

**NH Association of Family and Consumer Science
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting – March 15, 2010
Common Man Restaurant, Plymouth, NH**

In Attendance: Jennifer Opalinski, Doris Williams, Marcia Trexler, Joan Fossum, Nora Beaton and Jane Smith.

Opening: At 4:54 meeting called to order by NHAFCS President Jennifer Opalinski. Welcome to all and thank you for coming!

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Marcia Trexler – NHAFCS Secretary

Marcia presented minutes for the January 11, 2010 executive board meeting held at the Common Man Restaurant, Concord, NH. Corrections were noted. A motion was given by Nora Beaton that the minutes for the January 11, 2010 NHAFCS executive meeting be accepted with corrections. This motion was seconded by Doris Williams. Minutes accepted and once corrections are made, will go on file in the Secretary binder and will be posted on the NHAFCS web site.

Treasurer's Report: Nora Beaton – NHAFCS Treasurer

As NHAFCS treasurer, Nora shared, in summary:
As of today, March 14, 2010, there is a balance of \$ 12,417.81 in the checking account. All bills submitted to this point have been paid in full. However, we have requests for payment for the annual \$500.00 sponsorship for the FCCLA Spring Conference and \$ 475.00 for the table and award for the NH Excellence in Education, "ED"ies event. The scholarship savings account balance is \$ 3,194.66 as of February 28, 2010. The CD account has a balance of \$ 5,459.17.

Total: \$ 12,417.81
 3,194.66
 5,459.17

\$ 21,071.64

Motion: A motion was given by Doris Williams that NHAFCS pay \$500.00 to the FCCLA scholarship fund. This motion was seconded by Nora Beaton and approved by the board.

Note: At the January 11, 2010 NHAFCS board meeting, Eileen Holmes made a motion: "that we move to reserve a table at the EDIES for our 2010 TOY recipient". The motion was seconded by Doris Williams and the board, by unanimous vote, approved reserving a table for the spring 2010 EDIES.

Nora shared with the board an "Itemized Categories" report dated 7/1/2009 through 3/14/2010. This report was reviewed by the board and a copy of it will be placed on file in the secretary binder. One correction noted: under Fall Conference, the date 10/13/2009 should be listed as "**Regional** Fall Conference".

The board unanimously agreed that NHAFCS will reinstate this year's budget for next year.

President's Report: Jennifer Opalinski – NHAFCS President

Jennifer shared her personal thank you to the board for their help over the two year term that she has served as our state association president. A “**President's Message**” report, dated March 2010, was provided in which Jennifer summarized her three goals going into her term:

1. To increase awareness of FCS in New Hampshire
2. To reach across state lines
3. To continue to build our web site as a useful tool for our membership

Jennifer shared that progress is evident; NHAFCS stands strong and is heading in the right direction. She stated that on our behalf and with our help, valuable contributions and improvements for NHAFCS were made. Jennifer shared a list of those contributions, with 14 noted, that speak loudly for her dedication and ongoing support for the future of NHAFCS. The complete “President's Message” with this list is on file in the Secretary folder.

A few other topics shared by Jennifer:

- Teleconference – Jennifer was part of a New England Consortium conference in February 2010. A discussion on how to move us forward was carried out.
- Letters by participants of this teleconference were submitted to AAFCS National on what we need. How can we be saved? The consortium members hope to hear back from AAFCS.
- Surveys from the fall conference will be summarized after inspection by Jennifer and Nora.
- A survey idea for NHAFCS to try is a survey monkey – an electronic survey
- A discussion followed Jennifer's statement of concern regarding the makeup of the NHAFCS Executive Board. We don't have the number of members willing to serve. Recruitment is needed! Why is it that we do not have people stepping up to join and serve our association? (Joan Fossum shared that ACTE as a national organization is strong!)

Department of Education Update / Report: Joan Fossum

Joan shared that she will not be at the spring conference as she will be in Philadelphia.

A report for the board titled: **An Update from your Consultant NHAFCS Board Meeting 3/15/2010** was provided. Key points included in this update:

- A list of 10 events, which over the last 10 years, has the potential, alone or in combination, to impact our programs in very significant ways and our ability to work successfully with the students in the state.
- As we move forward through the continued processes of school reform, school approval, it continues to be important for you to be able to answer 7 posed questions.
- To continue to support the work that we do, during the next year Joan will be putting together a group of FCS professionals to help guide the work that needs to

- be done. Would you be willing to work on a state level FCS advisory? Do you know someone outside of your school who might like to serve?
- Do we have suggestions for professional development opportunities that would continue to support us in the work that we do? Please make suggestions.

A copy of an application titled: **Family and Consumer Sciences State Advisory Council Application** was provided to board members with the wish for board members to share this Department of Education (DOE) advisory group information with other FCS professionals. An adaptation of this application will be made available to NHAFCs spring conference attendees by Joan Fossum.

Interim Vice President of Program Report – Jane Smith

Jane gave an update on the plans for the upcoming NHAFCs Spring Conference:

“Today’s Choices Create Tomorrow’s Life”

Friday, May 7, 2010

8 AM – 3:30 PM

The Old Salt Restaurant

490 Lafayette Road

Hampton, NH 03842

Jane presented a thorough packet on work to date for this conference including:

1. Agenda for the day
2. Driving Directions
3. How to register
4. Registration fees for members and non-members and how to pay reduced prices

Related to BUDGET:

5. Room rental
6. Deposit
7. Meals – The board discussed options and made their recommendations
8. Audio Visual needs
9. Registration folders
10. Name tags
11. Speakers

A list of 16 sponsors, to date, was shared.

Jane ended her presentation with a list of “**Annual Spring Conference Assigned Tasks**” which board members stepped up and volunteered to do.

Thank you, Jane, for your hard work on putting together what will be a wonderful program!

Vice President Internal Report – Jane Smith and Joan Fossum

Teacher of the Year (TOY) nominations and update:

Jane shared an update on the process, with handouts, for seeking a qualified NHAFCs member for the Bonnie Simpson Family and Consumer Sciences 2010 Teacher of the Year Award. At this time there are 2 possible candidates. Jane will send out their application packets, when received, for board members to review. An update on 2009 TOY recipient Nora Beaton – Nora applied in January for National Teacher of the Year. She shared that she had just heard from nationals and she was chosen as one of two “Merit Finalists”! Congratulations, Nora!

A reminder regarding the June 12, 2010 New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards:

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Vice-President – External Report – Ballot Update - Doris Williams

Doris has shared that the board for school year 2010/2011 will have 4 positions opening up:

1. President Elect
2. VP External
3. VP Program
4. Member at Large

At this time, these positions have no one ready to step into them. We need to put the word out to our association that help is needed! Please recruit! As Jennifer noted in her closing President’s Message: “I am hopeful that there are other energetic souls to whom we pass the torch and who will sustain our efforts for years to come.” Let’s try to get others from our association on board!

Member at Large Report – Nancy Montemerlo – Marketing the 2010 Spring Conference – Nancy was not in attendance. Jane will get in touch with Nancy to share ideas on marketing and getting the word out regarding the spring conference.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Trexler
NHAFCs Secretary

