

MINUTES
of the
Georgia Association of FSA County Office Employees
Executive Committee

The Executive Committee and Officers of the Georgia Association of FSA County Office Employees met February 27, 2008 in Perry Georgia at the Houston County FSA Building.

Those present were: Chad Scruggs, President Barbara Jackson, Vice-President
Pam Wilkes, Treasurer Denise L.Otto, Secretary
District 1B – Chris Camp and Dianne Westmoreland
District 2 – Phil Howell and Callie Redmond
District 3 – Millie Alexander and Delores Hartley
District 4 – Math Johnson and Donna Dykes
District 5 – Gary Wilson and Wanda McCurdy
District 6 – Keith Willis
District 7 – Pam Dennis and Monica Watson
Others Present were Kaye Walker, Deborah Gregory
and Barbara Webb

The President, Chad Scruggs, called the GACOE meeting to order at 10:00 am and he welcomed everyone. Monica Watson gave the invocation. The minutes from the last meeting were approved by the committee. The Treasurer, Pam Wilkes, discussed finances we had no outstanding bills at this time. Pam also ask that we vote on getting the payroll deduction checks sent by Kansas City be direct deposited into GACOE account so that checks will not be lost in mail. It was motioned and approved to sign up for payroll deduction direct deposit into the GACOE account from KCMO. Treasurer's report was motioned to be accepted and approved. Chad went over our authorization to the meeting. He stated that we are on annual leave and that GACOE would be reimbursing mileage to and from the meeting.

We then went on to discuss old business mentioning that we had NAFEC hats and visors left for any office needing to sell them or sign up their new County Committee persons when elected. Chad made the comment that Georgia was number one in nation with NAFEC membership.

New business was discuss next with Chad Scruggs stating that State Office would start interviewing next week the 4-COT positions. He stated that Candler County would have a Hard to Fill Vacancy opening.

Chad mentioned to the Committee that there are numerous concerns through out the state. After discussing this issue for awhile, the consensus of the Executive Committee voted that we approve and come up with a position paper with the concerns of GACOE membership based on the information we discussed and present this paper to the State Office and the State Committee to get some clarifications on these issues. After all was said the idea was put into a motion and approved by the Executive Committee.

Committee Reports were as follows:

LEGISLATIVE – Chad stated that there was not going to be a legislative conference this year. A fly in will be announced when decided upon. He also said that CAPWIZ was going great and a lot of letters were being sent out to Congressmen.

BENEFITS – Dianne Westmoreland reminded everyone about the cell phone discounts and that NASCOE is still fighting for the age on children on Insurance issue.

MEMBERSHIP – Wanda McCurdy stated that she mailed out letters to all employees in Georgia, members and non-members.

EMBLEMS – Chad stated that he would get Callie Redmond, Emblems Chair to call Era at BJ advertising and get a packet of USDA items sent to the Rally for sell.

SCHOLARSHIPS – Chris Camp stated that we had 5 applications for scholarships 4 were from GACOE Members and 1 from an Associate Member. He stated that Associate Members were not eligible for Scholarships and ask if we all wanted to change any of the by laws to include the Associate Members a Scholarship. It was motioned and seconded that we leave the Scholarship program like it is, being only GACOE Members are eligible for Scholarship monies. Therefore the 4 Scholarships received will be our 2008 Winners.

PUBLICITY – Denise Otto reminded everyone to send her news for the Gazette. In addition, it was announced that the www.gacoe.org website won the Southeast Area Best Website Award.

Plans for the 2008 ALL SOUTH RALLY in St. Simons Georgia were discussed.

Chad started off the discussion by making a few remarks on how important this Rally would be and that all Executive Committee Members will need to help to make this a great Rally. He started with going over the committees for the convention and delegating these committees to take care of the item that they are assigned. He started with the first committee being the Decorations Committee. Kaye Walker stated that she and Marcia Baker have made arrangements for flowers, baskets for speakers, and decorations for auction and banquet. The estimated cost will be \$710.00 for all. Next the Entertainment Committee stated that the Rocky Creek Band will be performing on Saturday night at a cost of \$1000.00 and a DJ will be on the agenda for Friday night at no cost except provide him a room for one night. This will be \$120.00 or a comped room depending on the nights we have booked for the convention packet deal. Auction items were discussed with Chad stating that we needed to get busy getting these items up and emailing Auction committee members the item name and reasonable value to start bidding. Chad also stated that he will make arrangements to get a room to store these items separate from door prize items. The same goes for door prizes. Chad stated that we need to work on donations (sponsorship) now. Barbara Jackson stated that the food was taken care of and that she choose the hors d'ouerves for the Auction and decided on a banquet meal. After discussing all these items Chad stated once again how important it is going to be for the Executive Committee to help with this Rally.

They're being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise L. Otto
GACOE Secretary

