

# ***FaCEs***

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## ***CORRECTION and CLARIFICATION to FaCEs October 2025 issue***

Correction: In the Longevity Awards list, Barbara Thoma of 17-Mile should have been listed as a 35 year member rather than Barbara Thomas of Lazy River.

Clarification: The general session given by Barbara Thomas was about the history of our annual conference starting with Short Course and University Days.

### **from the President**

Mabel Quilliam  
November 19, 2025

Our summer and fall are officially over with the snow and cold weather. It was a big change getting back from our cruise and arriving in Anchorage to 5 inches of snow to scrape off the car.

Talkeetna FCE had a bazaar at the Senior Center and raffled our quilt; it went to a local Talkeetna person. The money raised from that will go toward a scholarship for a graduating senior in our community.

NAFCE now has the new *Hearth Fire Series* leaflets listed on the



National FCE site ([nafce.org](http://nafce.org)). They are on the Members Page and the password to get into it is: **fce1936**. If you want to print off a copy of any of the issues, you can do it from that page.

I am happy to announce we have a new Vice-President; **Rosie Burgess**, and a new Historian; **Sharon Taylor**. We welcome them both to the Executive Board and hope to be able to share ideas about what to plan on this coming year.

This is my second term; ending in December 31, 2026. "Officers may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms"\*, so I will have to step down. I have really enjoyed being your President and want to thank all of you for the help and advice that's been given to me over these years.

Mat-Su Council has stepped up to host the 2026 Alaska FCE Annual Conference. It will be held again at Camp Maranatha in Big Lake. There is room for only about 30 people; so when the registrations come out next year, be sure to apply early. The rooms have 2 twin beds and a bathroom.

I want to thank everyone who joined in to this Zoom meeting. I hope you all have a great winter season. Until we meet again in the spring for our next meeting, which I hope to have on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10:00 am on zoom.**

\*Alaska FCE Bylaws, Article V, Section 5, B.

**from FaCEs Editor**

Rieta Walker

I'm sorry for the delay in getting this issue of *FaCEs* to you. I hope you will read it.

I chose not to publish the conference financial report because it was incomplete and, I thought, might lead to confusion. Watch for it in the next issue. See the minutes.

### **2025 Alaska FCE Annual Conference Denim and Diamonds**



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the evaluation report about the Conference will be sent in a later issue of *FaCEs*, possibly a special edition.



### **District Reports**

#### **Anchorage**

No report.

#### **Homer**

Rosie Burgess, President  
November 19, 2025

Homer has met only once since the annual conference.

We filled out membership forms and paid our dues for 2026.

Anita and Stephanie Harry and Rosie Burgess shared highlights of the 2025 Annual Conference.

Rosie showed the outfits from the Denim and Diamonds fashion show. We discussed the possibility of creating more items, purses, aprons, ornaments, key chains etc from denim this winter to be sold at a recycled denim booth at the Farmers Market this summer.

We have tried to contact the Quality Inn in Kenai, but have been unable to secure a date for the 2026 Retreat. We have been

told to wait until after January 1. We are hoping for April 10, 11, and 12. The theme is set as Tea Party. Look for more details as they become available.

#### **Mat-Su**

Barbara Thomas, President  
November 2025

I had at first thought not much had happened here in Mat-Su since the state conference, but I was wrong.

The big news is our Raise-a-Reader® books for newborns program is back. Jill and I visited three midwiferies and introduced the new book and asked if they wanted to again have packets. They loved the book and were pleased to begin having the packets to give to their new mothers. Also, we have been referred to one or two other midwiferies.

We are not including our hospital this time. When we stopped the program because we ran out of *Mama Bear the Reader* books and the cost and availability of books was prohibitive, we were giving the hospital 70 packets a month. I am sure it is more than that now. With the cost of printing our book, (\$4) we really can't do that many. The packets we give to the midwiferies include a receiving blanket or a burp pad made by our members. With the closure of JoAnn's, fabric is not easy to find. We have a new member who may have a source for fabric. We are planning on having some sewing parties early in 2026.

We have reserved the dates for the 2026 Alaska FCE Annual Conference. It will be Monday evening September 21 through Friday morning September 25, at Camp Maranatha in Big Lake. We haven't decided on a theme yet, but we already have some ideas for classes and general sessions. We would like to have volunteers from all the districts to teach a class or workshop.

Our clubs are closing out 2025 with their Christmas parties and planning programs and projects for the New Year.

#### **Northern**

##### **17-Mile**

Brenda Sadler, President  
November 19, 202

We are excited to report to you that 17-Mile Homemakers FCE has three new members and three other good friends of members who recently put together ten "tie" kit blankets that we've had a while.....and are thinking about joining!!!!!!

We've been working every week to prepare for upcoming bazaars. We've also given knit hats to the Breadline that serves the homeless, Meals on Wheels, the fyn-out clinic (hats for newborns) and 84 Christmas stockings and hats to the North Pole Rotary for their teenage program.

We're enjoying coffee, sweets and our time together each week and wish you all a blessed and joyous holiday season.

Alaska Association for Family & Community Education  
Fall State Board Meeting  
Minutes  
November 19, 2025

Call to order: 10:04 a.m.

Pledge was recited by all.

*Alaska's Homemaker's Creed* read by Barbara Thomas.

Roll Call: Mabel Quilliam, Rosie Burgess, TJ Barnes, Brenda Sadler, Linn Vander Molen, Rieta Walker, Anita Harry, Lina Lopez, Bonnie Shurtleff. No Anchorage representative.

Welcome to 2026 Officers:

Rosie Burgess-Vice President

Sharon Taylor-Historian

Agenda was discussed and the following amendments and corrections were proposed: Addition of Treasurer's Report after Minutes followed by 2026 Budget and then 2025 Conference Report and correction of District President Report to reflect Homer, not Kenai Peninsula, and no punctuation in the name "TJ". Bonnie Shurtleff motioned to approve the agenda. Lina Lopez seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes: No corrections were sent to the Secretary after the Minutes were printed. The President called for any corrections. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as printed in *FaCEs*.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Barbara Thomas for Jill Martinson from reports Jill emailed. After discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Conference 2025 Treasurer's Report: Jill has questions for Linn that will provide clarity for this report at the next meeting.

2026 Budget Proposal: read by Barbara Thomas for Jill Martinson. The projected income is \$1,600.00. Jill provided an emailed letter with suggested changes to our Alaska FCE budget spending, such as to the National Delegate Fund. We need to discuss fundraising in general. Rieta Walker motioned to accept the proposed budget, Bonnie Shurtleff seconded. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

We need a new chair for the Finance and Budget Committee.

Officers Reports:

President-Mabel Quilliam: Sent an email and read it. Is proposing the next Spring State Board Meeting be held at 10 a.m. on April 21, 2026.

Vice President-Sue Selk, not present. We are wondering when the conference evaluations will be available for review.

Secretary-TJ Barnes: reminded everyone to present all written reports to the Secretary and the *FaCEs* Editor, Rieta Walker, by the print deadline which is December 1.

Treasurer-Not present. All reports have been emailed.

Historian-Not present. No report received at this time.

District Presidents Reports:

Anchorage-No representative present.

Homer, Rosie Burgess: Discussed what is happening with her recycled denim. We are waiting to hear if the proposed April date is available at the hotel for the Spring Retreat.

Mat-Su, Barbara Thomas: We are beginning to provide Raise-a-Reader® packets for three midwiferies now that the book has been published. We are beginning to look forward to preparing more packets. The Talkeetna raffle quilt went to a local person. Our next Mat-Su council meeting will be on November 25, 2025.

Northern, Brenda Sadler: Three new members and three more thinking of joining. Made donations locally. Hats and stockings distributed. Meets weekly. Is selling products locally. Sent a copy of report to *FaCEs* Editor and Secretary.

Correspondence and Announcements: Bonnie Shurtleff states she still has not received the Heart of FCE certificate from National FCE nor the pin, just the state certificate which she received at state conference.

CES Update-None available at this time.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

*FaCEs* Editor, Rieta Walker: Deadline is December 1.

Finance and Budget Report: We need to discuss fundraisers. We need the President to appoint a new chair as Nancy Heckart is not available at this time.

Membership, Barbara Thomas: Has anyone gotten their first batch of membership registrations to Jill yet? Please endeavor to do so. Remember not to wait for stragglers as forms and dues can be sent in at any time.

Scholarship Committee- It was discussed that a Chair is not needed at this time.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

#### New Business:

2026 Alaska FCE Annual Conference: being discussed at the Mat-Su District meeting which is next week. The dates are September 21-25, 2026. Class suggestions are appreciated.

Fundraising: Rosie Burgess said we could raffle the fur dolls from local artist which she has and will present this idea further at the Spring Board meeting. Mat-Su District has a raffle permit that can be used to contribute to the state funds should we choose to hold a raffle.

#### Appointment of Committees:

Rieta suggested that Mabel appoint a nominating committee at the Spring Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Alaska FCE  
Proposed 2026 Budget

	Budget 2025	Actual Amounts	Budget 2026
â	8000.00		6400.00
<b>Income</b>			
State Membership dues collected	800.00	823.50	800.00
District Dues	200.00	200.00	200.00
Ways and Means	500.00	963.00	500.00
Book Sales	250.00	120.00	100.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Income-- 2025</b>	<b>1750.00</b>	<b>2160.50</b>	<b>1600.00</b>
<b>Total spendable funds</b>	<b>\$9750.00</b>		<b>8000.00</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>			
National Delegate funds/ president expense	3500.00	1836.55	2000.00
Scholarship fund(first timers, districts, and Heart of FCE)	1000.00	900.00	1000.00
State conference development fund (to be determined after state conference report)	1500.00	200.00	1500.00
<b>Total dedicated funds Subtract from Income</b>	<b>\$6000.00</b>	<b>2936.55</b>	<b>4500.00</b>
<b>Total income available</b>	<b>3750.00</b>		<b>3500.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Officer expenses	50.00	39.00	50.00
<i>FaCEs</i>	300.00	0.00	100.00
Officer and Editor Grants (6)	1200.00	1000.00	1200.00
Programs and educational material	50.00		50.00
Donation to NAFCE service project	50.00		50.00
NAFCE Heart of FCE ad	20.00		20.00
Miscellaneous	2050.00		2030.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$3750.00</b>	<b>1039.00</b>	<b>4100.00</b>
Total income-total expenses	\$0.00	3975.55	\$0.00

Prepared by Treasurer Jill Martinson and Barbara Thomas. Accepted at Alaska FCE Fall Board meeting on 11/19/25.

# Alaska FCE Treasurer's Report

Jill Martinson

November 13, 2025

Bank balance as of September 18, 2025		\$18,559.07
<b>Income:</b>		
Conference	\$860.00	
Ways and Means	<u>963.00</u>	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$1823.00</b>	
Balance plus Income		\$20,382.07
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Conference Expenses	<u>\$10,598.86</u>	
Officer grants	1,000.00	
National conference	1,836.55	
	39.00	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>\$13,474.41</u></b>	
<b>Final Balance</b>		<b>\$6,907.66</b>
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>		
State Scholarship fund	\$0.00	
National Delegate Fund	\$1,663.45	
State Conference Development Fund	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	
<b>Total Dedicated funds</b>	<b>\$2,963.45</b>	
<b>Working budget</b>		<b>\$3,944.21</b>

[See More from Rieta Walker](#)