

NHAFCS Board of Directors
March 16, 2009
Plymouth Common Man Restaurant
Minutes

President Jennifer Opalinski called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

The secretary's minutes were approved as written.

The treasurer's report was placed on file.

We currently have the following funds on hand: Checking Account: \$5,473.12; Scholarship Account: \$2,586.46; and CD account: \$5,299.95.

We reviewed and approved a budget of \$14,500 for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. This represents a significantly smaller budget reflective of the economic times and our own membership issues. We will have the following line items in the budget as place holders but there will be no money allocated to them at this time: Awards: Friend of the Family, FCS High School Student of the Year, Specialist of the Year and Member Support: Membership and Membership scholarship.

Vice President of Programs

Nancy shared with us the proposed agenda for the Spring Conference. She highlighted the speakers and presenters. There was some discussion about the time allocation and we made appropriate adjustments.

Nancy reviewed the cost structure. There was some discussion about costing the conference so that dues are included. We decided that we will discuss that at a later meeting.

There will be a silent auction at the conference. Nancy requested that each board member bring something that can be auctioned.

Member-At-Large (Merchandise)

Licia brought samples of the items that can now be found on the CAFÉ link from our website. She has done a fantastic job of getting a variety of items available for people to purchase. She will bring the samples and one or two items for purchase to the conference.

Licia also reported on the organization and development of the New England Collaboration for Family and Consumer Sciences. Copies of the meeting notes will be sent electronically to each member.

Member-At-Large

Jane Smith talked about organizing a "Concord after Dark" socializing event. We have sent the date for June 17. More information will be forthcoming. Hopefully there will be information by the spring conference.

Jane had spent time reviewing the NHAFCs website and she reported on some suggestions that she had.

Vice President External

Doris reported on the slate of officers for the upcoming election. At this time we have the following candidates: VP Internal-Jane Smith; Member-At-Large-Nancy Montemerlo or Kay Shoubash. The ballot will be mailed to members for their vote in accordance with the by-laws.

Doris will send out a spring newsletter highlighting the spring conference. We discussed possibly moving to all electronic next year in an effort to save money and go green.

President's Report

Jennifer share with us her notes from the Evening Conference Call with AAFCS that was held February 17.

Jason Kern of Kernbilt our webdesigner is not able to be with us this evening but we will reschedule and have us at the summer meeting. In the meantime we will have him add the following to the website: Scholarship forms, TOY nomination information, FCCLA link

Vice President Internal

We had two nominations for Teacher of the Year. One met the criteria and one did not. They both receive letters. I am awaiting the materials from the eligible recipient. We are planning on sponsoring a table at the Edies Awards.

DOE report: We have launched a Housing and Interiors Course through Granite State College that will begin April 11.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Fossum
Acting Secretary