

**South Central NCCESA Fall Meeting**  
**August 25, 2006**  
**Anson County**  
**Wadesboro, North Carolina**

The 2006 fall meeting of the South Central NCCESA was held at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center.

Devona Beard, President, called the meeting to order. Since there have been several new secretaries to join our district, each person introduced themselves, including tidbits of personal information.

The group was led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the "Thought for the Day", which was a presentation on teamwork by Kay Morton, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. Kay used many quotes to emphasize the importance of working as a team.

Janine Rywak, Anson County Director, welcomed attendees and included an entertaining quiz for professionals. Andy Lucas, Anson County Manager, also welcomed the group, providing an invitation to shop and explore Anson County.

Susan Brame, South Central Administrative Secretary, offered comments from the South Central Administrative Office. Danny Shaw, South Central District Director, was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

Pearl Blount, Anson County Administrative Secretary, announced our program for the meeting, a tour of the Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium. Everyone gathered and carpooled to the Wadesboro Rotary Planetarium, where we were met by Chris Stinson, Planetarium Director. Mr. Stinson provided a very fun-filled, but highly educational tour of the Planetarium. We had some hands-on-activities, toured the exhibits, which was followed by a very informative presentation in the Planetarium on the stars, formation of hurricanes, and water currents. Mr. Stinson also told us his personal experiences while hunting wild hogs in Anson County.

Upon returning to the Extension Center, Lee Ann Crump, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, provided the invocation. The group was treated to a wonderful lunch of grilled steak, potatoes, salad and dessert.

Following lunch, the Business Session was called to order by Devona.

Roll call was taken, with 35 secretaries present.

Anson – 2	Bladen – 3	Chatham – 2	Columbus – 3	Cumberland – 4
Harnett – 3	Hoke – 2	Lee – 2	Montgomery – 2	Moore – 2
Richmond – 2	Robeson – 4	Scotland – 1	Stanly – 2	District Secretary -1

Treasurer's report was provided by Janet Mabry. Janet reported that we were financially sound for expenses for the state meeting.

Devona led the group in an ice-breaker game using Post-It notes. Four groups, using teamwork, had to disassemble and then reassemble the packet of Post-It notes.

A motion was made by Starla Harwood, seconded by Ann Pridgen, to approve the minutes as sent via email.

Standing committee reports were given. In an effort to save time, committee chairpersons met with committee members via email to prepare their reports.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership – Cindy Vann**

Three new members have joined the NCCESA, South Central District. The group welcomed: Myra Johnson, Moore County; Carol Capel, Richmond County; and Barbara Robertson, Harnett County. The Membership Committee sent the new members an official letter of welcome via e-mail, along with web addresses of the district and state association's websites.

There are 37 active members, 3 associate members, and 8 honorary members of the association.

#### **Public Relations – Rhonda Gaster**

The committee thanked anyone that contributed to the newsletter. They encouraged the group to continue to submit articles and pictures. Items may be sent to any committee member during the year. Articles and pictures are due from the counties by December 1 and June 1.

#### **Scholarship – Nan Rackley**

Report was provided by Linda Brulet in the absence of Nan Rackley.

The scholarship committee reviewed six scholarship applications. TeAira Melvin from South Columbus High School was chosen to receive the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association, South Central District Scholarship in the amount of \$200.00. TeAira will be attending East Carolina University. A picture and brief article about the scholarship and TeAira were published in two local newspapers. Janet Mabry, Treasurer, has been sent East Carolina's mailing address and scholarship information, so that the scholarship check may be mailed.

Sample forms in reference to the scholarship information have been completed to be placed on the web. Placing the forms on the web was approved during the spring meeting.

#### **Reflections – Starla Haywood**

Anyone with articles or pictures they would like included in the scrapbooks – please forward to Starla.

#### **Professional Improvement – Roberto Cruz**

Report was provided by Annie Freeman in the absence of Roberto Cruz.

The committee encourages all members to apply for Professional Improvement Scholarships. The only applicant from the district this year was Annie Freeman.

Certificates were presented by Kay Morton to officers and committee chairs for their contributions during the year.

#### **Rules & By-Laws – Beverly Burney**

All members were encouraged to check the association website for changes to be voted on at the state meeting.

The Board of Directors reviewed these recommendations and the recommendations have been approved to be voted on by the membership during the 2006 NCCESA State Meeting.

It was recommended that a reword change be done to Section 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> bullet – item "b".

#### ***Currently reads:***

- b. Those on NC State Campus and NCSU research stations who have partial or full Extension funded salaries.

#### ***Proposed change:***

- b. Those on NC State Campus, NCSU research station field locations, and NC A&T that support Cooperative Extension programs, regardless of the employee's source of salary funding.

#### **Nomination – Betty Juhan**

The following persons were placed into nomination for the following offices:

President, Kay Morton; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Leeann Crump; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Susan Graham; Secretary, Annie Freeman; Treasurer, Penny McCartney; Advisor, Devona Beard.

A motion was made by Susan Johnson, seconded by Peggy Elliott to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

The meeting was then turned over to Starla Haywood, Chairperson of the State Meeting committee.

The following items were discussed:

- Budget report is as reported earlier in the meeting
- Registration was done by using the ILMS system and manual registration
- Janet and Starla are still working on the meal count
- Hotel is full (Mid-Pines) there are still rooms available at Pine Needles
- Tours are full
- Workshops are full
- Sponsorship monies are mostly paid. Some counties will pay in the near future.
- One tour participant request that a donation be made to the local Animal Shelter. Devona made the motion to provide the donation, seconded by Carolyn Hodges. Motion carried.
- Registration packet is being worked on.
- State meeting attendees are highly encouraged by Administration to attend personal development workshops.
- Speaker is Bill Thompson. His only expense will be his fee.
- Plans for decorations are set. There is a possible need to get mirror tiles from Raleigh.
- Materials will be stored in Room D. Will check to see if banquet materials can be stored at the conference room at Pine Needles.
- The only entertainment at dinner will be dinner music due to the awards being given during the banquet.
- There will be a \$50 charge to rent a CD player. Kay Morton made the motion, seconded by Ann Pridgen, to rent the CD player for the dinner music. Motion carried.
- Additional shirts are available for purchase. Cost is slightly higher.
- Jeans are not allowed during the state meeting. They are acceptable for Wednesday, set-up day.
- Khaki, blue, or black pants/capris/skirts/skorts to wear with hostess shirts on Thursday.
- Arrive for setup by 10 am on Wednesday, September 14 if possible.
- Bags to be used for hospitality bags were presented.
- No vendors.
- Door prizes were to be supplied by each secretary, valued at \$20. Door prizes should be wrapped.
- Susan Johnson provided the door prize tickets to Janet to be put in registration packets.
- Starla passed out a list of required items from each county: 18 sodas, 18 bottles of water, 18 crackers, 18 packs of gum, and the required door prizes.
- Denese Prevatte distributed the tentative program. September 1 is the deadline for sponsors to be listed on the program.
- Linda Brulet reported that due to the illness of Michael Shaw, someone else is checking on peanuts for the hospitality bags.
- Due to a printing error by the company that is providing some of our items for the meeting, there are 200 blue notepads with our logo available. Devona asked the group if we wanted to purchase these also. After some discussion, Janet Mabry made a motion that we wait until after final expenditures of the state meeting are handled before deciding on whether to purchase the notepads. There was no second to the motion. Janet killed her motion. A motion was made by Denese Prevatte, seconded by Linda Brulet, to purchase the notepads to be included in the hospitality bag. The motion carried.
- The arrival time on Thursday will be determined on Wednesday afternoon.
- Janet is to check to see when and where service awards will be distributed.
- Bring your Extension name tag to wear with green "Hostess" ribbons on Friday.

## **New Business**

Starla Harwood brought up for discussion the possibility of adding "happy" events (wedding, birth of a baby, ect...) to the Benevolence Fund guidelines. After discussion, she made a motion to include a \$20 acknowledgement for "happy" events to the Benevolence Fund guidelines, seconded by Pearl Blount. The motion carried.

An invitation to visit Bladen County for the spring meeting was given by Devona.

Secretary of the Year Award was presented to Starla Harwood. Starla was presented a plaque and a check for \$50. Janet Mabry nominated Starla for her outstanding contributions to Stanly County Extension, with a focus on her 4-H assistance.

Devona expressed her gratitude to the 2005-2006 officers. She presented them with a token of appreciation.

Installation of officers was conducted by outgoing advisor, Thetis Williams.

#### 2006-2007 Officers

President – Kay Morton

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Leeann Crump

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Susan Graham

Secretary – Annie Freeman

Treasurer – Penny McCartney

Advisor – Devona Beard

Kay Morton presented out-going President, Devona Beard with a plaque and expressed the group's appreciation for her leadership this year.

Half and Half drawing was won by Ann Pridgen of Columbus County.

Devona encouraged all members to be receptive to any requests to chair committees by incoming president, Kay Morton.

The meeting was adjourned.