

WAFCS COUNCIL MEETING
March 29, 2012

President, Diane Klemme called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Klemme, Janet Powell, Susan Turgeson, Arlene Welcher, Donna Dinco, Judy Knudsen, Carol Subera, Stephanie Love, Crystal Bell, Tiffani Roltgen, Carolyn Barnhart, Bev Braun, Vera Riley, Jean Zeithaml, Karen Goebel, Jessica Montils, Marissa Treptau, Carol Anderson, Sue Buck, Chris Kniep, Karen Dickrell, Marsha Larson, Priscilla Bondhus, and Mary Kaye Merwin.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The agenda was approved by consensus with an amendment to add a resolution for approval.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the January 21, 2012 conference call meeting were read and approved by Carolyn Barnhart and Tiffani Roltgen. The minutes were filed as distributed. Readers for this meeting will be Janet Powell and Donna Dinco.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Susan Turgeson reported total operating assets of \$26,353.26. The report was filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2012 WAFCS Conference - Judy Knudsen reported that 24 attended the pre-conference workshop. A total of 70 are registered for the conference with 18 of that total being students. Judy indicated that our PayPal account needs to be updated to include additional information in the future.

Collaboration with other Organizations – Janet Powell reported that she had been involved in several conference calls and discussions with Extension, Teachers, and Family Relations organizations. A member survey was conducted by each organization to assess interest in a collaborative conference. Extension already has a joint conference (JCEP); Teachers have issues with timing and content; and Family Relations is undecided at this time. Other options were discussed. Janet will continue to be in contact with these groups.

Executive Director Search – Diane Klemme reported that three excellent candidates have applied for the position and have been interviewed. Currently references are being checked and a decision of the Executive Committee should be reached within the next two weeks. A motion was made and seconded to empower the Executive Committee to move forward with offering the position. Motion carried.

WAFCS Foundation By-Law and Policy Revisions – Jean Zeithaml had previously distributed the revisions to the Foundation By-Laws and the Foundation Policies. With no additional questions, a motion was made and

seconded to approve the foundation by-laws and policies documents. Motion carried.

Website Update/Policies – Tiffani Roltgen presented WAFCS Website Content Guidelines for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve these guidelines. Motion carried.

Region 4 President – Diane Klemme announced that she has appointed Jennie Marx to serve as the Region 4 President. Jennie has agreed, pending the renewal of her membership.

2013 WAFCS Conference – The 2013 conference is scheduled for March 7-9, 2013 at the Radisson Hotel in Madison, WI.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012-2014 Nominations – Chris Kniep reported that the slate is complete with the exception of a candidate for President-Elect.

Newsletter Deadline – Priscilla Bondhus reported that the newsletter deadline is April 16, 2012.

2012 AAFCS Conference - The 2012 AAFCS Conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN June 24-27, 2012. Registration flyers were distributed to all.

AAFCS Updates – Carolyn Barnhart and Sue Buck reported that AAFCS would undertake a new initiative in 2013 with the sponsorship of a Leadership Academy targeting active members in their first five years of membership. Scholarship assistance will be available for those selected in the first class of 10 to 15 individuals.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

President – Diane Klemme reported that the University of Wisconsin's Human Ecology programs would be moving into their new building this spring. The current budget cuts to the system have resulted in UW-Madison putting a 3-year hold on their FCS Education and Consumer Affairs majors.

President-Elect – Arlene Welcher indicated that she is currently working on plans for her 2012-2013 term as president. She indicated that WAFCS is going to need to deal with the challenges to Education facing the state and their impact on FCS. As an association we need to step up to the plate with this crisis. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to ask Arlene to appoint a Think Tank group to propose a plan of action for WAFCS and report that plan to the summer meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

Past President – Janet Powell reported her work with other organizations that had been reported in unfinished business. -

Secretary – No additional report.

Executive Director – No additional report

Vice President Membership – No report

Vice President Awards and Recognition – Awards for 2012 will be announced at the luncheon on Friday, March 30th.

Vice President Internal Relations – No additional report

Vice President External Relations – Donna Dinco reported that she continues to try to emphasize the importance of Pre Pac for Wisconsin.

Vice President Public Policy – Carol Anderson suggested that the 2013 conference in Madison would be an excellent opportunity for a pre-conference experience with state elected officials. She also indicated that she would be submitting a newsletter article dealing with the special elections in Wisconsin.

Vice President Professional Development – Bev Braun reminded everyone that the list of current communities for specific offerings in professional development is available on the AAFCS Website.

WAFCS Foundation – It was reported that the current assets of the foundation are \$81,363.57. Two \$500 Research/Practice Grants will be awarded this year. Travel scholarships for students to attend AAFCS are also available via application.

Retirees – No report

Student Development – Crystal Bradwell-Bell announced that there had been a fall conference for students. Students will be meeting at this conference and working on a special project.

Student Report – Student Unit Chair, Marissa Treptau reported that the project this year is helping children to plant vegetable trays to take home and produce vegetables for their families.

New Professionals – No Report

Communications – No additional report

Regional Presidents – No Reports

OTHER:

Carolyn Barnhart introduced a resolution prepared to honor Priscilla Bondhus, naming March 30, 2012 as Priscilla Bondhus Day. A motion was made and seconded to approve this resolution. Motion carried.

Arlene Welcher will announce the summer Council Meeting time and place at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Merwin
Secretary

Approved by readers: Janet Powell
Donna Dinco