

Lincoln County Family and Community Education (FCE) Clubs January, 2014, Council Meeting

The Lincoln County FCE Council met at 9:30 a.m. January 14 2014. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Nancy Rutledge. The Club Creed was read by Reva Beene; Bonnie Pond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The minutes from the October, 2013, meeting were approved as mailed. Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer’s report stating that the council has \$2,619.19 in available funds; she also reported that the clubs made a profit of \$406 during the *Host of Christmas Past* fundraiser in November.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill fce – 7, Dellrose Hotrock fce – 3, Flintville fce – 3, McBurg fce – 1, Mimosa fce – 1, and Molino fce – 2, for a total of 17 fce members present at the council meeting.

President Nancy Rutledge covered all of the “County Events’ Committees” and assigned member to each. Please fill out your club books on page 17 as follows:

<u>Cultural Arts</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Fundriasing</u>	<u>100% Membership</u>
Cathy Coble	June Towry	Bonnie Pond	Bonnie Pond
Vicki Ellison	Carolyn Slayton	Carolyn Slayton	Nancy Rutledge
Reva Beene	Margaret Ellis	Vicki Ellison	Gene Templeton
Nancy Rutledge	Reva Beene	Lillie Galvin	Carolyn Slayton

OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Tree Ornaments – Pam Rioux and Nancy Rutledge reported that the Christmas tree that the FCE Clubs decorated at the Bank of Lincoln County turned out very pretty. They had been told by bank employees that they had received lots of comments about the tree. The council expressed their appreciation to the Flintville FCE Club members for their hard work in making the ornaments that were used for this annual project. The McBurg FCE Club will be responsible for the ornaments in 2014.

FCE Christmas Luncheon – The Christmas luncheon was very nice. Everyone enjoyed the food and fun. Many thanks to Rosemary Gill for donating all of the Santas that were given away as door prizes.

Cultural Arts – A motion was made and carried at the October County Council meeting to open the 2014 competition to all county residents. There will be a \$4.50 entry fee charged to non-members. The Cultural Arts Committee will come up with ideas and plans to advertise this change.

NEW BUSINESS

FCE Display Board – Club members discussed putting together a brochure and/or setting up a display board in the Creative Living Building during the Lincoln County Fair explaining what FCE is and how to join one of the local clubs. Belinda Lance agreed to come up with ideas for a brochure; she’ll present this at the next FCE County Council meeting in April.

FCE Shirts – The council also discussed having an FCE shirt designed and made available for members to wear at FCE events. Bonnie Pond agreed to take charge of the project; she’ll present quotes, order forms, price lists, etc. at the April FCE Council meeting.

Regional Meeting – The Central Regional Leadership Day that was scheduled for January 22 was rescheduled due to bad weather for Tuesday, January 28; registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Delegates will need to leave at 7:50 a.m. from the Ralph Hastings Building parking lot, located at 208 East Davidson Street in Fayetteville. Please contact Nancy Rutledge or Shea Austin if you would like to go so that you can be registered and car pool arrangements can be made.

FCE Club Handbook – If your address or phone number changes, please keep the UT Extension Lincoln County Office advised of these changes. Also, if any of your contact information is printed incorrectly in the 2014 Handbook, please let them know.

Sweetheart Cake Bake – The Annual fce Sweetheart Cake Bake will be held on February 14, Valentine’s Day. All FCE Club members are encouraged to find a sponsor and to enter a cake in this event. If you’re willing to bake a cake and do not have a sponsor, please contact a member of the Fundraising Committee. Remember, that some sponsors request a specific cake, so, it’s helpful if you have your sponsor before deciding on the type of cake you’ll be baking. Cake covers are available at UT Extension Lincoln County.

High School Scholarships – The Education Committee will be working on the scholarships so that they will be ready before the end of the 2013 – 2014 school year. The application forms should be available through the Guidance Departments at LCHS (Lincoln County High School), FHS (Fayetteville High School) and Riverside Academy. If you know of a student that might be eligible, please encourage them to fill out an application through their school’s Guidance Department.

50-Year Members – If there is a 50-Year member in your local FCE Club, please turn in their names to Shea Austin at UT Extension Lincoln County as soon as possible so that they can be recognized for the achievement.

Master Club Forms – The revised Master Club forms were discussed. These forms should be turned in to the UT Extension Lincoln County Office by the February 1st deadline.

100% Member and Reading Forms – FCE 100% Member forms and Reading Reports are also due February 1. Copies of both forms, as well as, reading requirements are enclosed with the minutes.

100% Luncheon – The FCE 100% Membership committee will be working to decide where the luncheon will be held this year. They will get this information out to everyone in a letter as soon as possible.

Fun Day/Workshop – Discussion was opened to decide whether or not the FCE Clubs will have a “Fun Day” or workshop. A motion was made and carried that there be an “FCE Fun Evening” from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. It was determined that there would be a better turn out if each club would plan to have either a demonstration or craft exhibit as part of the evening’s entertainment. Please advise Shea Austin at UT Extension Lincoln County so that she can get it on the schedule and send out the information.

New Idea for “Host of Christmas Past” – Vicki Ellison brought a magazine article about capes for children. Discussion was opened as to whether or not the FCE Clubs would want to sell these at this year’s “Host of Christmas Past” in addition to the Southwest Stew. Everyone present was in favor of the idea if we can come up with a pattern and find inexpensive material. Carolyn Slayton is going to check to see if she has a pattern. Anyone with ideas or patterns, please plan to bring them to the April Council meeting for further discussion.

April FCE Council Meeting – The next council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on April 8, 2014, in the Ralph Hastings' Building Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 o’clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Ellison, Lincoln County FCE Council Secretary