

Fond du Lac County Assoc. for Home & Community Education
Spring Council Meeting
March 31, 2008

The Spring Council Meeting of the Fond du Lac County Assoc. for Home and Community Education was called to order by President Marianne Geiger at 7:00 PM on March 31, 2008 at the UW Fond du Lac Campus, Room 205/206. The Homemaker's Creed was recited. Roll call was taken with 16 members present from the following clubs: Highland (1), Willing Workers (4), Country Roads (3), City and Country (3), Calumet (2), Calvary, (1), Marytown (2), Family Living Educator, Shelley Tidemann and Special Guest, Anita Schuller.

The Secretary's Report was given and approved as read. Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file for audit.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Report:

Marianne thanked everyone that participated in the Membership Activity held at Forest Mall and to those that are working on community outreach projects, fundraisers, and the HCE Banquet this year. With the varied events scheduled, this should be our year to increase membership. The best way to do that is to invite guests to meetings and events.

Congratulations to Shelley Tidemann! She will be receiving an award on April 2 in Eau Claire for her work in financial management.

FOCUS articles are due April 15. Fond du Lac Center 3 will be featured – Calumet, Calvary, and Marytown clubs.

Program/Public Policy: Delores Miller reported that the project for the September 4th meeting at 7 PM will be presented by Judith Berger who will discuss travel tips, clever ways of packing a suitcase and hot new destinations. Let Delores or the Extension Office know of any new programs you are interested in.

Community Outreach: Betty Birschbach reminded us that we are collecting coffee and paper products for the Solutions Center. These items may be brought to the May 6 Banquet.

Advisor's Report: Shelley Tidemann reminded members of the April 2 program on Disaster Preparedness. She also has packets available on College Days to be held June 3, 4 and 5. Grandparent University Days is approaching but dates are not yet available. The 2008 Consumer Action Handbook is also available at the Extension Office.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cultural Arts: Char Honold-Searl reported that the organization is still making adult and children's mittens and larger size lap quilts. Patterns are available. Char also encouraged members to submit entries for the Cultural Arts Contest. A list of items that may be entered in the contest is available in the FOCUS and on page 21 of our 2008 HCE Program Book.

Marketing/Membership: Shirley Maltby reminded members that membership recognition sheets need to be sent to her as soon as possible.

International: Sue Gierach mentioned the possibility of holding an international luncheon. This is something to consider for next year.

Family: Joyce Ritzema had no report.

Wisconsin Bookworms:

Coloring and Name the Bookworm contests were held in each Head Start classroom. Entries from six of the classrooms were on display at the Spring Council Meeting. ONE winner will be selected from each class for coloring. There will also be one grand prize winner selected for the coloring contest and one winner for naming the worm. The name selected will be forwarded on for the State Name the Bookworm contest. Volunteers in the Wisconsin Bookworms program will be recognized at the HCE Banquet.

Char Honold-Searl reviewed fourteen books as possibilities for next year's program.

Fund Raising Activity: Tharcilla Matznick reported that the work schedule for the August brat fry will be passed out at the Banquet. Information on the Bucket Brigade was sent to Club Presidents.

HCE Banquet: Information on the May 6 Banquet is in the newsletter and registration forms were sent to Club Presidents.

Membership Activity: Char Honold-Searl reported that every club participated with the HCE booth at the Community Bazaar at Forest Mall. \$152.50 profit was made from the sale of cookies. Three persons submitted their names for more information on HCE.

OLD BUSINESS:

East District Meeting will be in Sturgeon Bay on April 23. Interested participants should sign up with the Extension office. Car pooling will be arranged.

WAHCE Conference: Anita Schuller reported on details of the WAHCE Conference scheduled September 15-17th. Tours will be on Monday this year and the keynote speaker will be Monday evening. Names of volunteers that will help with the Conference are needed by August 12th.

The theme is "Sending the Signal – HCE Cares". Three rooms have been reserved for Fond du Lac County HCE. Finalized information on the conference and a registration form will be printed in the Update. Members should send in their registration form on their own. Conference information and forms will also be available on the WAHCE website. We will be helping at the conference and our responsibilities will include collecting tickets and introducing speakers. We are also in charge of distributing gifts to those speakers that do not charge a fee. Gas cards in the amount of \$30 will be purchased to be included in a thank you note. Emma Jung and Cathie Seffern will do this. We will finalize details at the August Executive Board Meeting as to who will be attending.

Bylaws: Changes in Bylaws that were not recorded: Article IX – "Section 5 – The Program Development Committee is composed of all members of the HCE Council." And on the Standing Rules - #10 – Send organizational sheets to Extension office and "President" (not secretary). **Sue Gierach moved to accept the changes. Cathie Seffern seconded. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

WAHCE has a website that has forms such as a template for submitting club minutes, etc.

Mary Kastning reported that the due date for Pennies for Friendship has been changed. They are now due on May 1 to Mary.

Announcements:

April 23 – East District Meeting, Sturgeon Bay
May 6 – HCE Banquet, American Legion Hall, Fond du Lac
August 11 – Executive Board meeting, 7:00 PM
August 22-23 – Hoff's Brat Fry, Brownsville
September 15-17 – WAHCE Conference, Manitowoc
October 2 – East District Meeting, Seymour
October 27 – Programming Planning/Fall Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
September 14-16, **2009** – WAHCE Conference, Superior
September 15-17, **2010** – WAHCE Conference, Eau Claire
July 17-19, **2011** – NVON Conference in Green Bay hosted by WAHCE

Sue Gierach moved to adjourn. Seconded by Cathie Seffern. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Prayer Creed recited.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Fritsch, Secretary
Fond du Lac County HCE