

**NH Association of Family and Consumer Science
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting – January 24, 2008
Common Man Restaurant, Plymouth, NH**

In Attendance: Jennifer Opalinski, Nancy McIver, Doris Williams, Eileen Holmes, Nora Beaton, Marcia Trexler, Judy Pryor and Joan Fossum

Opening: (Eileen H. – president NHAFCS) – Welcome and what’s new with you?

- ◆ Eileen shared that the Northeast Regional Conference plans are coming along. The dates for this conference are October 3 and 4, 2008 and will take place in Nashua, NH. The committee Eileen is working with meets monthly and they have a very busy work load. This committee is trying to get Dr. Susan Lynch, pediatrician and wife of Governor Lynch, to be a keynote speaker or greeter from New Hampshire. Joan Fossum volunteered to contact Dr. Lynch.
- ◆ TOY – Teacher of the Year – for the Northeast conference, it was noted that it would be welcomed for the TOY recipient(s) to present or participate in some way – example – a “round table” format.
- ◆ The committee is arranging for tours in Dunstable, Massachusetts, a textile mill town where Ellen Richards was born.
- ◆ Leadership Conference – held in Indianapolis, Indiana – October 26-28th – Jennifer Opalinski attended and stated she “ was glad to be able to go.” This trip was sponsored by the NHAFCS. Jennifer also stated “it was an empowering experience.” She presented a power point presentation on the FCS program at her school – Profile High School.

Reports:

Secretary’s Report: Marcia Trexler – NHAFCS Secretary

Marcia presented minutes for the October 18, 2008 meeting held in Concord, NH. Corrections and comments were made. One major change in the October 18 minutes is the date for the NHAFCS Spring conference – noted as Friday, May 2 but will be held on **Friday, May 9, 2008**. Also noted that the web site on which to locate the NH Middle School FCS guidelines is not NHAFCS.org but the DOE site:

www.ed.state.nh.us/education/fcs

Minutes for the October 18, 2008 NHAFCS executive meeting were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: Nora Beaton – NHAFCS Treasurer

Nora presented current status of NHAFCS funds. In summary:
As of today, January 24, 2008, there is a balance of \$13,993.64 in the checking account. There is one outstanding bill for \$35.00 from KernBuilt.com that needs to be paid.
Scholarship savings account balance - \$1,856.31
The CD account balance - \$5,070.20 and earned \$58.95 in interest for the months of October and December 2007.

NHAFCS Fall conference – Bedford, NH expenditure and earnings update:
\$9451.00 – Fall conference income
\$5898.53 – expenditures
\$3552.47 – profit (cleared)
Question – IRS – Just done recently and have on file.
Web site payments to date: \$1,267.50
Treasurer report approved.

Newsletter Update: Doris Williams – NHAFCS Newsletter Editor and VP External:

Doris shared that a 4 page NHAFCS Winter 2008 newsletter has been sent out in 3 mailings. She noted that the newsletter includes specific listings of executive board positions which are opening up. **Regarding the opening of positions:**
Shea Higley is interested in the “member at large” position being vacated by Judy Pryor
Jennifer Opalinski voiced interest in the President position

Doris Williams will stay on as VP External

“Program” position – Jennifer currently assumes – Nora voiced concern that this person has to pay for so many “program position” expenses – example – hotels

Nancy McIver asked about by-laws – where are they? There is a “policies and procedures” manual which should have a listing of funding.

For the spring conference – May 9, 2008 – this board could approve payment of all of Jennifer Opalinski’s expenses.

Motion: to cover expenses of registration and room and board of Jennifer Opalinski – VP Program for the spring conference – May 9, 2008 – **motion approved by the board.**

Christine Jespersen – VP Internal – an e-mail sent to board members from Christine indicate the need to resign her position as VP Internal due to personal, family issues. The board will send Christine a card.

Joan Fossum volunteered to send out TOY letters to all NH school building principals.

Marcia Trexler offered Joan assistance, if needed.

**Program Report – VP Program – Jennifer Opalinski –
Fall conference debrief –**

Evaluations from fall 2007 conference – Jennifer will send out by e-mail the full results of conference evaluations. **Summary of evaluations:**

- ◆ Keynote speaker – not favorable
- ◆ Malcom Smith – “high light” of the conference
- ◆ Katherine McLaughlin – a few (3) negative comments

Noted that the on-line registration is working very well. Data base is set up and will continue to get better.

We had 7 conference attendees join NHAFCS the day of conference with a discount incentive.

Handout from Jennifer – **Program Notes for Spring Conference – 2008**

We reviewed this document which included:

1. Location contacts and ideas – in addition to the locations noted, board gave consent to look into Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield and Eagle Mountain House in Jackson.

2. Theme – Child Development and Parenting noted. Other ideas brainstormed: Family Issues – Family Fitness – **Healthy Families – this last one best received.**

3. Tentative schedule for conference day

Search for speakers requires everyone. **Board members** – please make a commitment to find at least one break-out speaker.

Other spring conference issues discussed include:

◆ Silent Auction – winners announced at end of day – Judy Tickle – will she continue to run? Judy Pryor will contact Judy T. to see if she will run the auction. One half of the proceeds goes to NHAFCs scholarship fund and one half to AAFCS Research (Nora will research the “research” recipient.) **NOTE** – since our January meeting, Judy Tickle was contacted and **WILL** run the auction! Thank you Judy!!!!

◆ \$ for AAFCS – Mass Ave. Grants – have funded in the past (noted by Nancy McIver)

◆ Jennifer asked about ordering pins? Any gift for new members? How about roses for 25 years plus NHAFCs members?

◆ Other gift ideas: pins, pens, paper pads, pencils, **NHAFCs lanyards – Eileen will look into**

E-mail any other location ideas to Jennifer O.

Report from Department of Education - Update – Joan Fossum – consultant –

AAFCS Initiative on competencies – We reviewed Joan’s report, dated January 24, 2008 which included:

▶ **National Standards** – posted on the AAFCS website with a link to the NHDOE/FCS web page

▶ **Adult Roles and Responsibilities – Course Competency Guidelines** (for grades 9–12) are now on the NHDOE/FCS web page.

▶ **Pre-professional Competency Assessments** – a consortium of states which will develop course and program competency assessments to meet the needs of our courses and programs. To be worked on over the next 5 years and is needed to show that our students are getting and learning important skills and information and the data that will support our work. The cost will be \$5,000 for the 2 years and has the state support though the DOE has limited funding.

Motion: (Jennifer O.) “To pledge the amount of \$3,000 from NHAFCs to AAFCS to support the development of pre-professional competency assessment and industry recognized credentials consortium of states.”

Motion seconded by Judy Pryor

Motion approved by board

Since approved, an **invoice** will be sent to be paid – this will serve as our **record** of this pledge.

▶ **FCS Job Fair** – it was discussed and suggested by Jennifer O. that we should try to collaborate with an existing job fair and for it to be after school. Nancy suggested we get all “specials” that are on the critical shortage list and have a joint job fair for all of the “unified arts”.

► Summer professional development needs

Joan handed out many web print outs with articles supporting our programs including:

- **Social Skills Programs Found to Yield Gains in Academic Subjects**
- **Get the FACS through Family and Consumer Sciences Education**
- **Adult Roles and Responsibilities: Family and Consumer Sciences Course Competency Guidelines**
- **AAFCS Announces Initiative to Develop Family and Consumer Sciences Pre-Professional Competency Assessments and Industry-Recognized Credentials – this article is from the Family and Consumer Sciences Credentialing Center**

New Business:

Granite State College – Joan F. will meet with the Dean to talk about having an FCS program at this school.

Banner of our association with name was discussed and ideas on what it might say.

Motion: (Jennifer O.) “To have a banner made which reads – **New Hampshire Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – Going Strong since 1909**”

Motion for a banner to be made approved by board

Motion by Judy P. – to offer the membership rate to people who are getting Alternative IV FCS certified to encourage attendance at NHAFCs sponsored conferences.

Note – this was discussed at the very end of the meeting with much restaurant distractions around us – my minutes DO NOT indicate a board approval. We will need to address this at our next executive board meeting in March. Sorry if I missed this approval.

Ellen Richards poster – 100 years old! For a site to visit for poster making – Art.com
Nancy McIver is interested in having a poster made up.

March 20th – Thursday – Next NHAFCs executive board meeting in Concord.

Marcia will locate a spot for this meeting – will look into the Centennial Restaurant and Common Man

Meeting adjourned at 7:47

NOTE.....the next meeting has had a change in date and will be held on Thursday, March 27th – still in Concord but location not set yet.....

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Trexler
NHAFCs Secretary

