

Southeast District Fall Meeting
August 26, 2022
Johnston County Extension Center
Kenansville, North Carolina

Bryant Spivey, Extension Director of Johnston County presented the welcome for the host county. He acknowledged the great work that the support staff does for our Extension offices and told us just how much we are appreciated by all.

Meeting was call to order at 10:10 am by our President, Roben Jarrett.

Johnston's County Horticulture Agent, Marshall Warren, gave us a brief narrative of the beautiful Johnston County Extension campus. He told us about the bee hotel that was in the pollinator garden and a little history of the honeybee. He plans to build more beehives that will be accessible for handicap visitors. There are also several raised garden beds on the grounds. A tour of the gardens will follow our meeting.

Roll call was called by secretary.

Bladen	2	Lenoir	0
Brunswick	2	New Hanover	4
Campus	1	Onslow	0
Carteret	1	Pamlico	1
Columbus	0	Pender	1
Craven	1	Robeson	2
Duplin	2	Sampson	2
Green	0	Wayne	0
Jones	1	Wilson	2
Johnston	2	Total	24

The Parliamentarian verified quorum.

We had three (3) guests for our meeting.

President Jarrett asked for approval of the agenda for today. Kareis Britt made a motion to approve the agenda and Joel Fulton seconded the motion.

Thought for the Day was read by Tamara Carawan.

President Jarrett asked for approval of the minutes from our last meeting. Dina Murray made the motion to approve the minutes. Tamara Carawan seconded the motion.

Kareis Britt - Treasurer gave the Financial Report. (A copy was provided in the handouts)
The floor was opened to accept the report. LaToya Lucy made the motion to accept the report and was seconded by Danyce Dicks.

Committee Reports:

Finance – See above.

Membership – Betty Draughon - Membership Chair reported that we have twenty-six active members, 18 TERSSA members and 16 honorary members. There are five new hires.

Nominating – Suzanne Hugus – Nominating Chair presented Kareis Britt with the 2022 NCCEAPA SE District Administrative Professional of the Year Award.

Rules & By-Laws – Tamara Carawan – Rules & By-Laws Chair had a handout prepared that showed the variations between our by-laws and that of the state by-laws. After reviewing both, it was decided that our rules differ but are not in contradiction of the state by laws. The committee will add to the by-laws that our yearly dues are not prorated regardless of when a person joins the membership.

Professional Improvement – Lynn Raynor – Co-Chair reported that no applications were received for the Professional Improvement Scholarship Award for this year. April 1, 2023 is the deadline for next year. Pender County will receive the 22/23 Southeast District 4-H Scholarship. The award will be presented at our next district meeting.

Public Relations & Reflections – Crystal Pope – Chair reported that after all the photos in the New Hanover office are scanned; they will be put on a shared Google drive to be available to view for all. Once they are on our webpage, they will be archived in the Hill Library on NCSU campus. Our district memorabilia will be stored in the Pender office. It was voted to have Co-Chairs for this (Public Relationship & Reflections) committee.

Goodwill & Benevolence – Michelle Raines – Chair asked that we continue to request cards as needed. She asked that you include information as to how the person receiving the card is related to the person in our membership.

State Association Updates - LaToya Lucy – State Advisor was advised to put in writing any funds requested from the State Executive Board prior to distribution of said funds. It was also noted that the Board has the privilege to make last-minute decisions among themselves if needed to do so in a timely manner.

The logo has yet to be approved. The Board must move forward with designs and quotes before the state meeting.

Thank you card was read from Pamlico County for the 4-H Scholarship Award. The monies were used to support their 4-H Summer Programs.

State Honorary Membership – Betty Draughton – Chair reported that we have letters from Lynn Raynor and Kareis Britt nominating Retha Hoffman and Emily Walter respectively for honorary membership. These names will be present at the state meeting.

Old Business

Betty Draughton – Chair had submitted handouts with the proposed changes to the SE District Membership Guidelines. Each bullet points were read and approved separately.

Fundraising -Update – Kareis Britt reported that New Hanover County had collected a sufficient amount of monies from sending out letters requesting help to support our state meeting. She has encouraged other counties to continue utilize the prepared letters that we have online to solicit help from organizations within our counties.

New Business – Suzanne Hugus encouraged the membership to continue to nominate/vote for the awards that are available.

Tamara Carawan passed out a sign-up sheet for the district committees for 2022-2023.

Angie Pearsall gave us an update on the hotel requirements for our state meeting.

Tamara Carawan has prepared a beautiful promo video for our state meeting.

The State Meeting schedule was reviewed.

Breakout Sessions included a “working lunch” that was enjoyed by all.

State Meeting Committee responsibilities were discussed.

Suane Hugus re-installed the board of officers that was in place from last year and had agreed to serve another term. This term is effective as of October 1, 2022. She presented each officer with a lovely gift.

Kareis Britt will ask if those members having to pay market rate for their hotel rooms at Nag Heads can be reimbursed for overpayment. (No guarantee)

With closing remarks from our President, meeting was adjourned.

Many enjoyed touring the beautiful grounds outside the building before going downtown to visit the other sites.

Thank you, Johnston County, for a job well done!