MEAFCS Executive Board Meeting  
February 3, 2012  
Minutes

I. Call to Order by Eileen at 11:30 a.m.


II. Approval of Agenda – For the approval for the agenda, there was a motion by Jane Hart, seconded by Carolyn Penniman to approve the agenda with the addition of the membership discussion under new business. Motion carried.

III. Officer Reports:

   President Eileen Haraminac

   ● Attended SE regional meeting.
   ● Worked on budget with Jane Hart and Holly Tiret.
   ● Requested impact reports from members and sent 7 impact reports to national.
   ● Prepared MEAFCS Board Meeting agenda.
   ● Attended MCEA meeting and prepared report.
   ● Contacted Cindy Strauss about portal.
   ● Submitted Award for MEAFCS.
   ● Participated on call for PILD, preparing PILD documentation for conference; arranged for evaluation data to use when visiting with Senator/Congressman.
   ● Called Lois Thelieke concerning life time membership.
   ● Email communication with Louis Bombyk FCSEM.

   President Elect, Jennifer Berkey -

   ● Participated in the NPA retreat in January.
   ● Reviewed the minutes from the MEAFCS conference call in January.
   ● Created and distributed the save-the-date flyer for the MEAFCS Spring Membership meeting.
• Attended the Board meeting in Mt. Pleasant on December 6th. Previewed the agenda to this meeting. Met with Shannon Lindquist about past-president role.

**Past-President, Jane Hart**

• Conference call on January 6, 2012
• Reviewed minutes for that call
• Gave input on February 3 Board agenda

**Treasurer, Holly Tiret**

• Holly Tiret now has physical possession of the checkbook, and online access to the account. Holly Tiret and Eileen Haraminac are the only authorized signers on the account.
• Holly Tiret, Eileen Haraminac, and Jane Hart developed the budget for 2012.
• Account balance as of 2-1-12 is $4603.61. A copy of an Excel spreadsheet with 2012 Budget and checkbook register and 2011 Budget and checkbook register will be sent to the secretary for board review.
• Currently we have 43 members: 40 returning, 2 new, and 1 in the process of applying for Life Time Membership.

**Secretary – Gail Innis**

• Conference call on January 6, 2012
• Took board minutes, prepared and sent for review
• Revised and sent minutes
• Collected and compiled reports for February Board meeting
• Obtained a substitute to record minutes for February meeting

**UP-North Region – Carolyn Penniman** - It was decided that the new combined region is called the UP-North Region. We currently have 11 members. Linda Cronk will serve as director, Carolyn Penniman will serve as alternate. All approved this plan, in which Carolyn will move into the director role in October 2012 and a new alternate will be elected. Linda will coordinate our efforts to encourage more members, and life members among recent retirees. Carolyn will take the lead on updating the handbook and by-laws as needed.
Southwest Region – Joyce McGarry, Laura Anderson and Gretchen Hofing 
- Our Southwest Region assisted in the agenda for the Health and Nutrition Institute retreat held on January 11 and 12 in Gaylord, Mi. This opportunity brought all Educators together who were funded through SNAP-Ed and EFNEP to provide an open forum with Dawn Contreas and Michelle Rogers. Our SW Region provided program data from our Food Safety programs and “I Know My Numbers” project for the NEAFCS Impact Statements. Our next regional meeting is planned for February 10 in Calhoun County.

Southeast – Terry Clark-Jones Award Applications. We received ten applications - nine for national and 1 for the state only. They have been judged and reviewed. Those that will go on to National have been send back to the applicants to have corrections/suggestions done and back to me by Feb. 7th.

Since we did not receive any applications for DSA. CE or New Professional, we extended the deadline to Feb. 1 with applications to be send to Carrie Shrier. Carrie, Brenda Reau and Chris Venema will reviewed/judged those applications.

As the award chair I did make on administrative decision... The Joan Rajkovich McGarry MEAFCS Applies Research Award limits the number of words to 600 and the NEAFCS Program Excellence Through Research Award is 800. I encouraged the applicants to go with 800 and that we make the change to our state award so that they are the same. Please let me know if you any concerns about this.

Next Meeting for SE region will be March 23- location to be announced.

Central – Lisa Treiber - The Central Region has not met since December. We are scheduled to meet again the end of March. At this time there is nothing to report.

IV. Old Business –

- FCSEM conference will be held July 30th.
- It was discuss if we could meet at the end of the retreat in Frankenmuth August 2nd-August 3rd. We would need to book a meeting room. We will need to contact Dawn Contras, as she is on the board.

V. New Business

- July 13 HNI conference calls from 10:30-12:00. This is at the same time as our MEAFCS call. A doodle will be sent out to check on who will be on the call to determine if we need to change our call time or date.
• Living Well – There are still books available. Contact Eileen if you need some.
• It was discussed how other states are handling membership dues.
• Question was brought up with new member, if they are still given a free year membership or a few meetings to see if they are interested in joining the association.
• Educator’s Retreat – A Retreat is scheduled for Educators, May 1, 2, & 3, at Kett Center. Our Spring MAEFCs Membership meeting is slated to be held on the 1st from 4-6 pm, before dinner. Jennifer will send out a “Save the Date” to give our members some advance notice.
• As of January 3, 2012, we have 43 paid members. This is up from the 37 last year

VI. Next meeting – March 2, 2012, Conference Call at 11:30 am. EST.

Respectfully Submitted – Ann Arnold