
Your FCE Speaks

Pre-Conference 2022

Yes, It's that time of year again. And the ladies from North Bend have been working hard to make plans and arrangements for us to get together!

Hi All,

I had hoped to have this newsletter to you sooner, but things just seemed to get away from me! And we are still having to consider the possibility of problems with Covid and now Monkey Pox. There should still be plenty of time for you to make your motel reservations and I know there is plenty of time to decide which of the activities you would like to participate in while at the State Conference.

Before I get into all the information about the State Conference, there are a few other things to let you know about.

This Newsletter will be more pages for you to read. There is a lot of information to give you so it might even take a couple time of going through it to check all the details. If you have any questions, you can always contact any of the State FCE officers. You might even want to bring this Newsletter with you to the State Conference. You can make notes in this about anything you have questions.

We don't usually talk about the UNL Scholarship Benefactor Luncheon and the recipients awarded the Scholarships.

Each student receives a \$1000 Scholarship that is given to them in the spring for use that fall. The students apply for the Scholarship and the UNL Foundation handles all the necessary details. The school then sends information to the Benefactors about the Luncheon and after receiving reservations notifies the students to also invite them to attend.

In the 2021-2022 school year there were 3 scholarships awarded and 2 in the 2021-2022 year. The Scholarships come from the interest earned from an account that was set up many years ago. Only the interest can be used to make this a perpetual account to benefit Homemaker and Education students.

The information about the Luncheon usually comes after we hold our Annual State Conference. This year, a “Save the Date” invitation was sent early, and I received it in June. We will get more information before long since the Luncheon Date is set for September 30 and it will be held at the University of Nebraska East Union. Unfortunately, only 2 people are allowed to attend so I will have to reply that way. Then we can see about who might want to attend this year!

If you would like more information about the Luncheon, Please ask at our State Conference as this is something that I believe everyone should know more about and is easy to forget since we don't work directly with any of the details.

Next is reports from the District Directors about their District Meetings held earlier this year.

Central District – Pam Bauer

Snow and wind did not slow down FCE members from attending the Central District meeting on March 5th in Ainsworth.

The 11 attendees enjoyed three lessons and a community service craft (where we decorated treat cans that were delivered to 75+ residents in elderly housing, assisted living and nursing home).

Due to the weather, State FCE President Cathy McKown joined us by phone and shared upcoming events and news. Connie Larrington, National Vice President for Public Policy presented news from National FCE.

As we concluded with door prizes and a silent auction to benefit Nebraska FCE, we headed home with the sun shining!

East District – Jackie Thomson-Bremer

East District FCE met on March 26 in Seward. Fourteen members and three State officers were present for the meeting, which started with breakfast munchies and State President Cathy McKown giving an update from the Nebraska FCE State Board.

The ladies painted boards for Heritage Skills category Homemade Toy. Some painted Tic/Tac/Toe game and some made a Checker Board.

East District Director, Jackie, gave an FCL lesson on Mental Health. After lunch, Gerald Meyer from the Nebraska National Guard Historical Society Museum spoke about the museum, how it came about what updates are coming their way, etc. He then took the ladies on a tour of the museum. If you find yourself in Seward, please take the time to go through the museum, well worth it!

West District – Margie Surber

The West District meeting was April 5 at the Lincoln County Extension office in North Platte. Coffee and rolls were served.

A short business meeting was called to order with the reading of the FCE Creed. State FCE President Cathy McKown gave some updates on happenings. Margie gave the lesson on Time Management “Where Does 24 Hours Go?”.

Lunch was a taco bar or you could make a taco salad and cookies and bars.

Vicki McCarthy presented a program on the life of Annie Oakley. She dressed the part and had numerous items from her life.

Margie “unsuccessfully” led a craft on Swedish Star Weaving. The strips of fabric were too wide and then also too short. After some altering of the size of the strips, stars were made. Everyone enjoyed laughing about the escapade and took home the directions to work on making more Swedish Stars another time!

Thank You ladies for holding these District Meetings. It is always good to have another way and time for our members to get together and share ideas!

Now on to details about the Nebraska Family and Community Education Annual Business Meeting and Conference!

Elections of Officers

There are two (2) positions on the State FCE Board up for election this year. As stated in other newsletters, we are looking for a State Treasurer and an East District Director.

Our current Treasurer, Tammie Sanford, and East District Director, Jackie Thomson-Bremer have both reached the end of their second term in office. According to our Constitution and By-Laws, a person is only eligible to hold two consecutive terms before needing to step down and allowing someone new to take their place.

So far, we have not heard of anyone looking to come on the State Board in either of these positions, either by volunteering or being nominated. Ginger Turner, our Vice President is also the Nominating Committee Chair and would be the person to contact at 402-631-9658 or by email at gturner@hamilton.net. Or you may contact any State Officer. Please consider being a Stated Officer. It is a rewarding chance to be a part of the planning that goes into keeping our organization moving forward!

New forms

The National FCE Board has worked on different forms for instructions and reports of National Programs. Some forms have been combined and others simplified. The new forms will be in the Delegate Packets and discussed at our Annual Business Meeting in September.

Also, we do **NOT** have a new membership form for the 2023 year as of yet! There was no information as to any changes or updates for this form. And, actually, it was not even mentioned at all. We are going to have to wait for the form to be sent out. Hopefully we will have it before long or at least before we have our State Conference. Usually, I would include it in this issue of the newsletter but since we don't have it yet, we will have to get it to you at a later date.

Baskets – Baskets – Baskets

Yes, of course we will once again be bringing Baskets! Everyone looks forward to bringing, and even more so, to taking home at least one Basket! This is

an easy way to build up our Treasury to help pay for Scholarships that can be applied for, either as a student or a person going to the National FCE Conference. Scholarship information is always available for helping pay for furthering your education.

Silent Auction

Last year Connie Larrington brought items from a ladies' home where she was helping to settle the estate. This went over so good as a way to raise funds for FCE that it was suggested to do it again. So, feel free to bring an item or 2 that is in good condition or new to offer for others to "buy" and help with expenses of FCE.

Ink Cartridges

Ink cartridges may still be brought for recycling. It is getting harder to work with the recycling program, but we can still turn them in instead of having them go to the land fill.

2022 State Conference and Business Meeting for
The Nebraska Association for Family and Community Education
September 22 – 24
Peace Lutheran Church, 2102 North County Road 26, Fremont
(in the country east of town)

The members of the Rawhide FCE Club of North Bend have planned this years' activities for members of the Nebraska Association for Family and Community Education to hold their Annual State Conference and Business Meeting.

They have arranged for us to have Motel rooms at the Holiday Inn Express at 2415 North Lincoln Avenue in Fremont. The rooms will be held for us until August 22 at a rate of \$124.95 plus taxes per night. You will need to make your

own reservations by calling the Hotel directly at 402-753-3850 and mentioning that you are with the “Nebraska State FCE Convention being held September 22 – 24”. Breakfast each day is included in the price of the room. The room price would also be good if you want to come on Wednesday so as to be there to go on the Tour Thursday.

You may always stay at another motel/hotel or even drive every day if it is more convenient for you. A block of rooms is reserved so we can all be together for sharing time and pooling rides.

The Conference and Business meeting will be held at Peace Lutheran Church which is east of Fremont. Follow Highway 30 or the by-pass around Fremont to the east side of town and then head east. You will turn south onto a gravel road and the Church is on the east side of the road. Everything is ground level so no steps to worry about falling on.

Thursday, September 22

The Tour

Registration for those wishing to go on the Tour will begin at 9:30 on Thursday morning. The Tour will leave the from the Church at 10:15 and drivers will take you around to the sites included in the days trip around Fremont.

Cost for the Tour is \$35.00 and includes travel, admissions, the meal, and Gratuities:

10:30 to 11:30 – Fremont Opera House

11:45 to 1:00 – Lunch at Senor Tequila Mexican Restaurant (info says good food – even for those that don’t usually eat Mexican food)

1:15 to 3:15 – Gallery 92 West Fremont Area Art Association and the Art Garden

3:30 to 4:30 – May Museum

Then back to the Church to join the other members that have come for the Conference.

Registration and bringing of entries and Baskets for anyone not going on the Tour will be anytime after 2:00 Thursday afternoon until the evening meal.

5:45 to 7:00 – Evening Meal and Welcome Ceremony at Peace Lutheran Church

7:00 to 9:00 – (or whenever the businesses close or you want to go to bed)

Main Street Fremont Activity (lots to see and do in downtown Fremont)

Friday, September 23

9:00 AM Sharp

Annual Business Meeting of the Nebraska Association for Family and Community Education

Delegates – Please be in your designated area by 8:45

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 to 11:45 – Is that outdated item still good?

12:00 to 1:00 – Lunch – Youth Essay and Creative Writing Awards

1:15 to 2:15 - FCL Lesson – “Positive Leadership Traits by Birth Order”

Presented by Jackie Thomson-Bremer and Patricia Fear

2:15 to 2:30 – Break

2:30 to 3:30 – Craft – additional cost for this craft is \$8.00. All materials are

Included to make a Hoop and Leaf accent piece. The Rawhide FCE Club will
Be presenting this workshop.

3:30 to 3:45 – Break

3:45 to 4:45 – Hearth Fire Series Lesson – “Passing Family History to the Next
Generation” Presented by Pam Bauer and Ginger Turner

4:45 to 6:30 – Time to get ready for the evening Banquet and Evening

Entertainment. (it would be nice to see everyone in some “Dress-Up Outfits”! We just don’t have many places we “Dress-Up” anymore)

We will be recognizing our Heart of FCE recipient.

Installation of Officers will also be held.

Voting for the 2nd Grade Environmental Poster Contest and the Heritage Skills items will close at 9:00 PM. No later!

After the evening entertainment, you are free until Saturday morning activities begin.

Saturday, September 24

Please check out of your room at the motel before leaving to get back to the church for the Final Day Activities!

9:00 to 9:30 – Memorial Service for those members we have lost since the Annual Conference in 2021. Please send the Memorial information to Tammie as listed on another page in this Newsletter.

9:30 to 10:30 – FCL Lesson – “When to Say “NO”! Look out for Scams!”

Presented by Pam Bauer and Margie Surber

10:30 to 10:45 -Break

10:45 to 11:45 – “Handkerchief Doll Sachet” craft. Additional cost for this Craft is \$5.00 with most materials supplied. If you can bring some tweezers, it might help to work with small embellishments. Barbara Leefers and Peggy Leefers of the Otoe County Unadilla Sundowners FCE Club will be leading this craft.

Noon until everything is finished – Lunch and final Contest results.

This will include the 2nd Grade Poster Contest and Heritage Skills categories.

And as always, we will finish drawing for any Baskets left!

And a Safe Trip Home!

The 2023 Annual Conference and Business Meeting for the Nebraska Association for Family and Community Education is to be held in the West District. At this time, we have not had any volunteers or even inquiries about Hosting the Conference. Please consider where it might be held and what type of local sites might be available for us to meet!

Now a place for you to make any notes or jot down those questions you have for the State Board of the Nebraska Association for Family and Community Education.

You may also ask questions about things concerning the National Association for Family and Community Education and we will contact them for you.

Any question, suggestion or concern you might have may be something someone else is concerned about but is afraid to ask!

