

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association - NED
2014 Fall Meeting

October 14, 2011
Currituck Extension Office
10:00 a.m.

The NCCESA – NE District met at the Currituck Extension Office in Barco, NC on October 14, 2011. Currituck secretaries Sherry Lynn and Donna Keene hosted the meeting. Registration began at 9:30 a.m.

President Melanie Storey called the meeting to order. She thanked Currituck for hosting our meeting.

Teresa Story Made a motion to approve the agenda, Becky Castello seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shelia Ange presented the parliamentary review. She stated we have quorum.

Cameron Lowe, Currituck County Extension Director welcomed us to Currituck.

Recognition of guests/new secretaries. Edna Williams welcomed Robin Toppin, who is new to Martin County. One retiree, MarySue Wright-Baker, was present.

Special presentation by Risha Foreman. Risha recognized Teresa Story as our new state president; she was presented a corsage.

Thought for the day was presented by Vivian Turner. It was John Roebling's inspirational story of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York.

Travis Burke gave remarks on behalf of administration. He thanked us for the job we do. Redistricting is going to take place. We are going to 5 districts. They are still discussing the new districts. We have the smallest population of all districts. We will probably pick up about 2 or 3 new counties. They are hoping this will take place before Christmas or December. He welcomed Robin Toppin from Martin County, she is the new part-time secretary there. Training has been discussed for secretaries. They need to know what kinds of trainings we need/want. It was suggested that Kyleen come to do an iWorks training. If you have more ideas let them know and they will try to work this out for us. Please submit types of trainings we would like to Evelyn by next Friday, Oct. 21, 2011.

Amy Twiddy performed Roll Call. Those attending were:

Beaufort: Pam Allen, Gladys Barnes

Bertie: Belinda Belch, Sheila Powell

Camden: Amy Twiddy

Currituck: Donna Keene, Sherry Lynn, MarySue Wright-Baker (retiree)

Dare: Donna Hanusik

Edgecombe: Gloria Morning, Vivian Turner

Gates: B.J. Okleshen, Edna Williams

Halifax: Cheryl Tripp, Chrissy Poole

Hertford: Melanie Storey, Rebecca Castello

Hyde: 0

Martin: Shelia Ange, Robin Toppin

Northampton: Jean Sigmon, Robbie Bridgers, Maryann Edwards
Pasquotank: Lynn Weeks, Christy Boyce
Perquimans: Risha Foreman, Teresa Story
Pitt: Carol Haywood, Sarah Roberson
Washington: 0

The Spring minutes were posted on the website. Some corrections have been made. BJ Okleshen made a motion to approve the minutes, Donna Keene seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Haywood presented our treasurer's report our checking account balance is \$2,096.64, our money market account balance is \$5,196.48. Jean Sigmon made a motion to accept the report, Vivain Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Finance: Sherry Lynn reported that on May 31, 2011 \$208 was deposited for the silent auction from our spring meeting. A check for \$75 was sent to Bertie County Tornado Victims. 2011 Camp Scholarship went to Gates County, for 2012 the \$100 camp scholarship will go to Halifax County. A check for \$25 was sent to Albemarle Hospice in memory of Amy Twiddy's father. The form for the district dues has been emailed to the district. The NED had the fundraising, raffle ticket, at our state meeting in Statesville. The tickets were \$1 each of 6 for \$5, and \$160 lottery tickets were purchased. Susan Graham from The South Central District won the tickets and the amount was \$57. \$174.72 was made payable to Edgecombe County Extension for the expenses for the raffle tickets. We made a profit of \$712.38. Recommendation for this report was passed.
- Membership: Risha Foreman reported that we currently have 32 paid members. A sympathy care was mailed to Amy Twiddy in the loss of her father. A get well card was mailed to Karen Whitley. The "Let's Get Acquainted" directory has been completed and will be emailed to the members next week.
- Rules & By-Laws: Sheila Ange, no report at this time.
- Nominating: BJ Okleshen, no report at this time.
- Professional Improvement: Is in current need of a chairperson.
- Public Relations: Jean Sigmon reported that she plans to implement a new advertising method for Extension and our Association. She is going to ask Becky to forward her pictures she takes at our meetings, she will then write a short article, then send it to each of us to forward to our local newspapers. She asks that we each fulfill this task in each of our counties.
- Reflections: Becky Castello reported the scrapbook is up to date. If you have pictures please get them to Becky. Becky questioned if we could purchase a flash drive to store pictures. Recommendation to make this purchase was approved.

Other Reports:

- 2011 State Meeting: The meeting was held at the Ramada Inn in Statesville. There were 137 attending. We had 16 members from the NE attend.

The community service project for the meeting was Operation Military Kids. Scott Enroughty is that projects coordinator. We had two workshops: Ambition: The Drive to Take Care of Business and Social Media for Marketing and Outreach. Both of these were very informative. The banquet was held the night of September 22. Dr. Tom Melton, Dr. Ray McKinnie, and Sheri Schwab were there to say a few words. The speaker for the night was Yolanda Bynum from Yolanda Bynum Consulting. Gloria Morning won the Award of Excellence from the NE District. Maryann Edwards won the Professional Improvement Scholarship.

The new officers for 2011-2012 are:

Kay Morton, Advisor
Teresa Story, President
Elizabeth Wilson, 1st Vice President
Tracey Brown, 2nd Vice President
Suzanne Hugus, Secretary
Debbie Goforth, Treasurer

The 2012 State meeting will be held in Raleigh on September 12-14.

Federation: For those that are not familiar with NC Federation of Cooperative Extension Associations, it unifies NC Cooperative Extension and promotes professional development and communicates concerns and needs of its members. Members of all of the NCCE Associations are a part of the Federation.

President, Becky Miller, called the September 7, 2011 meeting to order. There was a rundown on the rotation chart. The Secretary for 2012 will be NCCESA member Donna Holland from Campus. In 2013, NCCESA will have to nominate someone for President Elect and in 2014, that person will be president of Federation. Dr. Zublena was our speaker. He gave us a brief rundown on the budget, travel, vacancies, and the federal budget.

On December 9, 2011, Lee County will host the Federation Forum. Dr. Wanda Sykes will be the speaker.

- Staff Senate: Becky Castello & Edna Williams. More effort has been made to put extension at the table. They are very much aware now of who we are and what we do. If you get the opportunity to serve on Staff Senate please do so. Open enrollment for NC Flex is currently going on. The new Hunt Library is very nice and has impressive technology. The Staff Senate website has been redesigned please visit it.
- Horn of Plenty: The Horn of Plenty was held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. This is an annual event held during the County Commissioners' Annual Meeting.

Ruth Ann Pope, was the coordinator for the South Central District secretaries. The SCD not only provided and served tea, lemonade and water, they also cooked, served and maintained the 4 double-sided buffet lines, ice cream and cake, washed dishes cleaned up the mess and locked the door when they left about 11:00 pm. The food was locally grown. Each county worked hard to secure fresh vegetables, fruit, ice cream, homemade breads and pound cakes locally. They served over 700 people. The leftover food was donated to Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network. They provide shelter and assistance to battered women and their children.

- 4-H Scholarship: BJ Okleshen announced that Gates County was the recipient of the state camp scholarship. This helped with a partial scholarship to send a youth to the Eastern Center.

Old Business

- Facebook Page: Becky Castello reported that the page is up and running. Please go and “like” it. All pictures will be posted there as well.
- “Let’s Get Acquainted Book”: Risha Foreman reported that the book is complete, a copy was at the meeting for everyone to look at and verify their information was correct. Risha thanked everyone for sending information.
- TERESSA: Melanie Storey reported that membership is \$10 and must be paid by end of year. Please consider joining. Annual meeting at MSU Oct. 17-19.
- State Meeting Lottery Raffle: The state meeting lottery raffle was a success. We netted \$712.38. People were really interested in this raffle. If we do this next year, we should be able to sell more tickets before the meeting.

The winner of the raffle was Susan Graham who is the South Central District Administrative Associate in Raleigh. Susan drew her own name out of our bag. Unfortunately, she only won \$57.00. She did say her mother and grandson helped her scratch off the tickets and they all had a ball. Jean Sigmon motioned to do lottery ticket raffle again next year, Sherry Lynn seconded. Motion carried. We agreed to have tickets printed by Spring Meeting. Vivian Turner will print tickets again.

- Committee Assignments: Melanie Storey passed around a committee listing and encouraged everyone to please sign up for a committee.

Other Old Business: No other

New Business:

- 2012 State Meeting: This will be held in Raleigh 9/12-14/12. Theme is “Be well stay healthy.”
- 2014 State Meeting: We will host this meeting. Places were discussed, such as, Dare, Pitt, & Halifax. Everyone was encouraged to look around see what their county has and bring that information back to our next meeting.
- Presentation of Past President’s Plaque: A plaque was presented to past president to Teresa Story from Melanie Storey.
- Invitation to 2012 Spring Meeting: Dare County, Donna Hanusik invited everyone and more information will be forthcoming.

Other:

- Food Bank Donation: This is our community service. Camden United Methodist Church received the donations from our Spring Meeting. Currituck has 2 food pantries so the items will be split between the two, to serve the upper and lower parts of Currituck.
- Silent Auction: Everyone was encouraged to make their bids on their favorite items before closing out the auction.

Announcements: None at this time.

Other Business: None at this time.

Invocation/Lunch: Invocation was done by Melanie Storey. Lunch was a boxed lunch.

Adjourn: Teresa Story made a motion to adjourn, Vivian Turner seconded, motion was passed and meeting was adjourned.

Tours: Morris Farm Market, Currituck