

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association - NED 1998 Spring Meeting

The Northeast District of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association met for their spring meeting in Currituck County at the Crawford House Cafe on May 15, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

President Betty Cox called the meeting to order and thanked MarySue and Brenda for hosting. Devotion was given by Linda McClintock.

Rodney Sawyer, Currituck County Extension Director gave the welcome.

A motion was made to dispense with reading the minutes because they had been sent earlier to counties via e-mail. Motion was seconded and passed.

Roll call showed 25 members in attendance and 8 absent.

Lynn Upton gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$1,873.65

MarySue Wright-Baker introduced Rodney Sawyer as the speaker for the day. Rodney gave an upbeat presentation on "The Joy of Stress." Rodney was presented with an honorarium by Brenda Macioce.

Lunch followed. After lunch the meeting was again called to order by President Betty Cox.

President Betty shared a story with the group entitled "Honk If You Love Jesus" before going into the business session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOALS AND AIMS - no report.

HOSPITALITY - no report - President Betty suggested sending get well cards, etc.

PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT - MarySue Wright-Baker - suggested taking advantage of courses offered by Bruce and those at College of the Albemarle.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Jackie Jernigan - mentioned that it would be good to have publicity such as pictures in the paper for district meetings and the State meeting.

President Betty mentioned that articles are due June 1 to Jill Stanley, Johnston County for the State newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP - Myrtle Rountree - said that 33 members had paid, which is 100%.

RULES & BYLAWS - Carol Hardee - reported that she had attended the Executive Board Meeting in February, and served as State Chairman for the Rules & Bylaws Committee. It was reported that someone had suggested to change our name to Support Group. The committee decided against the name change.

NOMINATING - Arnette Parker - reported that a Second Vice President and Secretary are needed for the fall installation of officers. If anyone has suggestions, contact Melanie Chevalier or Arnette.

- Linda McClintock will serve as President

- Melanie Chevalier, First Vice President
- Lynn Upton, Treasurer
- Betty Cox, Advisor

OLD BUSINESS

TOM POE MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION - President Betty stated that she had received an e-mail message from Gwyn Roberts in reference to the \$25 memorial contribution to the Drug Action Committee in memory of Tom Poe, who was instrumental in the association receiving \$250 per year from the Corn Growers. All responses that were received were in favor of the contribution.

HORN OF PLENTY - President Betty stated that the Horn of Plenty will be held on August 14 at Carrowinds. One dollar per member is to be sent to Nancy Wilson to help with cost. The association is to provide desserts.

ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE OFFICE - President Betty stated that Risha had sent the eligibility list for state office. The new officer term starts on October 1.

DISTRICT DUES - due October 1.

REDISTRICTING - President Betty received an e-mail from Gwyn in reference to the rotation for 2nd Vice President for the state which is as follows:

- 1998 - Northwest
- 1999 - Southwest
- 2000 - North Central
- 2001 - South Central
- 2002 - Northeast

SCHOLARSHIP - Northeast District will have the scholarship in 2004.

1998 STATE MEETING: Will be held in Southern Pines on September 24-25.

There being no further old business, the meeting was turned over to Linda McClintock to discuss the 1999 State Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1999 STATE MEETING - Linda stated that Donna had contacted the Ramada Inn, which is the only facility that can handle the number. Holiday Inn can take the spill-over. Dates that Linda had in mind were September 16-17 and September 23-24. Majority was in favor of having it on September 16-17.

After a lengthy discussion on the theme for the meeting, President Betty stated that she would send ideas via e-mail and have a vote via e-mail. It was suggested that Rodney Sawyer would be a good speaker.

Arnette Parker suggested scheduling an extra meeting this year to plan the state meeting. Carol Hardee suggested having the meeting at the Ramada Inn. President Betty suggested looking at the menus and prices. Donna said that she was working with Lauren Rossi, Ramada Inn contact.

Arnette suggested that registration information be sent out in July. President Betty stated that the deadline needed to be one month in advance.

PLAQUE FOR RETIREE KATHERINE GILLAM - President Betty stated that when Katherine Gillam retired a few years ago, she did not receive a plaque, so she has purchased a plaque for her. President Betty suggested that we recommend her for honorary membership. President Betty asked if there was a motion to nominate Katherine for honorary membership. Motion was made by Shelia Ange and seconded by Melanie Chevalier. There was no discussion. All were in favor.

President Betty asked if there was any more business, Arnette said that we should be receiving a ballot for Staff Senate soon.

Fall meeting will be hosted by Dare County.

Door prizes were given.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Betty Cox, President
Risha Foreman, Secretary