Kansas FCCLA Alumni & Associates
April 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Century II, Wichita, KS

The Kansas FCCLA Alumni & Associates (A & A) meeting was called to order by vice-president, Katie Rennie at 9:30 pm on April 2, 2012. An attendance sheet was passed around to show 16 members in attendance.

Kacey Preston moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kristi Henderson read the minutes of the previous meeting (April 4, 2011). Marla Sterling moved to approve the minutes. The motion received a second and passed.

Janet Holden distributed copies of the treasurer’s report and then gave a detailed explanation of the report. She answered questions from the group. There is a current balance of $679.49.

Kacey gave the SEAC/State Board report. She explained the move to have all district officers wear the same uniform consisting of a black logo oxford shirt ordered from nationals and black slacks or skirts. Each district can add a touch of red to their uniforms. Members present expressed how professional they looked at the opening session. Kacey also expressed concerns from the state board that we are not doing enough to increase our “associate” memberships. Parents of former officers and various others would love to be involved in A & A so better promotion will be discussed by the membership committee.

State Advisor, Charlotte Smith gave her report. There were 1,600 members registered for State Leadership Conference this year. This is up from last year. Our state FCCLA membership is up 300 members from last year and we have 193 chapters in the state. Charlotte expressed her gratitude to A & A for their continued financial support for SLC assistants and the NLC assistant. She also reported on the change of dress code for National Meeting this summer. NO t-shirts will be allowed in meetings or workshops. The new state officer team is still planning to design a state shirt that can be worn during non-meeting events. Each NLC attendee will receive the t-shirt AND a red polo. Kansas will not be providing back-packs but nationals will be providing the nylon bags. Finally, Charlotte discussed the proposed dues increase that will be voted on during Tuesday’s voting session. The dues have not increased since the 1970’s and operating costs have continued to rise. The suggested amount is $5.00.

Dawn Lindsley was not in attendance so Kacey Preston and Gayla Randall gave a Foundation report. There is still time to take the Foundation Challenge. Send donations to Gwyneth Kramer. Information can be found on the state web site. Kansas FCCLA donated the interest from one of the Certificates of Deposit to the Foundation totaling $9,495.00.

Janet gave a membership committee report. Several seniors took advantage of last year’s free membership and she is currently sending letters inviting them to continue their membership by paying the $5.00 yearly fee. We have over 20 current seniors who have signed up for their free year with many additional seniors
anticipated at tomorrow’s conference. The new membership committee will meet to discuss ideas to promote membership for Associate Members.

Janet gave a financial report. Due to the retirement of our state advisor, A & A will participate in a financial audit sometime after April 15, 2012.

A scholarship report was given by Katie on behalf of Brenda Dooley and Erin Petersilie. There will be 3- $300.00 scholarships given this year.

A facility report was given by Charlotte. The Marriott seemed to handle the STAR events again this year. Discussion of additional charges by Hyatt Hotel for meeting room space was discussed with the conclusion being that staying with the Marriott for the next couple of years was a wise decision.

Janet gave a T-shirt committee report. Inventory was taken at the end of last year’s meeting so we will have an accurate count on what was actually sold this year. This will allow for more accurate ordering for next year. Sales seem to be going strong this year.

Megan Sauber was introduced as the National Leadership Meeting Assistant for 2012 as well as the 2013 State Leadership Conference Coordinator. Joey Platt was also recognized for her acceptance as a summer intern at the national office.

Elections were held for A & A officer positions. Charlotte Smith was elected to a 2-year term as president. Elizabeth Peuchen was elected for a two year term as secretary. Seth Bolling was elected for a one-year term as the SEAC/State Board Representative.

Committee members were assigned as follows:

Membership/Public Relations: Janet Peak, Katie Rennie, Raimie Platt, and Ryan Haxton.
Finance: Janet Peak, Kristi Henderson, and Charlotte Smith. (This will require a change on the account’s signature card.)
Scholarship: Erin Petersilie & Brenda Dooley.
Facilities: Charlotte Smith, Megan Sauber & Jeanette Bosch.
T-shirts: Janet Peak, Elizabeth Peuchen, & Kacey Preston.

RanDee Platt expressed concern of the lateness of the A & A meeting for the SLC assistants. While it was noted it was inconvenient for them, there is no other time in the schedule. Any alternative suggestions would be welcome.

Katie adjourned the meeting at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted:
Kristi Henderson
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