock, Currituck County. Letter will be sent to non-members and encouraged to join.
- Nominating -- Earla Moore, Chairman, no report.
- Professional Improvement -- Arnette Parker, Chairman, encouraged secretaries to take any and all opportunities.
- Public Relations -- Betty Chandler, Chairman, reported that a record of our meetings will be submitted to the newspaper.
- Rules & Bylaws -- Lillie Walker, Chairman, absent, no report.

Old Business

- Betty Cox discussed the annual state meeting, September 18-19, 1986, Ramada Inn, Nags Head.
- Louise Newsome, Treasurer, called for reports from the counties for the state meeting. Progress has been made in securing monies.

State Committee Reports

- Hospitality -- Katherine Gillam asked each county to make a batch of sausage cheese balls.
- Entertainment: Linda McMullen will contact the Lost Colony troupe.
- Door Prizes & Favors -- Tammy Smith asked each county to secure grab bag items in lots of 150 and 10 door prizes.
- Reservations & Registration -- Peggy Bailey asked all secretaries to wear their Extension name tags. Registration cards and pamphlets will be sent soon.
- Program -- Carol Hardee suggested using the lighthouse and "NCAAES light the way" as a theme.
- Finance Committee -- Louise Newsome suggested that all funds for the state meeting be in by August 15.
- Fundraising -- Betty Chandler moved we have a raffle, Becky Gray seconded. Linda McMullen will donate a painting for the raffle.

New Business

- Louise Newsome made the motion we increase district dues. Myrtle Rountree seconded. Earla Moore moved we increase by \$5. Carol Hardee seconded. Total dues will be \$20 (\$10 state, \$10 district) effective for 1987. Everyone was in favor. Motion passed.
- It was suggested that Dr. Hobgood write a letter to the County Chairmen encouraging their secretaries to join the association and encourage the county to pay the dues.
- The 4-H Camp Scholarship drawing was held. For the benefit of new secretaries, Peggy Bailey read the guidelines. The 1986 recipient would be Washington County; alternate, Pitt County.
- The State Planning Meeting will be May 16, 1986, Jane S. McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC. Transportation will be worked out.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Cox, President

Donna Downing, Secretary