



## **Lincoln County Family and Community Education (fce) Clubs April, 2015, Council Meeting**

The Lincoln County fce Council met at 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Bonnie Pond. Margaret Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and gave a devotional entitled "Everything I Know I Learned from Noah". The members present read the club creed in unison.

The minutes from the January, 2015, meeting were approved as mailed. Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer's report stating that the council has \$4,108.64 in available funds.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill fce Club – 4, Dellrose Hotrock fce Club – 2, Flintville fce Club – 1, McBurg fce Club – 3, Mimosa fce Club – 0, and Molino fce Club – 2, for a total of 12 fce Club members present at the council meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Sweetheart Cake Bake** – Carolyn Slayton reported that the fce Clubs made \$1,271.84 on the annual Sweetheart Cake Bake held in February. Also, there was a discussion about making changes to the cake bake form for next year's event. If you have suggestions or opinions about changes to the form itself or to the choice of categories, please let the council officers know so that it can be discussed further at the July meeting.

**100% Luncheon** – Bonnie Pond gave a brief report on the luncheon which was held April 11. Twenty-six 100% members were recognized. The weather was beautiful and everyone attending enjoyed the meal. County Mayor Bill Newman gave an informative speech about the future of Fayetteville/Lincoln County.

**High School Scholarships** – The Education Committee has received five applications, but, feel that there will be more. A final decision should be made within the next two weeks and the committee will be making a report at the July County Council meeting.

**Interests/Activities Survey Results** – Bonnie Pond briefly report on the results of the surveys that fce Club members were asked to fill out; a copy of the results is included with the council minutes. The surveys show that many club members are interested in having classes on nature crafts and specialty gardening and possibly a Fun Day/Evening with crafting demonstrations. If you or anyone you know would be interested in teaching a class or giving a crafting demonstration, please let Bonnie Pond know so that plans can be made to get something scheduled. There's also an interest in having guest speakers give a series of "Lunch & Learn" sessions; a number of possible speakers were discussed at the meeting. Please discuss this possibility at your next club meeting and be prepared to share your thoughts and ideas at the July County Council meeting.

**Name Tags** – The council members discussed having name tags printed for fce Club members to wear at county-wide events. Eydie Foster has been asked to look into the cost of buying reusable name tags with the fce Club logo & the club members' names printed on them.

**50-Year Members** – If there is a 50-Year member in your local fce Club, please turn in their names to Eydie Foster prior to May 1 so that they can receive the recognition that they deserve.

## **NEW BUSINES**

**Thank You Note to BOLC for Luncheon Sponsorship** – Nancy Rutledge will be taking care of providing a Thank You card and goodies to the Bank of Lincoln County for sponsoring the luncheon again this year.

**4-H Camp Scholarships** – A motion was made and carried to give a 4-H Camp Scholarship to one boy and one girl at a cost of \$285 each. Carolyn Slayton will be sending a check to the Lincoln County 4-H Program.

**Central Region TAFCE Leadership Retreat** – The Central Region TAFCE Leadership Retreat (fce Camp) will be held May 26 – 28. The deadline for registering was April 15. If you are planning to attend, please stop by the UT Extension Lincoln County Office to pick up the required 600B health form to carry with you.

**fce Brochures** – The council discussed designing a brochure for handing out at events and activities to help get the fce Club name out into the communities. A motion was made and carried to purchase the paper and provide the information that we want included on the brochure. Eydie Foster will be working with us to get the brochures designed and printed.

**Host of Christmas Past** – A discussion was held concerning buying a tent and a weatherproof banner similar to the UT Extension Lincoln County banners on display in the auditorium to be used during the *Host of Christmas Past*, as well as, other fce Club county-wide events. A motion was made and carried that the council purchase a 10'x10' tent and banner. Bonnie Pond will check on prices and bring this information to the July meeting.

**Committee to Revise Bylaws** – The council will be appointing a committee at the July meeting to look into revising the county's current bylaws, as well as, updating the 100% Member and Master Club forms. The committee will be looking at the state bylaws to determine what, if any, changes need to be made as the county's bylaws have not been revised in 10 years.

**Cultural Arts** – Discussion was opened concerning Cultural Arts. This year's event will be held Friday, August 7. Participation has been going down; the council is looking find ways to encourage members to enter more items. Please discuss Cultural Arts participation at the local club meetings. Suggestions will be discussed at the July County Council meeting.

**New FCS Agent Update** – David Qualls, UT Extension Lincoln County Director, told Bonnie Pond that there have been several applications for the UT Extension FCS Agent position. The position should be filled sometime in July and he will be keeping the fce Clubs informed.

**Club Tour Opportunity** – Liz Mullins, McBurg fce Club President, invited all of the fce Clubs to tour her daylily farm. She also has facilities where clubs can hold their monthly meeting. Please call her to set up a tour time if you or your club would like to do this in either June or July.

**Art Lesson Opportunity** – Also, Margaret Ellis told everyone that there is an art instructor at the Fayetteville High School that would be willing to give a painting lesson as an fce Club activity. The approximate cost would be \$25 - \$35. If you or any members in your local club that would like to participate, please let the council officers know.

**“Dairy Day” on the Square** – The annual “Dairy Day” on the square in Fayetteville will be held June 6. Carlee Cowan is this year’s 4-H Dairy Month Chairman. She will be promoting Dairy Month throughout the month of June.

**fce Clubs National Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders** – The fce Clubs sponsor a National CHARACTER COUNTS! Essay & Artwork Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. A copy of the guidelines are enclosed with the council minutes. The theme for 2015 – 2016 is *Fairness*. The local contest would run from September 1 thru January 31. If Lincoln County fce Clubs would like to support this program, plans will need to be made at the July meeting. (Note: If the clubs are interested, it might be possible to coordinate the contest, or at least advertise the contest, through the county’s 4-H programs. This possibility would need to be talked over with the UT Extension Lincoln County 4-H Agent, Dan Owen, if the program is adopted.)

**Fair Book** – The fair books will be sent to press very soon. If you or anyone in your club would like to make suggestions about changing, adding or deleting any Creative Living Department categories, please let Eydie at the UT Extension Lincoln County Office know as soon as possible.

**Potluck Supper, July fce Council Meeting & Election of County Officers** – There will be a potluck supper followed by the next council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 14 in the Ralph Hastings' Building auditorium. Don’t forget that the election of the 2016 County fce Club Council officers will also be held at the meeting; please be discussing this at your local club meetings and be considering who you would like to see serve as your officers for the next two years. If you or anyone in your club would considering serving as a council officer, please let Bonnie Pond know.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Ellison, Lincoln County fce County Council Secretary