



Lincoln County Family and Community Education (FCE) Clubs January, 2015, Council Meeting

The Lincoln County FCE Council met at 9:30 a.m. January 12, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Bonnie Pond. Lil Galvin gave the devotion, "Jesus's Calling" from John 15:4 – 5. Vicki Ellison led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Margaret Ellis led the group in reading the Club Creed aloud.

The minutes from the October, 2015, meeting were approved as mailed. Those present at the meeting introduced themselves as we had several new members from the Mimosa FCE Club in attendance. The entire FCE Club Council was excited to learn that the Mimosa FCE Club is back and going strong!

Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer's report stating that the council has \$2,312.32 in available funds; she also reported that the clubs made a profit of \$639.81 during the *Host of Christmas Past* fundraiser in November. The council discussed the baskets that were given away. The group thought that it was a good idea and should be included as part of our 2016 *Host of Christmas Past* fundraiser. In 2015 a profit of \$79 was made on the baskets, but, the group felt that with additional advertising, larger signs, etc., the amount of profit should improve.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill FCE – 2, Dellrose Hotrock FCE – 3, Flintville FCE – 2, McBurg FCE – 5, Mimosa FCE – 4 and Molino FCE – 3, for a total of 19 FCE members present at the council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Ornaments – Many thanks to the Molino FCE Club for all of their hard work on the ornaments that were displayed on the Bank of Lincoln County's Christmas tree during the holiday season. The tree was beautiful! The Mimosa FCE Club was asked to provide the ornaments for the Bank of Lincoln County's Christmas tree in 2016. They agreed, adding that they already have several ideas in mind for the type of ornaments they will be making

FCE Christmas Brunch – Bonnie Pond gave a brief report on the Christmas Brunch held in December. It was an enjoyable event. Many thanks to Carolyn Slayton for making the arrangements with the First Presbyterian Church and to all of the FCE Club members that helped to decorate for the event. The Council voted to make a \$50 to the the church for the use of their facilities. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the Christmas Brunch/Luncheon be held on a Saturday again in 2016.

We have tentatively set a date for the 2015 Christmas Luncheon for Saturday, December 5, at 11 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 101 Mulberry Avenue in Fayetteville. Additional information will be provided later in the year.

Cultural Arts – Nancy Rutledge gave a brief report on the 2015 Cultural Arts. In 2015 the County Cultural Arts had the largest turnout that those present could remember. The Council expressed its appreciation to all of the participants, as well as, to the individual clubs for promoting the program. Liz Mullins suggested that all of the clubs should start now reminding their members about the Cultural Arts competition which will be held in the auditorium of the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium on August 5.

Recap of 2015 FCE Happenings – Bonnie Pond briefly discussed what the FCE Clubs did in 2015. She had given out a survey in January, 2015, to determine what members were interested in doing. One item on the survey that had a lot of interest as learning luncheons where guest speakers would be brought in to teach specific subjects. Lil Galvin suggested a technology class; another suggestion was garden tours. Anyone with ideas should let Bonnie Pond know.

Pajama Party – Liz Mullins gave a brief report on the Pajama Party held at Cate’s Corner in October. It was a huge success and everyone that attended had fun. The Council discussed looking into other locations to hold future parties. Faye Gordon suggested the Mimosa Community Center.

FCE Reporting – As the County Council’s Reporter Lisa Ritter has done a wonderful job of getting FCE Club information out into the community. The Council appreciates all of her hard work and would like to encourage all of the county’s FCE Clubs to keep her informed about what you’re doing locally so that she can report it to the media and help to raise awareness about the Lincoln County FCE Clubs and everything that is being done.

NEW BUSINESS

County Events’ Committees – The following FCE Club members volunteered to serve on these 2016 Committees:

<u>Cultural Arts</u>	<u>Educational Programming</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>100% Membership</u>	
Vicki Ellison	Margaret Ellis	Vicki Ellison	Vicki Ellison	Angela Phelps
Liz Galvin	Liz Mullins	Bonnie Pond	Barbara Gregory	Nancy Rutledge
Liz Mullins	Angela Phelps	Lisa Ritter	Pat Jones	Carolyn Slayton
Bonnie Pond	Carolyn Slayton	Carolyn Slayton		

Certified Volunteer Units (CV’s) – Ethel Bonner discussed Certified Volunteer Units (CVUs).

- CVUs are used to recognize individuals for volunteer work within FCE and the community. You can count telephone and travel time if it relates to your volunteer project. Any volunteer acts count, except those for immediate family. (Examples: meals for shut-ins, church work, hospital and nursing homes, charitable or non-profit organizations, etc.)
- On page 23 in the 2016 FCE Yearbook there is a Personal CVU Log. Members do not turn in this sheet. This form is to be used by club members to keep up with their individual Volunteer Hours.
- The Volunteer Service Summary form on page 24 in the 2016 FCE Yearbook is the only form that is to be turned in for CVU credit. Forms should be completed and turned in to Ethel Bonner. The county due date has not been set; however, the regional due date is June 1. (Note: The Total Hours must be submitted in 500-hour increments (i.e., 500, 1000, 1500, not to exceed 2000 per year.)
- There was also a discussion about how volunteer hours were reported in the past.
 - Miss Bonner, who is the current UT Extension Agent Advisor to the Council, explained that the CVU forms have always been required to be filled out for regional and state credit/recognition.
 - The previous UT Extension FCS Agent, Mrs. Shea Austin, chose not to focus on this part of the reporting system and simply asked the clubs to turn in a total number of volunteer hours done by each club monthly. While members received county recognition by providing this information, it was not reported to the region or state.
 - Miss Bonner is asking that each club member document their volunteer hours on the Personal CVU Log and complete and turn in the Volunteer Service Summary Form annually so that Lincoln County FCE Club members can receive the regional and state recognition that they deserve for all of the hours of volunteer community service projects that they do each year.
 - Additional copies of the Personal CVU Log are available at the Lincoln County Extension Office.

100% Member, Master Club and Reading Forms – The FCE Club 100% member forms and reading reports, well as, the Master Club forms are due February 1. All members and clubs are encouraged to fill out and turn in these forms by the deadline.

100% Luncheon – A motion was made and carried that we hold the 2015 100% FCE Clubs’ Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 9, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. Those being recognized as 100% members will have their lunch sponsored by the Bank of Lincoln County; all other members are encouraged to attend, but, will be asked to be pay for the meal. The time and the cost of the meal for non-100% members will be announced. Invitations and reservation forms will be sent out in March. The motion was made, seconded and carried that certificates be issued instead of plaques.

Central Region Leadership Day – The Central Regional Leadership Day is scheduled for January 22 in Murfreesboro. Ethel Bonner passed around a sign-up sheet for the event. If you would like to attend and have not signed up, please call the Lincoln County Extension Office to register. Delegates will be meeting at 7 o’clock in the Ralph Hastings Building parking lot on the 22nd to carpool.

Casserole Sale – The FCE Clubs will be having a Winter Casserole & More Sale on January 23 at the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium at 10 o’clock. Members are asked to bring in casseroles in covered, disposable pans. Also, please include the recipe with your casserole to for allergy information to potential buyers along with instructions for baking/reheating. Side dishes, salads and desserts are also welcome. Flyers are available to pass out to friends or businesses in the community.

Sweetheart Cake Bake – The Annual *FCE* Sweetheart Cake Bake will be held on Friday, February 12. Entries will be made between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium. Last year’s annual FCE Club Sweetheart Cake Bake was a big success with over 50 sponsored cakes baked and we’re hoping to do that well or better this year. 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. Additional information about the cake bake is included with the minutes.

Clothe Our Kids – Angela Phelps from the Mimosa FCE Club told us about *Clothe Our Kids*, a new non-profit organization that has been formed to provide local school children with clothing and shoes. She will try to schedule Laura Mayer, co-founder of the organization, to come to the April County Council meeting. The following are needed by the organization: season appropriate clothing, jackets, coats and other outerwear, socks, underwear (new in package), tennis shoes and boys’ sweatpants, which will be used for boys and girls but that come in gender neutral colors with elastic at the ankle.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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