



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

The Lincoln County fce Council met at 9:30 a.m. January 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Bonnie Pond. Margaret Ellis led the group in reading the club creed; Lisa Ritter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The minutes from the October, 2014, meeting were approved as mailed. Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer's report stating that the council has \$2,888.50 in available funds; she also reported that the clubs made a profit of \$482.12 during the *Host of Christmas Past* fundraiser in November. This figure also included the children's capes that were sold. Club members made approximately 30 capes; all but three were sold.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill fce – 6, Dellrose Hotrock fce – 5, Flintville fce – 3, McBurg fce – 4, Mimosa fce – 0, and Molino fce – 3, for a total of 21 fce members present at the council meeting.

David Qualls, Lincoln County's UT Extension Director, gave a brief report on the status of the UT Extension FCS Agent position that was left vacant when Shea Austin accepted a new job earlier this month. Mr. Qualls explained that the position cannot be filled before July 1 and that all applicants must apply online. He also stated that he would keep us informed.

President Bonnie Pond covered all of the "County Events' Committees" and assigned member to each. Please fill out your club books on page 27 as follows:

Cultural Arts

Lisa Ritter
Carolyn Slayton
Liz Mullins
Mattie Smith

Education

Liz Mullins
Margaret Ellis
Carolyn Slayton
Nancy Rutledge

Fundriasing

Bonnie Pond
Nancy Rutledge
Vicki Ellison
Lisa Ritter

100% Membership

Nancy Rutledge
Carolyn Slayton
Margaret Ellis
Bonnie Pond
Vicki Ellison

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Ornaments – Many thanks to the McBurg 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 looked great! Check out the fce Clubs' photo gallery, <https://extension.tennessee.edu/Lincoln/Pages/FCE/Photo%20Gallery.aspx>, for a picture of the tree and the ladies that helped to decorate it. The Mimosa fce Club will be responsible for the ornaments in 2015. Bonnie Pond will be in touch with the club to verify.

FCE Christmas Luncheon – The Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by all. 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. Shea Austin announced at the luncheon that she was leaving her UT Extension FCS Agent position in January. She also told that group that she would still be living in Lincoln County; she will be working as an area FCS specialist through another state agency. The county's fce Club members will miss her, but, we wish her all the best!

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 – Last year’s Cultural Arts participation was very low. The council discussed what we might be able to do to improve. It was suggested that we determine if there are any individuals willing to teach a county-wide workshop covering any of the categories that are currently on the cultural arts list. The most current list of TAFCE Cultural Arts Exhibits Categories and the competition rules are enclosed with this mailing.

NEW BUSINESS

Sweetheart Cake Bake – The Annual fce Sweetheart Cake Bake will be held on Friday, February 13, the day before Valentine’s Day. 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 are included with the minutes.

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 2. 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 2014 100% fce Clubs’ Awards Luncheon on Saturday, March 7, at 11 o’clock at the First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. Angie’s Catering will be providing the meal. 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 \$7.50 for the meal. Invitations and reservation forms will be sent out in February.

Central Region Leadership Day – The Central Regional Leadership Day is scheduled for January 23 in Murfreesboro. Delegates will be leaving at 7:50 am from the Ralph Hastings Building parking lot. Those planning to attend are Bonnie Pond, Margaret Ellis, Vicki Ellison, Lillie Galvin, Carolyn Slayton, Danna Floyd, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Rutledge, Mattie Lou Smith, Liz Mullins and Belinda Lance.

County Council Meeting Date Change – A motion was made and carried to change the dates of times of the remaining 2015 quarterly meetings. The new schedule is given below:

April 14	6:00 p.m.
July 14	6:00 p.m.
October 13	9:30 a.m.

Please be sure to mark these changes on your calendar and in your club book. We are hoping this will enable more of our fce Club members to be able to attend the council meetings. All of the meetings will still be held in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium.

fce Club Activity/Information Exposure – Dr. Jim Harwell has been in contact with Jessica Posey to see if we would be interested in updating the fce Club display at the Lincoln County Museum. Please discuss this at your local club meetings and we will discuss it at the April council meeting.

Also, a suggestion was made that more newspaper exposure about fce Club activities might help to increase our membership. Lisa Ritter has agreed to coordinate this. Please send her, in advance, a brief report on any events or activities that your club wishes to have publicized in the paper. You can get in touch with her by calling (931) 732-5101 or by e-mailing her at ritterlisa@ardmore.net.

fce Club Info Update – Please be sure that all new members have submitted their contact information to Eydie Foster at the UT Extension Lincoln County Office so that they will receive all of the mailings.

High School Scholarship – The education committee will be working on the getting the scholarship information together so that they will be ready to present them before the end of the 2014 – 2015 school year. The application forms will be available through the guidance department at Lincoln County High School, Fayetteville High School and Riverside Christian Academy. If you know of a high school senior that's eligible, please encourage them to contact their school's guidance department and to fill out an application.

50-Year Member – If you or a member of your club will be a 50-year fce Club member this year, please make sure to notify Eydie Foster at the UT Extension Lincoln County Office as soon as possible so that the appropriate paperwork can be filed they can be recognized for the achievement.

fce Club Fun Day – Please discuss in your local club meetings any ideas/suggestions for a “Fun Day”. We will be discussing this in more detail during the April council meeting. We are also looking for suggestions for new ideas for county-wide social events, such as a monthly book club or hiking club.

There is a survey enclosed with the council minutes for each member to complete and return to UT Extension Lincoln County before the April council meeting. Section 1 is asking for suggestions for classes that you would be interested in either taking or teaching, Sections 2 is asking for suggestions on ways to expand opportunities for fce Club members to learn and have fun together and Section 3 is asking for YOUR ideas.

April fce Council Meeting - The next meeting will be held at **6 o'clock** on April 14 in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Ellison

Vicki Ellison,
Lincoln County FCE Council Secretary