

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association - NED
2004 Spring Meeting

May 21, 2004
Currituck County

Attendance: Beaufort-Gladys Barnes; Bertie-Emily Flores, Belinda Belch; Camden-Amy Twiddy Chowan-Denise Bunch; Currituck-Mary Sue Wright-Baker, Donne Keene; Dare-Donna Hanusik; Gates-Edna Williams; Hertford-Melanie Chevalier, Jackie Jernigan; Hyde--; Martin-Shelia Ange, Brenda Gardner; Northampton-Jean Sigmon, Robbie Bridgers; Pasquotank--;Perquimans-Risha Foreman, Teresa Story; Pitt-Wendy Garner; Tyrrell-Nancy McGowan; Washington--.

President, Jean Sigmon, opened the meeting. It was decided to begin with the program with special guest, Georgia Kight, Currituck FCS Agent.

After the program, Mary Sue Wright-Baker gave the Thought for the Day, "Love Birds". Shelia Ange recognized the visitors, Dr. Russell King, NE District Director, and new member, Emily Flores, Bertie County.

Denise Bunch, Secretary, did roll call. We dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the Fall 2003 meeting.

Donna Keene, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$4257.66. Shelia Ange made a motion to accept report. Amy Twiddy seconded and the motion carried.

Remarks by Dr. King:

- Thanks to all for everything we do.
- State budget situation better than the past 4-5 years. 2 to 2 ½ % increase and possible bonus. Is our wish for bonuses to be merit or across the board. Concensus was across the board.
- The situation in Mecklenburg county is in the process of being resolved hopefully.
- Gennie Williams will be retiring May 31.

OLD BUSINESS

- Melanie Chevalier, State NCCESA President, presented information on the mandatory 2004 secretaries meeting in Raleigh. The tentative date is October 21 and 22. More information will follow.
- Amy Twiddy announced that information for the newsletter needs to be turned in by May 28. State newsletter deadline is June 1.
- Jean reminded everyone to check the NCCESA website. There are awards available for all to apply for.
- MarySue gave out Bright Ideas Awards guidelines. There was some discussion regarding the name. Belinda made the motion to change the name to "Innovations Award". Robbie seconded the motion and it carried.
- Linda Eure was absent, so Wendy Garner handed out Rules and Bylaws guidelines. She asked that we read over and send changes to Linda.

- Robbie gave a report on the Herter-O'Neal Scholarship Award. Deana Lee of Garysburg is the recipient. It will be presented to her in Jackson at her mother's retirement celebration.
- "Let's Get Acquainted" updates handed out by Shelia Ange.
- MarySue reported that the Secret Pal is ongoing and we will reveal at our Fall Meeting with a \$5 gift.

NEW BUSINESS

- MarySue distributed tickets for the 2004 money tree raffle. The drawing will be at the State meeting in Hickory in September. Important to sell as many as possible.
- State meeting to be held in Hickory on September 16 and 17. Jean encouraged everyone to try to attend. Melanie, as state president, needs our support.
- MarySue handed out Benevolence guidelines. After discussion, decisions on changes will be made at next meeting.
- MarySue was the recipient of the Secretary of the Year, presented by Shelia Ange.
- Melanie reported on Horn of Plenty. It will be on August 20 in Asheville. This will be held at Taylor Ranch.
- Brenda Gardner presented information on the 4-H scholarship. The committee (Brenda, Denise Bunch and Jackie Jernigan) has made some revisions. Amy Twiddy made a motion to review revisions and vote at Fall meeting. Melanie seconded and motion carried.
- North Carolina Federation treasurer needs to come from the Northeast District. Please contact Melanie if you would like to volunteer to hold this office.
- Donna Hanusik extended an invitation to the Fall meeting in Dare County. She will inform us of the date.
- A get well/thinking of you card was sent around for Denise Lamb.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership-Lynn (not present -no report.)
- Nominating-Jackie: please say yes if you are contacted about holding an office.
- Rules & Bylaws-Wendy presented handout for group to review.
- Professional Improvement-Shelia Ange (no report).
- Reflections-Mary Sue: everyone needs to send in a picture of themselves and their office building for the scrapbook.
- Public Relations-Amy Twiddy: newsletter info in by May 28. Deadline for state newsletter June 1.
- Finance-Donna Keene (no report aside from Treasurer's report).

Wendy Garner motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Amy Twiddy seconded and the motion passed.

PROGRAM

Sandra Conner and Ellen Owens presented a program on "Soap 101-Indulge Yourself". Everyone had a chance to make their own bath salts and was given a bar of glycerin soap.

LUNCH: The group met at a restaurant for lunch.

After lunch Rodney Sawyer, CED Currituck, gave us a tour of his horse barns/farm.