

**Kansas Farm Bureau
State Women's Committee
April 12, 2010**

12:15 p.m. - Kansas Farm Bureau's Conference Room on 1E

Attendance: Helen Norris, chair; Jennifer Brunkow, District One; Lois Moss, District Two; Karma Michael, District Three, Marilyn Martin, District Five; Marjorie Cartmill, District Seven; Signe Barnes, District Eight; Gay Beth Moore, co-chair - District Nine; and Sue May, District Ten. KFB staff members Holly Higgins and Serita Blankenship were also present. Susan Long, District Four and Brenda Dooley, District Six were unable to attend.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Meeting Minutes	Minutes from the November 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed. <i>Karma moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Marjorie and unanimously approved by the committee.</i>	None
Invocation	Karma gave the invocation.	None
Reports: A Change of Heart – a program created by women for women to raise awareness about women's heart disease.	<p>Julie Amor and Kenny Wilks from the University of Kansas Hospital gave a presentation on A Change of Heart. Their \$60, 90-minute package includes several assessment tests, nutrition and exercise plan recommendations and a consultation with a cardiac nurse practitioner. Heart disease kills one out of every four women in America and the presenters would like to roll this program out to the rest of the state so Kansas can be a model for the rest of the country in changing the future as related to women and heart disease.</p> <p>There are three levels of partnership opportunities available to Kansas Farm Bureau:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the cause through communications; • Underwriter of some portion of the program; or, • Statewide sponsor of the campaign to work in partnership to engage the passion of the women in Kansas to embrace this mission. <p><i>Marjorie moved to take steps to partner with the University of Kansas Hospital to promote a "Change of Heart". The motion was seconded by Marilyn and unanimously approved by the committee.</i></p> <p><i>Karma moved to keep the August meeting in Wichita as planned, and for staff to see if A Change of Heart will come there as a mobile unit to perform the assessments. The motion was seconded by Gay Beth and unanimously approved by the committee.</i></p>	<p>Next Steps: Committee members will discuss their options for promoting A Change of Heart in more detail later in the meeting.</p> <p>KFB staff will work with A Change of Heart to coordinate this effort.</p>
Resolutions Report	Gay Beth reported that the committee will meet next week. Listening Posts have been completed. Resolution information is also in the KFB Leader Letter and other FB publications.	
Women Managing the Farm	The 2011 conference will probably be held in Wichita. Helen will continue to act as speaker chair.	
County Leadership Conference	The 2010 County Leadership Conference will be held April 13 & 14. Committee members have agendas and a list of those registered for their workshops. Holly provided an overview of the conference.	The women's banner will be at the division table and the

		women are encouraged to “hangout” to network with attendees.
Budget	Committee members discussed the practice of sending flowers following illness or a death in the family. Sending flowers following a death in the family is a kind gesture but is not in our budget. Cards are nice too and would be appropriate for illness or surgery. Marilyn moved to establish a fund to cover a “sunshine fund” to be used for sending flowers when appropriate. The motion was seconded by Lois and unanimously approved by the committee. Holly and Helen will determine when flowers should be sent using these funds. Committee members each donated \$20 to this new fund.	If you were not in attendance please mail your donation to Holly’s attention.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.	

**Kansas Farm Bureau
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April 14, 2010
12:00 p.m. – Paddy O’Quigley’s in Manhattan Kansas**

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2010 County Leadership Conference	<p>It was noted that the workshops, <i>How I Learned to Love My Computer</i> and <i>Creating Publications that Sizzle</i> were geared toward coordinators.</p> <p>It would be nice to have a pocket agenda with full agenda details such as all workshops and room locations on one page.</p> <p>Top 10 Reasons to Have a Women’s Leadership Committee – Information from this workshop will be posted on the women’s page following the conference.</p> <p>Warming up to DIY Programs – Cotton & Food Check-Out Week consumer education stations were highlighted.</p>	Serita will post info on the women’s page
2010 KFB Annual Meeting	KFB’s next Annual Meeting will be held November 19 & 20, 2010. Committee members would be interested in presenting lesson plans from <i>The Farmer Grows a Rainbow</i> if requested by the planning team and will pursue this further during the August meeting.	Place on the August agenda.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.	