



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

The Lincoln County fce Council met at 6 o'clock on July 14, 2015. Everyone brought a dish and enjoyed a delicious potluck supper. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Bonnie Pond, at 6:35 p.m.; she also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Margaret Ellis gave the devotional by reading the poem, "Remember When". The club members present read the club's creed in unison.

The minutes from the April, 2015, meeting were approved as mailed. Treasurer, Carolyn Slayton, was not present due to her husband being in the hospital; Margaret Ellis gave the treasurer's report in her absence. We have \$2,789.23 in available funds.

Roll call was as follows: Boonshill fce Club – 1, Dellrose Hotrock fce Club – 2, Flintville fce Club – 4, McBurg fce Club – 1, Mimosa fce Club – 2, and Molino fce Club – 3, for a total of 13 fce Club members present at the council meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**High School Scholarships** – Emily Gordon and Lauren Lee received the two scholarships this year. Margaret Ellis read a thank you note from Lauren Lee.

**TAFCE Leadership Retreat (fce camp)** – Margaret Ellis gave a brief report on the camp. There was a large turnout for the event and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

**fce Club Name Tags** – The UT Extension Office has lanyards available that the fce Clubs can use. Eydie Foster, the office secretary, is willing to design a simple card that can be inserted into the badge holder. Each club should let her know which members are interested in getting a lanyard so that she can get them ready before the next county event.

**Storage Room** – Several of the fce Club members met to clean out and rearrange the fce Club materials stored down the hall from the Extension Office. Numerous old books and magazines were laid out at the meeting for club members who might want them. Bonnie Pond and her husband carried the leftover materials to the recycle center.

**Tabletop Display for the Creative Living Building** – A motion was made and seconded to use the fce Club display board that was created earlier this year. Belinda Lance and Carolyn Slayton are working on designing a brochure for handing out at events and activities to help get the fce Club name out into the communities. . Hopefully, these will be available for use during the fair.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Cultural Arts** – This year's event will be held Friday, July 31. Items may be entered starting at 8 o'clock; judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Every club member is encouraged to enter at least one item.

**Membership Lists/Club Dues** – Membership lists for 2016 and club dues need to be turned in to Carolyn Slayton by September 20.

Club presidents will also be receiving a packet containing the current mailing list used by the UT Extension Office that will need to be updated before the handbooks are printed. Each club member will need to verify their name, address, e-mail address, if applicable, and phone number. They will also be asked to give permission for their information to be printed in the handbook and their picture to appear on the website and to choose whether they would like to be contacted by mail, e-mail or both.

**Creative Living Building Update** – Ruthie Jeans, this year's Creative Living Building Superintendent, was nice enough to attend the fce Club County Council meeting to discuss her ideas this year's fair. She will need volunteers again this year. A sign-up sheet was started. If you will be available, please let Ruthie know as soon as possible. You may reach her by calling (931) 993-8498 or by emailing [Ruthie.Jeans@teledine.com](mailto:Ruthie.Jeans@teledine.com). This year there will be two additional entry dates for Dept. 20 (Sewing, Crafts, Canning, Art and Photography): Tuesday and Wednesday, September 8 and 9, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. each day; entries will also be taken on Friday, September 11 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year's fair will be *Burlap and Bling ~ A Lincoln County Fair Thing*". Fair entry forms are available at the UT Extension Office.

***Host of Christmas Past*** – When the club members cleaned out the store room, several leftover Christmas ornaments from past years were found; a motion was made and carried to sell these ornaments that during this year's *Host of Christmas Past*.

A motion was made and carried that we have the same menu as last year (Southwestern Stew, cornbread muffins, drinks and cookies/brownies. We will discuss this further at the October Council meeting.

Also, a motion was made and carried that the Council purchase a tent and one or two banners that can be used at the *Host of Christmas Past*, as well as, other county-wide events.

**Charitable Donations** – A motion was made and carried that we donate the same amount as last year to the Imagination Library of Lincoln County.

Also, a motion was made and carried that we make a \$100 donation to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Eydie Foster's father, Phillip (Nick) Thomason.

**National Essay & Artwork Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders** – It was decided that we table this until next year when we will hopefully have an UT Extension FCS Agent to help us coordinate this project.

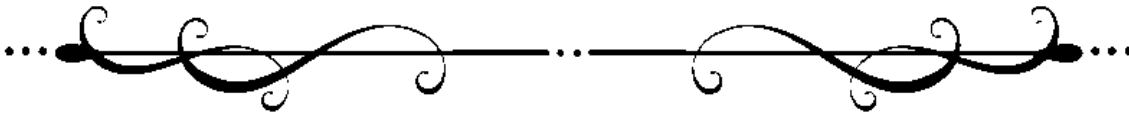
**Committee to Revise Bylaws** – Vicki Ellison will be chairman of the committee that will be reviewing the by-laws, Master Club form, 100% Member form, Reading Award form, etc. Anyone with any ideas, please let her know. Committee members, besides Vicki, are Margaret Ellis and Liz Mullins. A committee meeting will be set up in the near future so that proposed changes can be presented at the October meeting.

**New Projects for 2016** – Bonnie Pond had created committee sign-up sheets for several new projects based on ideas from the survey filled out by members in the spring. Projects include a monthly book club, a class on making nature crafts, specialty gardening (i.e., herbs, container gardening, etc.), a Fun Day/Evening with Bingo, misc. craft demonstrations or a series of "Lunch & Learn" workshops. Because volunteers are needed to organize these events, a copy of the sign-up sheets are attached/enclosed for your convenience. Please let either Bonnie or Eydie know if you would like to serve on a committee.

**October fce Council Meeting** – The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium on October 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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



*The family of  
Phillip Loyd (Nick) Thomason  
Acknowledges with grateful appreciation  
Your kind expressions of sympathy.*

*I would like to thank each of the fce clubs and their members for remembering me & my family during our recent loss. I received a beautiful shefflera from the Molino fce club, which I've left in the office for everyone to enjoy, several cards and calls, not to mention all those who stopped by the funeral home during visitation or just stopped by to offer a hug, smile or word of encouragement to help brighten my day. The donation to the Alzheimer's Association by the council is greatly appreciated. My dad had a long, slow battle with this terrible disease which in the end robbed him of his memories and his ability to care for himself, and, hopefully, your donation will go towards research that will help prevent others from having to suffer the same fate. Again, thanks to each of you for your thoughts, prayers & friendship.*

*Eydie Foster*