

Minutes of
NCCEAPA Meeting
Friday, May 17, 2013

The May meeting of the NCCEAPA was held in Macon County at the Macon County Environmental Resource Center and was hosted by Deborah Hunter. Tami Hagie, President, opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Alan Durden, CED for Macon County, welcomed everyone to Macon County and explained that the Master Gardener volunteers maintained the gardens at the Macon Co. Environmental Resource Center and indicated there would be a tour of the gardens after lunch.

Debbie Goforth gave the thought for the day (see attached).

Tami called for approval of the agenda, Jane McDaniel made a motion to approve, Debbie Goforth seconded, agenda was approved.

Tami asked if everyone had read over the minutes and called for a motion to approve. Barbara Walker made a motion to approve, Cheryl Mitchell seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

Norma Chrisawn read the roll call; 19 members were present as follows:

Kim Davis, Avery County	Jane McDaniel, McDowell County
Tami Hagie, Avery County	Cheryl Mitchell, McDowell County
Deanna Jordan, Buncombe County	Leslie Brown, Rutherford County
Debbie Sparks, Buncombe County	Carol Horne, Rutherford County
Karen Ball, Haywood County	Maryann Mickewicz, Transylvania County
Ivy Olson, Henderson County	Susanne Winebarger, Watauga County
Barbara Walker, Henderson County	Brenda Wilson, Yancey County
Deborah Hunter, Macon County	Norma Chrisawn, Yancey County
Debbie Goforth, Madison County	Janice Dotson, MHCR&EC
Cathy Brackins, Madison County	

Members Not Present:

Erin Freeman, Haywood	Linda Lemons, Cleveland
Vonda Vaughn, Mitchell	Annie Thompson, Cleveland
Sarah Gottfried, Polk	Kerri Rayburn, Jackson
Dot McClintock, Polk	Joyce Plemmons, Buncombe
Glenda Burgess, Burke	
Dawn Snyder, Burke	

Ivy Olson gave everyone a copy of the Financial Report and asked them to review it. The books had been audited. Ivy will take care of getting the name changed on the bank account at the Credit Union to reflect the Association name change and will write them a letter to that effect. She will get the name changed on the EIN number filed in the State Treasurer's office. It will only be a name change, no change in the number. There was discussion regarding EIN numbers and that each District needs their own number. Financial report was approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Susanne Winebarger, Chair, reported that we have 31 paying members and 18 honorary members. Rebecca Ritch retired; Donna Tulley took a position as the 4-H agent in Clay County; Valorie Welch retired.

Public Relations: Cheryl Mitchell asked everyone to please share with her any news or anything regarding the members in each county and be sure to send to media any awards received.

Rules and By-Laws: No report

Financial Report: Had been given earlier.

Special Committee Reports:

Janice Dotson reported on the Herter O'Neal Scholarship.

Professional Improvement – Janice Dotson. Janice gave a description of the duties of the Professional Improvement Committee. Members of the committee are Janice Dotson, Karen Ball, Debbie Goforth and Annie Thompson.

Nominating Committee: Maryann Mickenwicz – Ask if anyone is interested in serving in a position, to please let her know. We still need a second vice president. Jane McDaniel indicated she would like Ivy Olson to be the State Treasurer. Jane will be the State President next year.

Reflections Committee: Jane McDaniel – reported on the Association website and stated that it is now up to date and that she has photos on the website. Jane asked everyone to please send information to her to be posted on the website and indicated that she is working on a face book page. Jane asked anyone who wanted to be an administrator to help put up pictures or information, to let her know. She will give everyone permission to put information on face book and asked members to go “Like” the page.

Honorary Membership Committee Report: Susanne Winebarger, Chair – reported that nominations for honorary membership needs to be sent to her by August 1st and she will get it to the State Board of Directors to approve before the State meeting and will present to the membership. Susanne read the criteria for honorary membership. The criteria was discussed. Carol Horne will nominate Becky Ritch for honorary membership. Issy Cable's name was also suggested. There was discussion on nominations for honorary membership and who were current honorary members. The members are listed on the website. Susanne Winebarger is the state chair of the committee and suggested changes to the information requested on the nomination form and going with a recommendation letter.

Old Business:

Community Service Project for Fall 2012 went to Polk County. Canned goods were collected and taken to Thermal Belt Outreach food pantry in Columbus, NC.

Tami Hagie gave a brief update on the State Board of Directors meeting held on March 1st at A&T. Information was given to those present on a new software call C Vent. Chiquita McAllister gave a talk on Diversity and Respect in the Workplace. Martha Smith discussed the name change and EIN numbers for the Association. There was a recommendation for a change to the handbook regarding submission of the minutes. The District will send the minutes to their members and put them on the website. The minutes should be sent to the District President to send out.

New Business:

Jane asked to put off the website discussion and demonstration to the end of the meeting.

The 2012 4-H scholarship went to Watauga County. Watauga County and Transylvania will give a report at the fall meeting. Watauga will use the funds this summer.

Maryann Mickewicz gave a justification for their use of the scholarship and indicated they have a new club starting up for disadvantaged families and the scholarship will be used to benefit disadvantaged kids in the area. They have seven kids who want to go to camp, they are trying for donations for the kids to go to camp. They would like the full \$250 to help these kids go to camp. Jane McDaniel made a motion to give the full \$250.00 to Transylvania County, Janice Dotson seconded and the motion was approved.

The Federation report was given by Cheryl Mitchell. See copy attached.

Jane McDaniel talked about fund raisers for our next State meeting that the West would host and suggested a raffle on a half and half and gift cards. We raised \$218.00 on the gift cards before and \$275.00 was spent to buy cards. Suggestion was made for a white elephant sale, half and half is also good one, we would have to have someone to volunteer to do the station. Ivy suggested putting on the website so folks can go in and sign up to help. Suggestion: Pottery sells well, but we would need to get it donated. Debbie Hunter may be able to get a piece donated. Letters were sent out to Farm Bureau, etc. asking for donations for last meeting we hosted. We are two years out now and need to get a planning committee lined up for the next State meeting we will host. Ivy suggested that we get two tickets to Chimney Rock at Lake Lure; (Tami Hagie had gotten Grandfather Mountain tickets before) with movie, accommodations, etc. with a Dirty Dancing theme. Cost would be about \$150.00 for accommodations at Lake Lure. Suggestion that if anyone had a connection at Lake Lure, they could work on accommodations. Jane recommended that we spend a maximum of \$150.00. Ivy made a motion to accept the recommendation to see if we could get a deal on the pottery, and if we could, get two tickets to Chimney Rock donated, with a boat ride and lodging. If we can't get them donated, spend a maximum of \$150.00 from the District Budget to get the package. Cathy Brackins seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

The community service project for this meeting was a Love Gift, Tami Hagie presented flowers and the gift in the form of donations to assist Carol Horne with her nephew.

Jane McDaniel reported on the new association website and said the State website has been moved to Google. The West District site has been updated. At this point it is still on the Wiki and waiting to be moved.

Tami read announcements from the back of the Agenda – the State registration is on the website and said that if anyone planned to go, to go ahead and make reservations. Registration is online. West District Secretary of the Year Committee chair is Brenda Wilson and that nomination needs to be out by July 1st. The Fall meeting is in Jackson County. Kerri Rayburn will host.

Professional Improvement for this meeting will be a tour of the gardens at the Environmental Center after lunch.

There being no further business, Jane McDaniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice Dotson seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Chrisawn, Secretary

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to, and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem. The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

Here's what you do," said the Doctor, "stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?

No response.

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, Honey, what's for dinner?"

Again he gets no response so; He walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for dinner?"

"James, for the FIFTH time I've said, CHICKEN!"

Moral of the story:

The problem may not be with the other person as we think !

NCCEAPA – WEST DISTRICT
PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
May 17, 2013
Macon County

The function of the District Professional Improvement Committee is:

To keep association members up to date with awards available to them with deadlines and criteria; workshops and trainings available; and any magazines, internet pages etc. that would help in the education and time management of all members.

Annual Scholarship -- In accordance with the Professional Improvement Scholarship guidelines, Professional Improvement Committee Chairperson will request applications for Professional Improvement scholarships and coordinate with committee to determine recipient(s) and awarded amount(s) within said guidelines.

The members of NCCEAPA-West District Professional Improvement Committee are:

Janice Dotson, Chair
Karen Ball
Debbie Goforth
Annie Thompson

Since the beginning of the association year, the West District has been engaged in professional development sessions by its members. Trainings have consisted of notary class, Guardian I9 training, job description training, Microsoft Office 2010, New Performance Appraisal Form, Informational Management classes, Ask an Expert Training, district and state association meetings, staff retreats, 4-H training on ACCESS, and read books such as Strength Finder 2.0.

Another function of the district professional improvement committee was to request, receive and review Herter-O'Neal Scholarship applications from the district. We received 9 applicants from 6 counties. The review committee included the members of the professional development committee plus the District 2nd Vice President which is Cheryl Mitchell. We chose a very good candidate and submitted it to the State 2nd Vice President. The winner will be announced at the state meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Dotson, Chair

Cheryl Mitchell – Federation President-Elect
Federation Update

The 2012 Federation Forum met on December 14, 2012 in Sanford.

Election and installation of 2013 Federation Officers:

President- Mitzi Downing- NCACES

President Elect- Cheryl Mitchell- NCCEAPA

Secretary- Meg Wyatt- MCAE4-HA

Treasurer- Mary Hollingswood- NCACAA

Webmaster- Teresa Byrd- NCAEPAAT

Parliamentarian- Debra Stroud- ESP

Past President- Eleanor Summers- NCEAFCS

Spring meeting will be May 28 via Blackboard.

The 2013 Federation Forum will be Friday, December 13, location to be determined..