Call to order by Jessica Trussell Adobe Connect, 10:06 AM

Those present include: Bethany Bachmann, Debby Whiston, Janet LaFon, Kandace Fisher-McLean, Kathy Dothage, Mary Wissmann, Maudie Kelly, Renette Wardlow, Sarah Traub, Tammy Roberts, Susan Mills Gray.

MINUTES
Approval of October Minutes
1st motion - Debby Whiston  
2nd motion - Kathy Dothage  
all in favor, passed

TREASURER’S REPORT
Presented by Jessica Trussell/Susan Mills-Gray
Approval of the Financial Report
1st motion - Renette Wardlow  
2nd motion - Kathy Dothage  
all in favor, passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS & PRESIDENT ELECT
• Awards & Recognition: Renette Wardlow –
  o Submitted 4 applications from our state
• Professional Development: Melissa Bess
• Public Affairs: Tammy Roberts
  o Impact statements have been submitted by Kandace and Bethany
  o Impact statements online are from last year. They are still compiling this year’s statements
• Member Resources: Marsha Alexander
• Bethany Bachmann, President-Elect, JCEP Report
  o Held in Memphis – 6 from MO attended.
  o Great Keynote – David Mitchell on organizational leadership
  o Association meeting – 30 states represented. Talked a lot about what states are doing for 100 years anniversary.
    ▪ Membership concerns from every state
    ▪ Remember to check NEAFCS website – a lot of good webinars for members
    ▪ Annual session in Lexington KY – registration opens in June
    ▪ 2015 annual session West Virginia (November 1st – 5th)
    ▪ Do not know where 2016 will be. Location TBD.
OLD BUSINESS

- By-Laws: Discussion/Vote – cannot vote today because we don’t have 2/3 membership present.
  - Jessica will send out to membership via survey monkey to allow voting.

- Budget: Discussion/Vote – We have been operating in red for several years. We only have a few years left of running at current rate. We need changes in 2015 budget.
  - Bethany only spent around $500 for JCEP, which helps with the 2014 budget
  - 1st motion – Debby Whiston
  - 2nd motion – Tammy Roberts
  - all in favor - passed

- Fundraising - Any other suggestions to increase funds or suggestions on how to cut spending?
  - Shirt sales
    - Kandace – has had a lot of people request shirts. A lot of work and we didn’t make that much.
    - Susan – total profit from shirt sales $210.38
    - We could try to get orders before annual conference and deliver there.
    - There is also a CPD conference in June so we could deliver there.
    - Thematic teams also meet regularly, which is another means of delivery.
    - We need to remind people about purchasing for administrative staff
    - Jessica offered to help with coordination if we do shirt sales again.
  - Silent auction at Fall Conference
    - Biggest fundraiser we currently have.
    - We should send email explaining that it is our best fundraiser
    - We need to remind people and talk about it at HES update so people will keep a lookout for black and gold items that sell very well
  - Fleece blankets with extension logo
    - No longer sold by MU Publications
  - Dues increase
    - It has been 15 years or so since dues increase, but it will not take care of our budget issues because membership is small.
    - We must consider what increase is feasible that won’t cause us to loose members?
      - Add state dues over several years. Could pay dues in installments.
    - According to by-laws, membership dues shall be established at annual meeting
      - Many people pay all of their dues in Sept (UMEA, ESP, etc.)
    - We could ask membership to chip in extra if they are able because budget is in the red
  - Endowment
    - Campaign that a portion of money could generate income for professional development by investing in endowment.
    - Minimum investment for an endowment is $2500 for county office
  - Concerns that we are already operating on bare budget and there aren’t many places to cut.
    - We could send president-elect to only 1 conference instead of 2 as a short term fix.
If we send president elect to only 1 conference – which?
- JCEP (Susan, Renette, Kathy)
- Janet – maybe alternate every other year
- Tammy – does not want to eliminate 1
- Jessica - PILD
  - Tammy – suggests we table this discussion until October annual meeting but put out info about all of the things we’ve been talking about. Not enough people present.
  - Mary – motion we have a budget meeting shortly after HES Update. Try to drum up participation there
  - All in favor – motion passes

NEW BUSINESS
- MEAFCS Social is being planned
  - Do we want a cash bar?
    - Yes - Susan, Bethany, Kandace, Mary, Sarah
    - No – Kathy
    - Indifferent – Janet, Tammy, Renette
    - Kathy – is there a minimum for a cash bar?
      - Jessica thinks there is but doesn’t know specifics yet. Will find out specifics.

- Adjourn Meeting:
  - Dates to Remember:
    - PILD, April 6-9, 2014 in Alexandria, VA
    - MEAFCS Social, April, 28, 2014 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
    - NEAFCS Annual Session, September 15-18, 2014 in Lexington, Kentucky

Motion to adjourn
1st motion – Mary Wissmann 2nd motion – Bethany Bachmann
Adjourned 11:27 AM

Mary E. Wissmann, Secretary