

February 12, 2009

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 12, 2009 in Perry at the Houston County FSA Building.

Those present were

Barbara Jackson, President
Denise L. Otto, Vice President/Secretary
District 1 Carolyn Taylor
District 1B Thomas Verner and Rita Rogers (Alternate)
District 2 Phil Howell and Callie Redmond
District 3 Kyle Brown and Delores V Hartley
District 4 Pam Poole and Donna Dykes
District 5 Jo Lynn Futch and Wanda McCurdy
District 6 Keith Willis and Peggy Greer
District 7 Pam Dennis and Monica Watson
District 8 Joe Hester and Marcia Baker

The meeting began with Kyle Brown giving the Invocation.

Barbara Jackson, President stated a special election was being held to elect a Secretary. Delores Hartley and Rita Rogers announced their desire to the GACOE Secretary. Ballots were passed to members. Kyle Brown and Jo Lynn Futch were ask to count the ballots. Delores Hartley was elected Secretary.

The minutes from the meeting held on December 16, 2008 were approved. A copy of the Treasurer's update was given to all members. Barbara Jackson, President stated that we are on Annual Leave for this meeting and mileage will be reimbursed from GACOE.

Old Business Denise Otto stated hats and visors were still available to County Committee members that joined NAFAC. Denise will check into the concern by some members that Committee Members of NAFAC are not receiving newsletters. Denise also stated she had tickets for the NASCOE Convention. The ticket cost is \$10.00 and prize is a \$3000.00 shopping spree.

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Awards - Monica Watson stated 2 applications have been submitted. One for Service to Community Service and one for Service to GACOE/NASCOE.

No awards for Service to FSA/Agriculture have been submitted. Applications may be submitted before February 17, 2009. Award winners will be submitted to the Southeast Area

Scholarships - Jo Lynn Futch stated at the present 1 scholarship application has been received and 1 on the way. Scholarship applications must be in by February 20, 2009.

Membership - Wanda McCurdy stated she had received a membership excel sheet from Pam Wilkes, Treasurer and there are 226 members on payroll deductions. She also has a list of approximately 50 people that pay by check or not members. She will be getting with district representatives to work with her on contacting these people.

Benefits - No Report

Programs - No report from chairperson. Thomas Verner stated he submitted one in December concerning multi-county producer in one Service Center paying multi fees for NAP program.

Elections - Pam Dennis stated election will be held in October, Program Technician, Grade 8 or below. Need to encourage participation.

Emblems - Pam Poole stated this will be heating up as convention draws closer. She would like to scan pictures get them on CD's and maybe some on the website.

Website - Denise Otto informed the committee that the Website software would have to be purchased, since she was no longer secretary and she was using her brother's second load.

After much discussion Kyle Brown made the motion, and Thomas Verner made the second to have Monica Watson check on prices of a laptop with software including the website software for secretary's use and to vote on this by email. Motion carried by a majority.

Monica Arnold made the motion; Thomas Verner made the second to look into incorporating voting and doing business by email. Motion carried by a majority. The President and Vice President will look into the by-laws.

Legislative - Thomas Verner stated Legislative Conference will be March 17 and 18, 2009; Washington D. C. The following members will be a part of the conference from Georgia: Pam Dennis, Joe Hester, Barbara Jackson, Denise Otto, Carolyn Taylor, Keith Willis and two farmers. Appointments will need to be coordinated. Pam Wilkes, Treasurer will make hotel reservations and book flights.

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GACOE Convention - Barbara Jackson stated the convention will be held September 10-12, 2009 in St. Simons, GA at the King & Prince. Forty rooms have been booked for the dates. The cost of rooms - \$125.00 per night; \$155.00 ocean front; \$145.00 ocean view; \$135.00 resort; \$156.00 cottage. Room reservation need to be made by August 9, 2009. Barbara Jackson stated we are obligated to return to the King and Prince for 1 more year; although we may opt for 2010 or 2011. Kyle Brown made the motion; Monica Watson made the second to go back to the King and Prince in 2011. Motion carried by a majority.

Motion was made and second made that Kyle Brown would purchase small 4-wheeler at cost and this will be part of GACOE's money project along with \$500.00 in cash. One ticket, 1st prize will be 4-wheeler, 2nd prize \$500.00 in cash. Drawing for winners will be at the GACOE Convention. You do not have to be present to win. Denise Otto will have tickets printed in books of 25. Ticket cost will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.. The person selling the winning ticket will receive \$100.00 if they sign the back of the ticket when they sell it.

Sponsorship letters will be provided to the committee members to get to County Offices.

Barbara Jackson will send something to committee on theme ideas with a list of Committees needed. Members need to contact Barbara if they would like to serve on a specific committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Delores V. Hartley
GACOE Secretary