

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association - NED  
1997 Spring Meeting

(April 23, 1997)

The spring meeting of the NE District NCCESA was called to order by President, Betty Cox. A Happy Secretaries Day was wished to all.

Melanie Chevalier gave a devotion and prayer. The devotion was entitled "Just for Today."

Freddie O'Neal, County Extension Director of Camden County, extended the welcome and expressed his appreciation to secretaries.

Roll call showed 24 present and 6 absent.

Linda McMullen announced that we would be taken on a tour of Watermark. The group was then taken on the tour and upon returning was served a delicious lunch.

It was motioned by Carol Hardee to dispense with the reading of the minutes, since they were sent by e-mail. The motion was seconded by Gene Reynolds. The motion passed. President, Betty Cox asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Carol Hardee stated that Patricia Satterfield was from Pitt County, instead of Beaufort County. President, Betty Cox said that the minutes would stand approved as corrected.

President, Betty Cox stated that she did not have the Treasurer's report, since Lynn was not present. It was asked if there were any more reports.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MEMBERSHIP – Gene Reynolds – reported that we have 100% membership.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Denise Bunch – stated that if anyone has information for the District Newsletter, they should send it to her by e-mail. State Newsletter information is due by June 1. President, Betty Cox suggested sending the information for the State Newsletter to Denise also.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

HERTER O'NEAL SCHOLARSHIP – President, Betty Cox stated that scholarship went to the Northeast District. Only three applications were received. Two were from Washington County and one was from Hyde County. All three were honor students. The applications will be sent to the State Second Vice President and a determination will be made as to who will receive the scholarship.

STATE BOARD MEETING – Arnette Parker stated that the main item was the Secretary Reclassification. She said that the hope is to have the review and start interviewing in June, and make a recommendation to the Administrative Council in August. A decision should be made in September. It was stated that nobody's salary will be reduced and it is not known whether salaries will be raised.

Arnette stated that she was glad that Administration gave us an opportunity for input on things and to work with them. It was stated that Dr. Zublena, who is the liaison agent for the Secretaries Association and is in charge of County Operations, wants to know what we think. Dr. Ort is interested in the Association being an active voice in Extension.

There were five people who represented the Northeast District at the State Board Meeting – Betty Cox, Arnette Parker, Gene Reynolds, Linda McMullen, and Melanie Chevalier.

Arnette also mentioned that 100% responded to the Secretary survey about going to County Funding. Ninety-one counties said no to County Funding. Because of the survey and results, the idea to go to county funding was abandoned.

President, Betty Cox, stated that a list of the District Officers who are eligible for State Office needs to be sent to Debbie King by May 1.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Newsletters and articles are due to the State Chairman by June 1.

Executive Board Award nominations are due on August 1 to Gwen Roberts. It was not known as to when nominations for State Office are due, but it should be sent as soon as eligibility lists are received. It was stated that the person should give their approval before nominating them for an office. Arnette mentioned that we could have a Second Vice President in 2002. President, Betty Cox stated that this time, we can have Secretary or Treasurer, depending on whether we have another person in office. At this time, we do not have another person in office, so someone from our district could be in one of those offices.

The state meeting will be held in Rocky Mount on September 18-19.

It was mentioned that the Northeast District is to host the State Meeting in 1999. President, Betty Cox mentioned that we need to think about fund raisers and that we need to get committees. Linda McMullen will be President at that time. It was mentioned that there will be approximately 300 at the banquet and over 200 in the meeting room for the business meeting. It was also mentioned that Nags Head has been a favorite, but it has been suggested to have the meeting somewhere else. President, Betty Cox stated that two options are Greenville and the Beach. Linda McMullen stated that she would need to make arrangements one year in advance.

President, Betty Cox asked for a motion to decide on a location. MarySue Wright-Baker made a motion to have the meeting in Dare County on the beach. Jackie Jernigan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Carol Hardee asked if counties had been asked to have a certain amount in the past. President, Betty Cox stated that in the past each county had been responsible for \$200.

The 4-H Camp scholarship was mentioned by President, Betty Cox. It was stated that nothing could be found as to who got the scholarship last year. She asked if we wanted to do one scholarship or two, in case we did not do it last year. Carol Hardee suggested doing one full scholarship, since we did not do one last year. President, Betty Cox stated that we could only afford about half the expense. She felt we better stick with the \$85 scholarship.

Arnette Parker asked if we should discuss the contribution to the Family & Consumer Sciences Association. President, Betty Cox stated that it was her understanding that the State would

handle this. It was mentioned that the State could not make a decision for the districts without the districts' input. President, Betty Cox stated that we would not take action on the contribution today, because it was her feeling that the money would come from the State Treasury; and that it may be brought up at the State Meeting; our district could make a decision during that time.

President, Betty Cox asked if there were any further business.

Gene Reynolds mentioned that Arnette Parker will be receiving the CALS Award.

President, Betty Cox said that it was good to have Ruth Smith and Katherine Gillam, retired secretaries from Bertie County at our meeting.

Arnette Parker mentioned that she needs a list of retired secretaries.

MarySue Wright-Baker announced that Shelia Ange of Martin County will be having a child on December 10, 1997.

The fall meeting of the NE District NCCESA will be held in Chowan County or Currituck County. Chowan County may need to negotiate with Currituck, since they will be in the process of building a new office building.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Cox, President  
Risha Foreman, Secretary