



**MINUTES**  
November 16-17, 2022  
Holiday Inn, Yuma

The Annual Business Meeting of the Association for Family & Community Education was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Martha Crawford.

She welcomed everyone to the meeting/conference.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The National FCE Creed, Mission Statement and Vision Statement were read.

**STANDING RULES**

The Standing Rules were adopted as presented.

**AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted with changes to be made as needed.

**ATTENDANCE**

Those attending the meeting: President Martha Crawford, Vice President Bob Hannon, Secretary Margaret Polen, Marian Hannon, Mary Bender, ORFCE President Scott Teeples and ACWW USA Area President Bonnie Teeples. A quorum was established.

**BONDING**

Following a club from the Women's Institute in Canada, everyone was asked to write one word that describes your membership in FCE. Pictures were taken individually and will be posted on the SWFCE website.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as sent.

## **COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) A letter was sent to the National FCE President, Ardyce Snyder and to National FCE President Elect, Judy Fullmer. SWFCE formally requested that National FCE send out newsletters once again. The FLASH is to be used as a quick reminder or information is just out, it should be only one page or less and can be sent by e-mail. An editor should be appointed so that the President is not overwhelmed trying to get information, putting it together, editing and sending out.

No response received.

- 2) A letter was sent to the Yuma television stations requesting a pre-bazaar interview, preferably by a newscaster.

No response received.

- 3) Marian reported on Richard Martell. He had a major stroke and is currently in a special facility. Susie Martell, Treasurer, was unable to attend due to this.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Susie did e-mail a copy of the financial report to this date. Her report was filed for audit.

## **REPORTS**

Brochures: nothing new to report

Investments: Susie e-mailed our investment status with the financial report.

A recess in the business meeting allowed for a workshop to be presented.

## **REPORTS Continued:**

### Bazaar:

Bob, Mary, and Scott will sell tickets for the cash award  
Martha and Marian will handle table/booth sales for next year  
Margaret and Bonnie will trouble shoot any problems  
Doors open to the vendors at 6 a.m.  
Doors are closed at 8:30 a.m. to all but vendors, we will watch the  
doors for those trying to get in. Doors open to the public at  
9:00. The bazaar ends at 3:00 p.m.  
A rabies clinic will be held on the front lawn beginning at 8 and ending  
at 11. SWFCE donated \$2500 to go towards the cost of the rabies  
shots. The Estate of Jodi Mai donated \$500 towards the cost of the  
rabies shots. The Humane Society of Yuma will provide a physical  
exam and microchipping. If the amount of rabies shots given goes  
over the \$3000, owners will pay a fee of \$22  
At 9:30 everyone will meet on the front lawn for the presenting of the  
heck and pictures

### National Conference:

Those attending felt it was a good conference, even with a small  
number attending. Game night was fun for everyone. Good work-  
shops.

2023 Conf suggestions: fun night with a chocolate workshop  
May have a full one-day networking time  
this would include all our networking  
partners, members, and a possible new  
working partner

If this is done, we will be looking for a large  
national project that we would all be  
involved in

Heart of FCE 2023: Susie Martell has been selected as the SWFCE Heart of FCE  
Winner for SWFCE  
Martha will send in the necessary paperwork

Board Manual: Nothing to report. Question on whether we need one

Recess was called to hear from Tracie Waters from the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Yuma and La Paz counties.

### **ELECTRONIC VOTES**

There was one motion/second and vote done electronically. The motion was to give \$2500 to sponsor a rabies clinic to support ACWW's goal of no dog rabies by 2030. Motion carried.

Recess was called for another workshop.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. SWFCE will appoint Susie Martell as our coordinator to ACWW
2. Country Women's Council: It was agreed to not join this organization
3. 2023 Budget: Susie sent a proposed budget for next year.

Mary Bender moved to accept the proposed budget for 2023.

Marian Hannon seconded.

Motion carried.

4. 2023 Conference: It was agreed to come back to the Holiday Inn for next year's conference
5. Fundraisers: It was agreed to continue with the bazaar and ticket sales, as our fundraisers for the next year
6. Bazaar: did not spend as much on print ads other than the flyer and last-minute newspaper

2023 Bazaar will be November 18

7. Scholarships: Members are to consider not giving out scholarships and substitute a project or program, such as the rabies clinic, in place of scholarships
  8. ZOOM: Scott offered to set up a zoom meeting for this coming spring  
It costs nothing for 40 minutes, but it will not allow any time over that, you will be cut off; SWFCE can use Scott's account
  9. Membership: ideas for getting new members includes:
  10. Membership: scholarship for new members, RV parks/senior centers, possibly an Angel scholarship
  11. 2024 Heart of FCE: Mary Bender was selected for the Heart of FCE award for the 2024 year
  12. National Conference 2023: Conference will be held in Erlanger, KY for the next three years, this will help with costs, it will be Aug. 3-5 at the Holiday Inn, registration approximate cost will be \$400
  13. Keeper's Corner: National has a booth donated at the Keeper's Corner in Klamath Falls, OR (Scott and Bonnie own the business) Anyone can donate items to sell, but must come priced and #57 written on the tag—no sticky tags are permitted, all sales will go to National FCE
- Big thank you to Bonnie and Scott and Keeper's Corner for their generosity.
14. Rural Women in Action: ACWW's newest, money was collected to send to ACWW in addition to what is in budget, \$50.50 was collected

15. Tickets to be sold for a 2024 drawing were given to members to sell:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>NUMBER of TICKETS</b>	<b>TICKET NUMBERS</b>	
Marian Hannon	50	1-50	
Margaret Polen	20	51-71	
Susie Martell	20	72-92	
Martha Crawford	20	93-113	
Mary Bender		114-300	

## **ELECTIONS**

Bob Hannon moved that the current officers are to be elected for another term.

Mary seconded.

Motion carried.

President: Martha Crawford

Vice President: Bob Hannon

Secretary: Margaret Polen

Treasurer: Susie Martell

## **INSTALLATION**

Scott Teeples did the installation of the newly elected officers for SWFCE.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to the new members: Tracie Waters, Bonnie Teeples and Scott Teeples.

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Annual Conference will be held November 15-16, 2023, in Yuma.

*Margaret Polen*

Margaret Polen, Secretary

## **WORKSHOP**

ORFCE President Scott Teeple presented a workshop on navigating the National FCE website. Many changes and improvements have been made. It is always in flux as times, reports, new officers, etc. change.

Check out the websites: [nafce.org](http://nafce.org)  
[swfce.org](http://swfce.org)

## **TRACIE WATERS**

She is married to a long-time Yuman. She teaches canning and other topics to a large group in La Paz and is looking for people to reach out to here in Yuma County.

## **WORKSHOP**

ACWW USA Area President, Bonnie Teeple, presented a workshop on ACWW. What's new, what's changed, what's been updated. All voting member societies are now encouraged to appoint a coordinator.

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ORFCE President, Scott Teeples provided a workshop on “Lookouts.” It was an interesting workshop with pictures of old and still being used fire lookouts. They are still vital in helping to spot forest fires. The lookouts have various shapes and forms—not to mention marvelous views.