

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

The Lincoln County FCE Council met at 9:30 a.m. April 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Nancy Rutledge. Bonnie Pond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag; Reva Beene led the reading of the Club's Creed. Margaret Ellis gave the devotional; she quoted John 3:16.

The minutes from the January, 2014, meeting were approved as mailed. Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer's report stating that the council has \$3,550.65 in available funds.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill FCE Club – 6, Dellrose Hotrock FCE Club – 2, Flintville FCE Club – 2, McBurg FCE Club – 2, Mimosa FCE Club – 0, and Molino FCE Club – 2, for a total of 14 FCE Club members present at the council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sweetheart Cake Bake – Carolyn Slayton reported that the FCE Clubs made \$1,725 on the annual FCE Sweetheart Cake Bake – 67 sponsored cakes and two \$25 donations. Expenses that were paid out included \$60 in prize money, \$84.36 for supplies and \$19.20 in mileage for the judges, which equaled \$1,561.44 profit. Nancy Rutledge expressed her sincere thanks to all members that participated in the event and encouraged everyone to try to do even better next year.

100% Luncheon – Several of the members present made favorable comments concerning the annual 100% Member Awards Luncheon. The church facility was great; Carolyn Slayton was thanked for making the arrangements for its use. The food was enjoyable and the table decorations provided by Pam Rioux, Bonnie Pond and Nancy Rutledge were beautiful. Jane Pendergrass furnished the table covers, compliments of Events & More. Also, Nancy Rutledge made some homemade goodies for the Bank of Lincoln County to express thanks for their sponsorship of the luncheon.

There was also a brief discussion concerning what could be counted on the 100% form as community service. Basically, community service is anything that you do for someone else (non-family members) that you aren't paid for.

High School Scholarships – A motion was made and carried that the FCE Clubs give two \$250 scholarships to qualifying students. Nancy Rutledge reminded the Education Committee members to begin the selection process. Reva Beene is going to contact the high school about the applications.

Fun Day/Workshop – Everyone was reminded of the FCE Pajama Party scheduled for April 15 at 6 o'clock. If you would like to help with the food or do a demonstration please include this information when you RSVP. NOTE: There's a list of items needed on the invitation.

Cultural Arts – Discussion was opened concerning Cultural Arts, which will be held Friday, August 1. Participation has been going down; the council needs to find ways to encourage members to enter more items.

FCE Shirts – At the last meeting, the council discussed having an FCE shirt designed and made available for members to wear at FCE events. Bonnie Pond, who agreed to be in charge of the project gave a brief report. NDesigns in Fayetteville can design the shirts; the cost will be approximately \$25 each. The polo shirts will be pastel and have the FCE logo and the individual’s name embroidered on them. To be able to place an order the council will need to decide on the color (either light turquoise, light green or light blue); we’ll also need to know how many shirts in each size that will be needed. Please discuss the FCE shirts at your next local FCE Club meeting and bring this information to the July FCE Council meeting. If there’s enough interest, we’d like to order them in time to have them available for the Lincoln County Fair in September and the *Host of Christmas Past* in November.

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 prior to May 1 so that they can receive the recognition that they deserve.

Gingerbread Houses at “Host of Christmas Past” – Nancy Rutledge opened the floor to a discussion of whether or not the FCE Clubs would be making gingerbread houses for this year’s *“Host of Christmas Past”*. The council came to the decision that there would not be enough participation for this project.

Children’s Capes at “Host of Christmas Past” – Carolyn Slayton brought a child’s cape that she had made; everyone thought that it was adorable and would work great for small children. Belinda Lance showed pictures of a cape that she had made for Shea Austin’s youngest daughter; it would work great for older children. We estimate that each cape will require less than a yard of material to make. Anyone that has material that they would be willing to donate, can bring it to the July FCE Council meeting; after the meeting we’ll put together kits for individual members to make capes. If necessary, we’ll schedule a county-wide workshop at a later date to make additional capes.

Marketing Brochure for the Lincoln County FCE Clubs – Belinda Lance will be putting together suggestions for a marketing brochure to hand out at the fair. We will discuss this further at the July FCE Council meeting.

NEW BUSINES

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 \$275 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 27 – 29. Day camp dates will be May 27 and May 28; cost for the day camp will be \$35. Carolyn Slayton needs the money by May 12. Paperwork is available at UT Extension Lincoln County for anyone who would like to attend. Also, don’t forget that the deadline for registering for the classes is April 15.

County-wide Picnic – Discussion was opened concerning an FCE county-wide picnic. It was suggested that we hold it in either May or June before the weather gets too hot. It was decided that we would have an ice cream social at the Stonebridge Park on Saturday evening, May 31, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Please contact UT Extension Lincoln County to let Shea know if you plan to attend or if you have any suggestions for entertainment.

“Dairy Day” on the Square – The annual *“Dairy Day”* on the square in Fayetteville will be held June 7.

Imagination Library of Lincoln County – A motion was made and carried that we donate \$180 to the Imagination Library of Lincoln County.

Food Preservation Classes – Shea Austin will be teaching several food preservation classes this spring and summer; classes include Freezing Foods – May 9, Fermenting Foods – June 20 and the Annual Canning College – July 17 & 18. Classes will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily. Call UT Extension Lincoln County if you or someone you know is interested in taking the classes or if you would like to volunteer to help Shea with the workshops.

Sewing Camp for Kids – Shea Austin will also be holding the annual Sewing Camp for Kids on June 25 – 27 from 9 o'clock – 3 o'clock each day. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the sewing camp or if you can help by providing snacks for the 3-day event, please contact UT Extension Lincoln County to let Shea know.

July FCE Council Meeting & Election of County Officers – The next council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 8 in the Ralph Hastings' Building Auditorium. Don't forget that the election of the 2015 County FCE Club Council officers will 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Ellison, Lincoln County FCE Council Secretary