

WAFCS COUNCIL MEETING
March 31, 2016
Radisson Hotel, Madison, WI

President, Mary Kennedy, called the WAFCS Council Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on March 31, 2016 in the Radisson Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin.

ATTENDING: Mary Kennedy, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Jean Zeithaml, Carol Subera, Kayla Correll, Janet Powell, Susan Turgeson, Cindy Quilling, Stephanie Love, Mary Kaye Merwin, Hailey Ruff, and Vera Riley.

AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as distributed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the March 2015 Council Meeting were approved by the Board of Directors. The January 9, 2016 Board of Directors Minutes were reviewed by readers Jeanne Schwass-Long and Esther Fahm. With no corrections, the minutes were placed on file. Readers for this meeting will be Cindy Quilling and Jeanne Schwass-Long.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Susan Turgeson, reported that effective March 28, 2016 the total assets of the association were \$39,602.46. Total assets of the WAFCS Foundation were \$82,313.81.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

President: A written report was received and placed on file.

Immediate Past President: A written report was received and placed on file. In addition, as chair of the nominating committee, candidates are being sought for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President Public Policy, Vice President External Affairs, and Treasurer. Susan Turgeson has agreed to be the continuing candidate for Treasurer.

President-Elect: A written report was received and placed on file.

Executive Director: A written report was received and placed on file.

Vice President Professional Development: A written report was received and placed on file.

2016 Conference: A written report was received and placed on file.

Volunteers are needed to assist with registration.

2017 Conference: co-chairs Rita Houser and Janet Powell are currently recruiting a committee. The meeting will be held in Appleton, WI March 2-4, 2017.

Vice President Public Policy: This position is currently open. Several participants in the pre-conference activities reported on the need for advocacy of FCS, the lack of understanding of membership on what advocacy is, and moving forward with positive steps for the profession. Work is being done on securing someone to take this office. It possible that it will be a shared position in 2016-17. Jeanne Schwass-Long is willing to assist in sharing this office.

Vice President Membership: A written report was received and placed on file.

Protégé Plus: A written report was received and placed on file.
Retirees: No new report
Student Unit Advisor: A written report was received and placed on file.
New Professionals: A written report was received and placed on file.
Vice President Awards & Recognition: A written report was received and placed on file.
Vice President Communications and Technology: A written report was received and placed on file.
Foundation Report: A written report was received and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS; None

NEW BUSINESS:

AAFCS Leadership Council Representatives: After discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the representative to the meeting of the Leadership Council in June should be Mary Kennedy and Cindy Quilling. The President and President-Elect should attend the fall meeting.

AAFCS Annual Conference: Jeanne Schwass-Long and Janet Powell will be collecting information on those attending the conference June 22-25, 2016 in Bellevue, WA.

ESAE Request: To date, there was no request for a silent auction basket from Wisconsin. It was agreed, if such a request comes in, the board of directors would handle it.

Future of Regional Meetings: Discussion was held on the status of regional association meetings and their value. It was agreed that there is value in getting better acquainted with fellow FCS professional in one's home area. It was also pointed out that scheduling such events and finding leadership for them is very difficult. The final consensus was that regional gatherings are optional at the discretion of local leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FCCLA will be celebrating their 70th anniversary this summer with an event sponsored by the FCCLA Foundation on July 21st.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Mary Kaye Merwin
Secretary

Readers: Jeanne Schwass-Long and Cindy Quilling