

## VEAFCS General Meeting

January 30, 2013

### The Virginia Tech Inn- Solitude Room

**Attending:** Jane Henderson, Pegi Wright, Katrina Kirby, Crystal Barber, Melissa Chase, Dawn Barnes, Donna McBride, Kathleen Watson, Doris B. Heath, Twandra Lomax-Brown, Johanna Hahn, Lanette Kelly, Susan Prillman, Caroline Chewing, Shewana McSwain, Donna Daniel, Karen Poff, Amy M. Hawkins, Ashley Eisenbeiser, Brian Calhoun, Shana Kennedy, Kathy Koch, Glenn Sturm, Amy Tatina, Jeannie Mullins, Alicia Staebner, Deb Chappell, Donna Meade, Sarah Burkett, Jer Kostal, Katie Strong, Linda Jackson Cole, Matthew Maggy, Christine Kastan, Crysti Hopkins, Karen Tanner, Kim Edmonds, Cristin Sprenger, Eleanor Schlenker, Amanda Wingfield, Jennifer Abel, Karen Munden, Dr. Brian Calhoun

Karen called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Karen shared chocolate candy packs to let all members know we are "Virginia's finest". The candy also represented qualities of FCS extension agents and themes. "Another example given: "Bubble Yum means blow your own bubble."

The VEAFC Board was introduced.

Dr. Brian Calhoun was honored with a NEAFCS pin from VEAFC

He discussed the importance of the FCS Associations and reliance on effective communication. He mentioned using the associations for advocating and promotion of increasing membership. First endowment has happened in honor of Dr. Celia Hayhoe. He was encouraged about growing more endowments to a goal of \$800,000. Dr. Calhoun asked us to celebrate having 40 FCS Extension Agents. Jeri Kostal, Chesapeake FCS Agent was number 40. Dr. Calhoun recognized Karen DeBoard as being the newest Extension FCS Specialist in the area of Human Development.

Lori Greiner recognized for her support of FCS and featuring the Master Food Volunteer story. We will continue to celebrate the FCS advances. Agency 229- Annual Report was mentioned in the Secretary's report. The report talks about empowering children to lead healthy lives. The article talks about the 4-H doing the program, yet FCS appeared left out. The main point→ what are ways we can work with 4-H and FCS not be left out. We need to seek ways and strategies. Dr. Calhoun opened the floor for discussion. Lori gave comments and referenced Solutions Magazine. Difference in Agency 229 Annual Report and Solutions was that the Annual Report was developed for stakeholders.

Lori says she needs our FCS stories and impacts. She encourage visiting the Intranet site. The stories will be used in various ways. Associate Director and Lori committed to prevent this lack of acknowledge from happening again. Continue to send your information to Lori. Karen Poff gave examples of her stories submitted to Lori.

The Financial Management Extension Specialist is still a focus. Introductions were made of all persons present.

Abigail Villalba Extension Specialist from Hampton AREC was one of our special guests. She assist with conducting Serv Safe classes for Spanish persons.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### MEMBERSHIP:

Pegi , Member Resource Vice-President, shared analogy of FCS to “family”. She shared we need to be forty strong as well as VEAFCFS. Her theme for 2013 was the Year of the International Family, not only 2013 but beyond. Pegi distributed a survey for all members to complete.

Pegi presented nine new FCS Agents with NEAFCS cook books. The books have the history of FCS, recipes, and FCS stickers.

No minutes.

### TREASURER’S REPORT:

The treasurer’s report was provided by Melissa. There was a total of \$5,540.20 excluding the Silent Auction. We keep VEAFCFS dues. We are doing better on expenses. More information on the scholarship fund will be provided. We need to discuss whether we should move the NEAFCS matters back to VEAFCFS.

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Twandra Lomax, Vice President for Public Affairs told FCS to attend the FCS Day at the General Assembly on February 6, 2013. She also encouraged Agents to send her any information to share with the general body.

Jane Henderson, President Elect shared information about the joint VAFCS/VEAFCS conference asked that as many Agents as possible attend. The conference is scheduled for April 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be held in Richmond. Our theme this year is *Family Wellness in the Digital Age*. Jane encouraged everyone to participate in professional organizations. Galaxy is scheduled from September 16 to September 20<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh, PA. You can get more details from her. Professional development funds are available for attending the conference. Additional funds are available when you present a presentation during professional conference.

Jeannie Mullins, Vice President for Professional Development shared info about the FCS In-service in Scott County. October 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Calhoun has offered to fund lodging and meals for the in-service. This will be a professional development and Karen DeBord will present one of the sessions.

### AWARDS:

Donna Daniels, Vice President for Awards stated that dues must be paid for by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be able to submit an award. The award application needs to be completed and sent to Donna by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dawn Barns was recognized for receiving the **Distemish** Service award last year. Dr. Calhoun shared with us the Dr. Ed Jones would like to see more award winners from Virginia and he challenged us to submit award packages to national.

Karen Poff mentioned that workload time constraints can present challenges for applying for an award. Donna suggested revisiting this issue at our next meeting.

Dr. Schlenkner shared information when Johanna Hahn was the National Awards Chairperson and how at that time she never saw anything submitted from Virginia.

Cristen Springer mentioned that there were criteria you meet to apply for the awards. Karen shared that the applications can be downloaded to be used for reference.

#### VISTA:

Glenn Sturm shared information about the America VISTA program. Four VISTAS were assigned to various offices throughout the state. VISTA could only work 40 hours per week. They can assist with training volunteers.

Shayna and Kathy Cooke, working with Sarah Burkette presented from AmeriCorp. She has experience working with the MFV and other health and financial programs. Amy is working with Cristen Springer.

Matthew wrote a Master Financial Volunteer manual for volunteers who had completed 80 hours and he's started a newsletter. Two agents will be promoted to the Leadership Team and receive funds. If you are interested let him know.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

Lanette Kelly inquired about the opportunity for agents to vote on the two candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 6: 35pm.

Next Board Meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup>

General Membership meeting during VESA