

Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries 1990 Spring Meeting

The Northeastern District Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries met for their spring meeting at the Western Steer Restaurant in Plymouth, on March 29, 1990, 10:00 a.m.

President Arnette Parker called the meeting to order. Sandra Brown, County Extension Director from Washington County, welcomed the group. Arnette welcomed Cynthia Lister from Pasquotank County as a new member. One other new member, Risha Foreman from Perquimans County, was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

A motion was passed to dispense with reading minutes.

Roll call was done by Betty Cox in the absence of Tammy Smith, Secretary. There were 23 members in attendance.

Jackie Tarkington, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,699.66.

Wanda Williams introduced Sherry Young, Vice President and City Executive of Plymouth Branch Banking & Trust Co., who gave her life story, especially since 1979 when she discovered she had breast cancer. She told how she had coped with having cancer and the decisions that she had to make concerning treatment, etc.

Wanda then introduced Susan Lilly, RN, Washington County Health Department, who talked on breast self-examination. She stressed the importance of frequent examinations of the breasts and also having regular pap smears.

Committees met for approximately 30 minutes prior to lunch. Janet Hardison gave the invocation.

Committee Reports

- Finance - Jackie Tarkington, Chairman - said they had no report other than the statement which she had passed out.
- Goals & Aims - Wanda Williams, Chairman - said they recommended the same goals and aims as were listed for 1989.
- Hospitality - Louise Newsome, Chairman - said that a retirement card and a sympathy card had been sent. She reported that the committee had drawn up some guidelines to follow. The guidelines were accepted as presented following a motion by Louise Newsome and seconded by Katherine Gillam.
- Membership - Catherine Winslow, Chairman - reported that the district has 100% membership for the second year.
- Professional Improvement - Kathy Pollock - Chairman, reported that the annual workshop and recognition for secretaries held by COA was set for April 17. She also said that a number of workshops by PSI are in Norfolk and encouraged participation.
- Public Relations - Janice Jernigan, Chairman - reported that her committee recommended that we initiate an effort to publicize our meetings and association by taking a picture at each meeting and sending it along with a news release to each local paper in the district. They recommended that the host county be responsible for taking pictures. Janice moved that the recommendation be adopted, seconded by Louise Newsome and passed.
- Rules and By-Laws - Katherine Gillam, Chairman - reported that her committee had considered a recommendation that officers be elected for a two-year term. However, upon checking the State Association By-Laws, the districts are to conform to the same setup. However, there is nothing which would prevent the same officers from being nominated for a second term.

The drawing was held for the 4-H Scholarship. Tyrrell County will receive the scholarship in the amount of \$85 for 1990. Martin was drawn as alternate to receive the scholarship in the event Tyrrell was unable to use it.

President Arnette reported that nominations for Honorary Memberships are due by April 16. Also, the nominations for Executive Board Award are due to Miranda Pope by August 1. She also reported that any publicity or items for the newsletter need to be sent to Janice Buchanan, State President.

According to the rotation system, the Northeastern District would be responsible for hosting the state meeting in 1991. Following much consideration and discussion, a motion was made by Betty Cox and seconded by Peggy Bailey to defer hosting the state meeting to a later date. Motion passed.

The State Meeting will be held in Fayetteville on September 13-14, 1990. The board of directors meeting will be held at McKimmon Center in Raleigh on May 18.

Katherine Gillam invited the group to meet in Bertie County for the fall meeting.

Following adjournment, door prizes were given by the host secretaries.

Arnette Parker, President
Betty Cox, Acting Secretary