

July 10, 2014

Lincoln County Family and Community Education (fce) Clubs July, 2014, Council Meeting

The Lincoln County fce Council met at 9:30 a.m. July 8, 2014. Council President Nancy Rutledge was not present at the meeting; it was later learned that she has been hospitalized. As of today, she is still in St. Thomas West Hospital's CCU in Nashville. Due to her absence, Bonnie Pond, 1st Vice-President of Public Policy, called the meeting to order. Gene Templeton led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag; club members attending the meeting read the Club Creed aloud in unison. Lillie Galvin read Jeremiah 29:11 for the devotional.

The minutes from the April, 2014, meeting were approved as mailed. Carolyn Slayton gave the treasurer's report stating that the council has \$2,322.15 in available funds.

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

OLD BUSINESS

4-H Camp Scholarships – Carolyn Slayton reported that the council donated two \$275 4-H camp scholarships for one boy and one girl to attend Junior 4-H Camp this summer.

Imagination Library of Lincoln County – A thank you note from the Imagination Library of Lincoln County thanking the council for its donation of \$180 was read and shared with the group by Carolyn Slayton.

High School Scholarships – Also, Mrs. Slayton reported that the council gave two \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors, Molly Smith and Kenji Segura.

Pajama Party – The fce Pajama Party held on April 15 was fun! All of the pajama outfits were great. There was a large turnout for the "Girls Night In". Everyone enjoyed the potato bar and chili supper, as well as, the crafts, demonstrations and other fun activities that the evening included.

Ice Cream Social – The Lincoln County fce Clubs held an ice cream social at the Stonebridge Park in Fayetteville to celebrate Mothers' Day. Homemade chocolate and vanilla ice cream was served along with numerous delicious toppings. The event was enjoyed by all those that attended.

TAFCE Leadership Retreat (fce Camp) – We had four people from Lincoln County to attend this year's Leadership Retreat. Carolyn Slayton showed us the snowman candy jar that she made and Margaret Ellis told about the rubber band bracelets and paper piercing embroidery classes that she took.

2014 fce/4-H Sewing Camp for Kids – Lillie Galvin, one of the volunteers, gave a report on this year's Sewing Camp for Kids. Eleven girls participated in the three-day camp. They made poodle skirts, decorated socks, appliqued T-shirts, chiffon scarves and woven potholders. The auditorium was decorated using a 1950's theme, "Let's go to the Hop. . . ." The girls seemed to really enjoy the workshop and the snacks that were brought in for the sewing camp. Many thanks go to Shea Austin, Cathy Helms and all of the fce Club volunteers for their hard work in providing this program to the youth in our community.

50-Year Members – If you'll be a 50-Year fce Club member this year, you need to contact Shea Austin at UT Extension Lincoln County to fill out the paperwork so that you can receive the recognition that you deserve.

"Dairy Day" on the Square – Bonnie Pond gave a brief report on the "Dairy Day" on the Square. This year's event wasn't as large as usual.

fce Club Polo Shirts – At the last meeting, the council discussed having an fce Club polo shirt designed and made available for members to wear at fce Club events. Bonnie Pond, who had agreed to be in charge of the project, brought up the subject for discussion. Apparently, there is not a lot of interest so the group decided not to purchase polo shirts.

fce Club Name Badges – Carolyn Slayton suggested that the fce Clubs have name badges made. Please discuss this at your next fce Club meeting to see if any of your members would like to do this on an optional basis. Lillie Galvin agreed to check into this to see what it would cost and whether or not it will be possible to have them in time for the fair.

fce Club Tabletop Display for the Creative Living Building at the Fair – Bonnie Pond brought up having a table display set up promoting the fce Clubs in the Creative Living Building at the fair in September. All of the members present agreed, as we need to increase fce Club membership. Belinda Lance is working on ideas for a photo display. If you have pictures (old or new) demonstrating what the fce Clubs do, please contact Belinda to have them included.

fce Club Marketing Brochure – It was also suggested that we design a brochure/handout that explains what the Lincoln County fce Clubs do for our county. Some of the suggestions made by those present included pictures, written testimonies from club members telling why they enjoy participating, a list of organizations that the fce Clubs support, etc. A motion was made and carried that we have a brochure printed for distribution.

The council decided to form a committee to do a "mock" brochure so that an estimated cost can be determined. If you're interested in being on the brochure committee, have any ideas/pictures that you'd like to see included in the brochure or if your club has done any special activities that they'd like included, please contact Shea Austin at UT Extension Lincoln County by August 15.

"Host of Christmas Past" – Bonnie Pond brought up selling capes at the fce Clubs' booth during the *Host of Christmas Past*. All of the members present believed that the kids would really like them. A workshop has been scheduled for August 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium. (**Special Note:** This is a change of date. The original date set during the council meeting, August 7, is Election Day, and several fce Club members will be working at the polls all day.) Please bring any material/supplies that you'd like to donate to the workshop or drop them off at UT Extension Lincoln County before August 14. Each cape will take one yard of material if binding is used or two yards of material if it's reversible.

NEW BUSINESS

Cultural Arts – The County Cultural Arts and Fashion Review will be held Friday, August 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium. All members are encouraged to participate in this year's event. Participation has been steadily going down. Please encourage all of your local club members to enter one or more items in the Cultural Arts and the Fashion Review.

Regional Meeting & Cultural Arts – The Central Region fce Annual Meeting and Cultural Arts will be held at the Lane Agri-Park (315 John Rice Blvd) in Murfreesboro on September 11. Registration, plus lunch, will be \$20. If you plan to attend, please send your payment to Carolyn Slayton by August 10, as the credential form for the regional meeting is due on August 15. Carolyn's address is 10 Cunningham Hollow Rd; Fayetteville, TN 37334.

The fce Club members planning to attend the event in Murfreesboro will need to leave from the Ralph Hastings Building parking lot at 7:00 a.m. on September 11, as the Cultural Arts check-in and registration for the meeting start at 8:30 a.m. in Murfreesboro.

Membership Lists & 2015 fce Club Dues – Carolyn Slayton will need each local club to send her the 2015 fce Club members' lists and dues by September 20. Dues are \$4.50/member.

July 10, 2014 Creative Living Building Sign Up Sheet – The Lincoln County Fair will be held Sept. 6 – 13. The Creative Living Building entries will be taken in on Friday, Sept. 5, from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; baking entries will be taken in on Monday, Sept. 8, from 7:30 a.m. – noon; and flower entries will be taken in on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A copy of this year's sign-up sheet is enclosed with the minutes so that you can see which dates and times are open at this time. If you can help with taking entries, assisting judges, taking down the exhibits or sitting with the building when it's open, please call UT Extension Lincoln County to sign up. Also, if you know of any teens that can assist with hanging items in the building, please ask them to sign up as well.

Christmas Ornament Workshop – This year the McBurg fce Club is in charge of making the ornaments for the Christmas tree at the Bank of Lincoln County. Bonnie Gamino, the club's representative at the meeting, stated that they have not decided what type ornaments they will be making. Once they have made their final plans, a county-wide workshop may need to be scheduled.

2015 fce Council Officers

- Bonnie Pond (*Molino fce Club*) – President
- Lillie Galvin (*Molino fce Club*) – 1st Vice President of Public Policy
- Margaret Ellis (*Dellrose Hotrock fce Club*) – 2nd Vice President of Programs
- Carolyn Slayton (*Dellrose Hotrock fce Club*) – Treasurer
- Vicki Ellison (*Boonshill fce Club*) - Secretary
- Nancy Rutledge (*Flintville fce Club*) – President Advisor

August Educational Lesson – Leader Training – The leader training on *Thrifty Living* will be held on July 30 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ralph Hastings Building auditorium. If possible, each club should have at least one representative at the meeting. Leaders will be given all of the materials needed for them to be able to make the education presentation at their local fce Club meeting in August.

Canning College – The Annual Canning College will be held on July 17 & 18. Classes will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily. Participants will learn how to use both a boiling waterbath canner and a pressure canner, as well as, how to check a pressure canner gauge. Emphasis will be placed on preserving foods safely at home to avoid potential illness. The fee for the two-day class is \$30; the fee includes the produce, class supplies, as well as a food preservation notebook. Please note that the class will be limited to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis.

October fce Council Meeting – The next council meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on October 14 in the Ralph Hastings' Building Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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