

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Quilling at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held at the 'Beyond the Daily Grind Café' in Mauston, Wisconsin

ATTENDANCE: Cindy Quilling, Mary Kaye Merwin, Esther Fahm, Carolyn Barnhart, Rita Hauser, Susan Turgeson, Stephanie Love, Alissa Uttech, Mary Kennedy, Charmaine Rimple, Karen Goebel, and Janet Powell.

AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as presented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Mary Kaye Merwin reported that the minutes of the WAFCS Council held on March 31, 2016 and the WAFCS Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by appointed readers. With no corrections or additions, these minutes were placed on file as distributed.

Readers for this meeting are Mary Kennedy and Carolyn Barnhart.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Susan Turgeson reported that the WAFCS Operating Account ended the fiscal year with a positive balance of \$2,762.04. Total assets for WAFCS as of July 2016 are \$35,691.86. The treasurer presented a 2016-17 budget of \$18,400. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2016-17 budget at \$18,400. Motion carried.

The treasurer reported that the WAFCS Foundation assets as of July 2016 are \$84,292.75.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT: The president submitted a detailed report. As submitted, reports were given on participation in the AAFCS Leadership Council. Compliments were shared with AAFCS President Carolyn Barnhart for leadership of a very good AAFCS Leadership Council meeting.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Immediate Past President, Mary Kennedy submitted a written report that covered her activities throughout the past year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Executive Director, Janet Powell submitted a report of her activities. A 2016-17 Communications Schedule was presented, outlining dates for materials and production of all communications planned with the membership.

Janet reported that the following positions which were vacant at the time of election of 2016-17 officers have now been filled: Vice President Public Policy – Charmaine Rimple; Vice President External Relations – Marilyn Swiontek; and Foundation Board voting member on Board of Directors – Vera Riley. After discussion, it was determined that the Policies and Procedures of WAFCS allow the Board of Directors to fill vacant positions until next term election. A motion was made and seconded to approve the

appointment of Charmaine Rimple, VP Public Policy; Marilyn Swiontek, VP External Relations; and Foundation Board Representative, Vera Riley. Motion carried.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS

VP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: VP Professional Development, Esther Fahm submitted a written report. She led a discussion on the future of Regional Meetings. She proposed a survey of members and a roundtable discussion at the annual meeting during a meal event.

The final report of the 2016 Annual Conference was submitted in writing by Co-chair Janet Powell. A total of 109 participants were registered with a total income of \$5,308.81. Evaluation results were also shared.

A preliminary report on the 2017 Annual Conference was submitted by co-chairs Rita Houser and Janet Powell, Dates are March 2-4, 2017 at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI.

It was also reported that co-chairs for the 2018 Annual Conference are to be Cathy Lader and Barbara George, with the host city of Janesville, WI.

VP PUBLIC POLICY: VP Public Policy, Charmaine Rimple shared the clear differences between advocacy and lobbying. We focus our efforts on advocacy for FCS.

VP MEMBERSHIP: VP Membership, Stephanie Love submitted a written report. Our membership is currently at 159. A listing of lapsed members will be shared with the board for follow-up contacts. No reports were received for Retirees or Student Development. It was reported that Protégé Plus was still active and that an orientation session will be sponsored again by NASCO in August for teachers.

VP AWARDS AND RECOGNITION: VP Awards and Recognition, Carolyn Barnhart submitted a written report. She encouraged recommendations for the 2017 state and national awards. Since AAFCS did not offer national leadership awards in 2015 or 2016, there are Wisconsin winners from 2014, 2015, and 2016 that would be eligible for submission. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Awards Committee to contact and encourage completion of national applications for our 2014, 2015, and 2016 state winners. Motion carried.

It was noted that selection of scholarship winners are a part of the Awards and Recognition responsibilities at the national level. Wisconsin should determine if that is more appropriate here as well, or if it should remain as a responsibility within the Foundation. It was agreed to keep these in the Foundation at this time.

VP COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY: A written report was submitted.

VP EXTERNAL RELATIONS: No report

WAFCS FOUNDATION: Foundation Director Karen Goebel presented a written report of the year's activities of the Foundation. Seven travelships were awarded to the 2016 AAFCS Conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OPEN PRESIDENT-ELECT POSITION: A general discussion was held to brainstorm ideas for filling the vacant president-elect position. The requirement that a candidate must have previously served on the board was discussed, but there was no definitive evidence that this was causing the problem. Past President, Mary Kennedy will continue to work on making contacts in the next two months. She was given possible fallback options for two sharing the position as well as a last resort option.

NEW BUSINESS

AAFCS SIGNATURE INITIATIVES: It was shared that three signature initiatives are currently promoted by AAFCS: FCS Day (December 3rd and in 2017 also May 4th) "Say Yes to FCS" and "FCS FIT" with three themes to be used as the AAFCS National Conference each year. We will continue to work these themes into our state activities.

AFFILIATE ACTION PLAN: Mary Kennedy reported that the 2016 reports have been filed.

FCS MULTI-ORGANIZATIONAL CALENDAR: Janet Powell will continue to work at trying to get information and dates from sister FCS organizations, but this is a very difficult task.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held via conference call on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Carol Anderson, Sue Buck and Mary Koch are attending IFHE 2016 in Daejeon, South Korea; and Sue Buck will serve as the voting delegate for our WAFCS membership in IFHE.

-Mary Kennedy and Cindy Quilling will serve as WAFCS representatives at the AAFCS Leadership Council on November 3-5, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia, along with Carolyn Barnhart in her role as Past President of AAFCS.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Merwin
Secretary

READERS: Mary Kennedy
Carolyn Barnhart