

**Kansas Farm Bureau
Kansas Women's Leadership Committee Meeting
Bluemont Hotel – Executive Boardroom / Manhattan KS
December 3, 2017**

Committee members in attendance: Marieta Hauser, Chair; Pam Meng, District One; Debbie Kueser, District Two; Christy Springer, District Three; Karra James, District Five; Gimmie Jo Jansonius, District Six; Sharon Hiss, District Seven; Sheryl MacNair, District Eight; Carol Deaver, District Nine and Susan May, District Ten.

KFB Staff in attendance: Holly Higgins and Serita Blankenship.

Unable to attend: Lexy Goyer, District Four; Kate Hagans and Sheridan Wimmer, KFB Staff

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order	Marieta called the Women's Leadership Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.	
Invocation	Pam gave the invocation.	
Minutes	Committee members reviewed meeting minutes from August 2017.	<i>Sheryl moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Susan and unanimously approved by the committee.</i>
Communications	Arizona FB and Tennessee FB both recently appointed females to executive positions. General Mills launched a new blog series – "You Grow, Girl!" AFBF confirmed KFB WLC qualifies for the 2017 White/Reinhardt Challenge Award.	Visit blog.generalmills.com to access the "You Grow, Girl!" blog series. Donations will be deducted from expense vouchers (as needed) to meet this challenge.
REPORTS		
Chair Report – Marieta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 AFBF AM – Nashville TN – Marieta, Debbie, Sheryl & Pam plan to attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 85th anniversary of the WLC is near <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal: Each state WLC donate \$850 to the AFBF Foundation for Ag ○ Breakfast Meet & Greet, Sat at 7:30 am. All females invited ○ Promote AFBF's Candidate Forum Guide in your counties • National WLC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on a new program of work ○ 20th anniversary working with the Ronald McDonald House is near ○ Offering to act as Sigma Alpha mentors • KFB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beginning a 2-year strategic planning process ○ Pam, Susan and Crystal Carrothers, 7th District YF&R, plan to attend the DC Fly-In ○ Consider joining the KFB Legacy Program ○ Submitting Freezer Meal Workshops as a premier "Our Food Link" activity 	<i>Pam moved to donate \$850 to the AFBFA using Benefit Silent Auction funds. The motion was seconded by Sharon and unanimously approved by the committee.</i> AFBF's Candidate Forum & Advocacy Guidelines are attached. K-State has a Sigma Alpha chapter. We could invite them to be part of KFB (collegiate, etc.).
Resolutions Ex-Officio Report - Susan	No report as she was unable to attend the last meeting and minutes weren't available.	
Communication Boot Camp – Gimmie Jo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An excellent opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deeper appreciation for the experience and the journey that got her to this point ○ Came away with a real sense of confidence ○ Looking forward to using skills she learned 	Committee members also reviewed Gimmie Jo's report (attached) on her recent educational opportunity.

District Activities		Committee members discussed various recent activities in their districts.
	OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS	
KFB Annual Meeting Agenda Caucus Responsibilities (odd districts) Benefit Silent Auction Women's Networking Luncheon	<p>Terry and Rich stopped by to thank committee members for being here and for the service they provide in their districts. They also mentioned KFB's latest strategic planning efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed the meeting agenda & caucus responsibilities for odd districts • Benefit Silent Auction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your help is always appreciated, especially at the beginning and end • Women's Networking Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marieta is unable to attend due to a KFB strategic planning task force meeting ○ Gimmie Jo will welcome volunteers and give the invocation ○ One County Chair Training Guide will be at each table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Serita will email one to everyone who provides an email ✓ If the chair is unable to attend, the district chair will email their copy 	<p><i>Pam moved the WLC members present a workshop at the 2018 KFB Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Gimmie Jo and unanimously approved by the committee.</i></p> <p>The proposed workshop will be discussed in further detail at our next meeting.</p>
2018 AFBF Annual Meeting – Women's Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting Delegates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pam, Debbie & Sheryl, KFB WLC; Ashley Hornberger & Shanda Mattix, KFB YF&R & Natalie Holdren, Hamilton County • Alternate Voting Delegate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marieta, KFB WLC Chair 	
2018 Women Managing the Farm Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximizing My Influence - Feb 15-16 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early-bird registration deadline: December 15 ○ KFB will have a vendor booth 	Scholarships may be available from Farm Credit.
Women's DC Fly-In Update	DC Fly-In planning continues. Pam, Susan and Crystal Carothers from the YF&R Committee are registered to attend.	
2018 Be Ag-Wise Professional Development Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full SteAm Ahead! Incorporating Agriculture into Your Stem Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manhattan – Feb 22, Gimmie Jo & Karra assisting ○ Colby – Feb 27 (tentative), Gimmie Jo & Susan assisting ○ Garden City – March 6, Gimmie Jo & Carol assisting ○ Bonner Springs – March 13, Pam & Debbie assisting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ AM = elementary school ✓ PM = junior high and high school 	Plans are ongoing. This item will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.
KFB Strategic Planning	Marieta and Christy are both members of the planning committee.	This item will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.
Miscellaneous Items for Discussion	<p>Text TRADE to 52886 to receive a link for Action Alerts.</p> <p>A Train-the-trainer Farm Safety program is being planned for four locations across Kansas.</p>	The farm safety workshop series will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.
Next Meeting	<p>Feb 8 – Winter Committee Meeting, Topeka</p> <p>May (tbd) – Spring Committee Meeting, Springer's Hog Farm, Neodesha</p> <p>Aug 10&11 - Joint Committee Summer Conference, Manhattan</p>	Serita will send a Doodle Poll link to determine the date for the May meeting.
Adjourn	The meeting concluded at 4 p.m.	

Minutes submitted by Serita Blankenship on December 12, 2017

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