

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association - NED  
2003 Spring Meeting

April 11, 2003

The NCCESA Northeast District Spring Meeting was called to order by President Melanie Chevalier at the Bertie County Extension Office in Windsor on April 11, 2003.

Richard Rhodes, Bertie CED, gave the welcome along with Asst. County Manager from Bertie County.

Jean Sigmon gave the thought for the day entitled "Story behind the Tune."

Recognition of new staff: Michelle Bristow - Bertie; Amy Twiddy - Camden; Myrna Duncan - Gates; and Rhonda McCullen, who is now in Pasquotank County.

Carol Ann Hardee made motion to accept minutes of previous meeting, Shelia Ange seconded; motion carried.

Jean Sigmon made motion to accept treasurer report, Linda Eure seconded; motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS were given by committee chairs. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for consideration:

President - Jean Sigmon  
1st Vice President - MarySue Wright-Baker  
2nd Vice President - Shelia Ange  
Secretary - Denise Bunch  
Treasurer - Donna Keene  
Advisor - Melanie Chevalier

Carol Ann Hardee made a motion to accept slate; Jackie Jernigan seconded; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Linda Eure recognized Johnnie Edwards for 30 years of service, with a Wal-Mart gift certificate. Johnnie was not present; Jean Sigmon will deliver the gift certificate.

Shelia Ange raised a question about putting the "Let's Get Acquainted" information on the web to be accessed by membership. After a short discussion, the consensus was not to.

Money Tree Raffle (State Meeting fundraiser) -- Melanie Chevalier reported that Bullet Printing in Murfreesboro will print 1,000 tickets for a cost of \$80. Thanks to Deborah Howard for picking up the cost of these tickets being printed.

Dates to Remember is now posted on the association website. April 28 - Federation meeting in Greensboro - let Melanie know if anyone has issues to be addressed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On behalf of the Secretary of the Year Committee, Shelia Russell presented the 2002 Award to Shelia Ange - Martin County.

February Board Meeting report: Melanie and Jean went to the meeting in February and the following items were discussed:

- Secretarial classification-should see pay increase in July.
- Secretarial training will be held on Raleigh in 2004.
- Dr. Ort reported all states but Wyoming having budget problems.
- We now have two SPA members on the Diversity taskforce committee.
- Ag Agents Association will only be donating \$1,000 to us this year.
- Horn of Plenty will be held on Aug 15, 2003 in Highpoint. We are to do beverages; the theme is Mardi Gras.

The 2003 State meeting will be held on September 25-26 at the Radisson in High Point NC.

Melanie handed out survey for choice of location and time for professional development training in 2004.

Chowan County will host 2003 Fall Meeting. Information will be sent at a later date.

Jean Sigmon addressed women's health e-mail she had sent out earlier.

Advisor Denise Lamb installed the new officers. Melanie turned the gavel over to Jean Sigmon who adjourned the meeting.

Jean Sigmon displayed jewelry for purchase; a portion of the proceeds to be added to the district treasury.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Allen in the absence of Denise Bunch, Secretary.  
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