



**CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 15-16, 2023  
HUMANE SOCIETY of YUMA CONFERENCE ROOM**

The meeting of the SWFCE Conference was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Martha Crawford.

**ROLL CALL**

Martha Crawford, President; Margaret Polen, Secretary; Susie Martell, Treasurer; Tracey Waters, and Mary Bender were all present. Guests were Judy Fullmer, National FCE President and Karen Korda of Oro Valley, AZ. Not present was Bob Hannon, Vice President, Marian Hannon and Karen Soane.

**Pledge of Allegiance, SW Creed, National Mission and Vision Statements** were read by all.

**Rules** of Convention were approved as read.

The agenda was adopted as presented with notes to change as necessary.

**MINUTES**

The 2022 Conference minutes were approved as sent out.

**COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

Margaret sent a letter to Rep Tim Dunn of Yuma regarding Food Security in Yuma. There has been no response at this time.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Susie reported that there is 48,891.49 in the checking account; \$1,213.04 in savings and \$16,731.43 in the Edward Jones investment account.

Her report was filed for audit.

## **REPORTS**

1. Brochures: Food Security is being worked on by Margaret and by Bonnie Teeples, USA Area President for ACWW  
  
Pollinators will be developed for use at National & SWFCE Conferences  
  
Others: other brochures will be developed as needed
2. Investment Account: changed all foreign bonds to American bonds.
3. Website: Scott Teeples has been making changes and updating information as requested by Martha
4. Honor Fund: donation form for the Honor Fund was in conference packets. It was requested of National FCE that this Fund be handled only by the Alumni as that is who established the fund in honor of Bettie Lucas. Funds may be requested by the National FCE Board President for leadership development. This will take a bylaw amendment.
5. Legacy Fund: donation form for the Legacy Fund was in the conference packets. Donation for this go into a special account with only the interest being used by National FCE
6. Bazaar: Ads were placed in the Yuma Sun and to be published on Nov. 12, 14, and 16. The cost came to \$985.60. Letters with the flyer and a request for publicity was sent to all television stations and radio stations were sent, but with no response. Posts were made several times on FaceBook and Instagram. The flyer and other information was on the SWFCE website. SWFCE is penciled in for the 2024 date of Nov. 23. Brochures and posters will be on display, mostly in the foyer.

Requests were made to have the ATM working; microphone, Wi-Fi password and hot water in addition to coffee for the front. The concession stand will not be open as there is now a \$500 refundable fee.

Vendors and FCE members were once again given the opportunity to order a special lunch from Chef Juan Velasquez for \$10 each.

7. A rabies clinic will be held on the front lawn of the Civic Center in conjunction with the bazaar. A contribution by SWFCE was made of \$1200 and another \$300 from the Jodi Mai Estate. The clinic will start at 9 and end at 12.
  
8. National Conference: Martha, Susie and Margaret were in attendance at the National FCE Conference, August, in Erlanger, KY. On Saturday afternoon all attendees participated in an issue analysis and resolution process to determine one-year goals and to set a 3-year goal. The latter was determined to be “Food Security.”  
The 2024 Conference will again be in Erlanger, KY at the Holiday Inn. Dates are July25-28.
  
9. ACWW & USA Area President: Bonnie Teeples could not be in attendance. A copy of her Area report was given to all, in addition to the last letter from the ACWW World President, Magdie de Kock.  
Bonnie is trying to schedule the USA Area Conference to run either before or after the National FCE Conference in 2024
  
10. Heart of FCE: Susie Martell was presented with her certificate and pin at the National Conference.
  
11. Board Manual: a copy of the Board Manual was given to the committee—Martha Crawford, Margaret Polen and Susie Martell—to update and make necessary changes as needed.

## **RECESS**

A recess was called at 3:30. The meeting will resume on Thurs. at 9:00 a.m.

## **JUDY FULLMER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT**

Judy Fullmer reported on National FCE. The Board is holding 9-10 ZOOM meetings a year and it has helped in getting things accomplished. The two Vice Presidents and four Coordinators are working on getting titles and blurbs for the workshops to be presented at National Conference next year. The Board Manual has been updated. She would like to have National purchase the Food Security Banner. Other speakers for the conference are being considered. Mid-Year Conference will be held via ZOOM. The date is March 18. Workshops are being planned.

## **ELECTION**

Mary Bender: President  
Martha Crawford: Vice President  
Susie Martell: Treasurer

Since there was only one nominee for each position, they were elected by acclamation.

Margaret Polen's term as Secretary is not up.

## **FOOD SECURITY PROJECT PLANNING**

The following was planned for the SWFCE Food Security project:

Work with Cancer Center, Theresa Waters, U of A, Clyde Edgar and others to be determined.

Use the West or East wing of the Civic Center or the Cancer Center conference room.

The Cancer Center may be able to provide the food if we can use their conference room. They have information/materials on "Food for Life".

Theresa could do a workshop on agriculture and gleaning. SWFCE could do workshops on Food Deserts and Food Security.

A date of November 22, 2024 was discussed. We will need to check on costs for a room and food.

All FCE states and National FCE Board will be contacted about attending the SWFCE Conference, the Food Security workshops, and the bazaar. Registration fees are to be announced. Ads to be placed in newspaper, if costs allow, and other media venues. A title will also be determined.

Bonnie Teeples will also be contacted as a possible presenter.

A new Food Security banner will be ordered for SWFCE's use. It was also requested that there be another vertical banner for SWFCE. Both could be used at the workshop and the bazaar.

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 16.

*Margaret Polen*

Margaret Polen, Secretary