

Minutes of the Fall 2005 Meeting  
North Dakota Association of Family & Consumer Science

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National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences/  
North Dakota Affiliate

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Doublewood Inn, Fargo

President Ellen Bjelland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance were: Ellen Bjelland, Merry Green, Floramay Miller, Gail Slinde, Julie Garden-Robinson, Marcia Hellandsaas, Macine Lukach, Donna Bernhardt, Colleen Svingen, Sheila VanderWal, Sue Isbell, Donna Anderson, Karla Monson, Eunice Sahr, Rita Ussatis, Vanessa Hoines, Lori Scharmer, Sean Brotherson (guest), Jeanne Hochhalter, Peggy Anderson, Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, Sharon Query, Sue Fagerholt, Gayle Gette, Barb Holes-Dickson, Virginia Clark-Johnson (guest), Duane Hauck (guest).

Dean Virginia Clark-Johnson addressed the group on highlights from the College of Human Development and Education touching on the web-based online Masters programs, "Points of Pride", and how to fund Parenting Resource Centers.

Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig moved, second by Peggy Anderson that we dispense with reading the minutes, and approve the Secretary's report as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Sue Fagerholt. Sue moved, second by Marcia Hellandsaas, to accept the report and put on file for audit. Motion carried. Sue distributed membership renewal forms. Please send to her by December 31<sup>st</sup> along with \$72 dues.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Awards/Recognition: Sharon Kickertz-Gerbig, Chair

Sharon distributed a copy of the powerpoint presentation on the NEAFCS Awards Program. No applications for national awards were

received last year. She challenged members to apply. She announced our state winners:

- Outstanding Extension FCS Educator 1 to 5 years ... Sue Isbel
- Outstanding Extension FCS Educator 6 to 10 years ... Julie Garden-Robinson

Member Resources: Donna Bernhardt

Donna will invite new staff members in FCS, FNP and EFNEP.  
Sharon Query would like to join.

Public Affairs: Eunice Sahr

Eunice distributed an information piece on PILD, scheduled for April 24-27, 2006, in Virginia. There is a \$150 first time scholarship available. Chapman dollars may also be used.

Living Well Campaign: National campaign is March 12 - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
There is a new CD with brochures and posters and grants are available to help market. A committee of Sharon K-G, Eunice and Vanessa will look into applying. Please send ideas to them by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

Friend of FCS Awards: Nominations are due April 1<sup>st</sup> for individuals, organizations, specialists and administrators who have made significant contributions to FCS. Sharon K-G moved, second by Vanessa to appoint a committee to make this a state award.

Extension Director, Duane Hauck, made a presentation to the group. He stressed the importance of working with local legislators, training for new agents, using the \$1000 professional development grants from President Chapman, and PILD in Washington, DC. Twenty-six percent of our Extension programming in ND is done in Nutrition Education followed by twenty-five percent in Cropping Systems. He is also very supportive of stronger state support of Parenting Resource Centers.

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Professional Development: Gail Slinde

Gail reported that no one applied for the \$200 professional development scholarship last year.

Discussion was held on diverting funds from checking account into an investment. As the budget is prepared in Spring of 2006, this should be considered. A committee comprised of Sue Fagerholt, Treasurer; Lori

Scharmer, and Vanessa Hoines will study this issue and make a recommendation at the next meeting on how much to invest.

4-H Foundation: Sue Isbel

Sue reported that she has attended the 4-H Foundation Meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Colleen Svingen, Donna Anderson and Jeanne Hochhalter expressed the need and importance of interaction with all areas of Extension through networking and making sure that people know what we are doing.

Our members, Donna Anderson and Peggy Anderson will be participating in the NELD program

National Meeting Report: Vanessa Hoines, Macine Lukach, Ellen Bjelland

Members reported on a wonderful meeting held in Philadelphia, with Ellen B attending the business meetings. Our association made a donation to the state associations affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The 2006 national meeting will be in Denver, October 3-6. Macine Lukach will be our official delegate to this meeting.

JCEP Resolution: The resolution proposed by JCEP regarding support and funding of the Parent Resource Centers was read and discussed. A survey will be done in North Dakota counties to find out about the need for these centers. Pilot counties will participate this fall, and then all counties will be asked to participate in December and January.

While discussion was taking place, Mike Rose from the NDAEA, entered and presented a proposed change in the wording. In the third paragraph, the change would be to add "equal consideration to" family and parenting programs ... delete "high" ... on their priority list of new programs for legislative consideration and funding.

Gail Slinde moved to accept the resolution as presented by NDAEA. Motion was seconded, discussed and passed by membership.

Discussion went back to the survey for Parent Resource Centers. A cover letter from Extension Administration should accompany the survey. Each county should submit 3 to 5 surveys, minimum. All field staff, including support staff, should be notified.

The Living Well Committee will apply for grant dollars to help market FCS issues to county commissioners and decision makers.

The name change from Extension Agents to Extension "Educators" was discussed. Karla Monson moved, Eunice Sahr seconded, that we approve this name change. Motion passed.

New Member Installation: Sharon Query, new member, was unable to stay for installation.

Announcements:

Web-based training of new agents will be developed. FCS agents are asked to volunteer to help with this task.

Professional Development Opportunity: Human Development conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, in February. A group of members plan to attend.

Adjournment: Marcia Hellandsaas moved, second by Karla Monson to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Merry Green, Secretary