

**Tennessee Association for Family & Communication Education (TAFCE)  
Lincoln County Council Meeting  
January 2017**

The TAFCE Lincoln County Council met at 9:30 a.m. on January 10, 2017, in the Ralph Hastings Building Auditorium. New Council President, Elizabeth Mullins, called the meeting to order. Margaret Ellis gave the devotional, "Are You Giving Everything"; the Lord's Prayer, which was led by Faye Gordon, followed this.

A motion was made by Vicki Ellison that the minutes from the December, 2016, meeting be approved as mailed; Mona Arteno seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer's report stating that the council has \$3,100.84 in available funds.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill fce Club – 5, Dellrose Hotrock fce Club – 4, Flintville fce Club – 0, McBurg fce Club – 5, Mimosa fce Club – 3 and Molino fce Club – 1, for a total of 18 fce club members present at the council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Master Club Requirements** – Belinda Lance stated her club members, many of whom work outside the home or have physical handicaps that would prevent them from fully participating, feel that they will not be able to achieve Master Club status in 2017 due to the changes made to the Master Club requirements.

Bonnie Pond, who chaired the committee that revised the forms, explained that the changes were to make the process easier by simplifying the form. One of the requirements is that at least 25% of the club's active membership take on leadership roles at the county level. If a club has 20 members, as long as five different members (25%) participate in any county event or activity that club qualifies as a Master Club. Participation can include county council meetings or committees, fundraisers (the upcoming cake bake or casserole bake), pajama party, club membership drive, Open House, Family Fun Day/Night, etc. Not everyone in the club has to do everything. A Master Club is one that encourages as many different members as possible to do as many different things as possible based on what they enjoy doing. It does not exclude anyone; it includes everyone's individual talents to make itself a *Master Club*.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Sunshine Committee** – The council created a *Sunshine Committee* to help provide a small token of consideration when fce Club members are facing difficult or challenging times and to arrange for appropriate memorials to remember those of our own that die. The Sunshine Committee members are Margaret Ellis, Bonnie Pond, Barbara Gregory, Mona Arteno, Carolyn Slayton, Elizabeth Mullins and Stacey Dixey. Mona Arteno suggested giving those in the nursing homes or shut-ins in the different communities a small gift for different holidays throughout the year. The local clubs should discuss this at their meetings in an effort to come up with different gift ideas.

The Council tabled the naming of additional committees until the March meeting.

**Memorial Gifts** – Barbara Gregory made a motion that the fce Clubs donate a rocking chair, including a memorial plaque, to Southern Manor Living Center in memory of Miss Mattie Lou Smith. Stacey Dixey seconded the motion; motion carried. It was also proposed that the fce Clubs make a donation in memory of Mrs. Ann Eady. It was decided that the newly formed Sunshine Committee be responsible for determining an appropriate memorial tribute for Mrs. Eady.

**Presentation to Outgoing Officers** – President Elizabeth Mullins presented both Bonnie Pond and Vicki Ellison with flowers and a certificate appreciation for their outstanding leadership during their time as Council President and Council Secretary, respectively. Lillie Galvin, who served as 1st Vice President of Public Policy, who was unable to attend the council meeting, was also recognized. Photos and an article on the Lincoln County Council were in *The Elk Valley Times* on January 25.

**Cultural Arts** – Friday, July 28, is the date for the Lincoln County Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue. Committee members will be there are 7:30 a.m. to set up for the event and to register items belonging to anyone who needs to drop off their entries on their way to work; items must be entered by 10:00 a.m. Remember, first and second place winners in each of the categories will be eligible for the regional competition in September. NOTE: We will be adding categories for items that do not fit into the existing ones. Items entered in the “county only” categories cannot be entered in the regional competition; but they may be entered in the Creative Living Building at the Lincoln County Fair. All fce Club members are encouraged to participate in the Cultural Arts and Fashion Revue competitions.

**100% Member, Master Club and Reading Forms** – The deadline for turning in the fce Club 100% member forms and reading reports, well as, the Master Club forms has been extended to February 10, which is the date of the fce Sweetheart Cake Bake. All members and clubs are encouraged to fill out and turn in these forms by the deadline.

**2017 fce Club Survey** – The new 2017 fce Clubs’ Survey is ready. Faye Gordon and Ethel Bonner have put in a lot of hours creating a survey to help the Council Officers decide what the fce Club members from across the county want to see. Ethel Bonner will be meeting with each of the fce Clubs in the county in February. During these meetings she will hand out the new surveys and give club members time complete them. At the next Council meeting in March, Faye Gordon will give a report to the Council on what was learned when the information in the surveys was compiled.

**Sweetheart Cake Bake** – The Annual fce Sweetheart Cake Bake will be held on Friday, February 10. Entries will be taken between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium. Lisa Ritter will be coordinating with interested bakers to make sure that they have sponsors for their cakes. If you have a specific sponsor that you contact every year, please let her know as soon as possible. The cake carriers are available at the UT Extension Lincoln County Office. This year sponsors may request a pie rather than a cake; however, pies will not be turned in for judging. Judging starts 10 o’clock.

**Casserole Sale** – The fce will be having a Casserole Sale on March 17 at the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium beginning at 10 o’clock. If possible, members should bring in casseroles in covered, disposable pans. Bakers should not forget to include the recipe with your casserole for allergy information to potential buyers along with instructions for baking/reheating. Side dishes, salads and desserts are also welcome. Flyers will be available to pass out to friends or businesses in the community soon.

**100% Luncheon** – The 2017 100% fce Clubs’ Awards Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 22. Carolyn Slayton will be checking with the First Presbyterian Church to find out if the facility is available. The caterer and guest speaker will be announced later.

**March FCE Council Meeting** - The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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