

**Kansas Farm Bureau
Women's Leadership Committee Meeting Minutes
Ellsworth County Courthouse / Ellsworth KS
August 26-27, 2016**

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

KFB Staff in attendance: Holly Higgins, Serita Blankenship, Paige Pratt and Sheridan Wimmer.

Attending WLC & M&P: Lexy Goyer, District Four.

Attended Saturday: Sharon Hiss, District Seven

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
	Friday, August 26, 2016	
Call to Order	Marieta called the Women's Leadership Committee Meeting to order at 1 p.m.	
Invocation	Gimmie Jo gave the invocation.	
Minutes	Committee members reviewed meeting minutes from June 16.	Gimmie Jo moved to approve both sets of minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Carol and unanimously approved by the committee.
Communications	Letter from AFBF regarding the Foundation Challenge Award	
Chair Report - Marieta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional volunteers are needed during the State Fair, sign up if you can. • The KFB Board met recently. This organization is on good footing. There are always membership issues but this committee can have an impact. • Promotional materials are in your packet for the FUSION Conference which is an option for your out-of-state educational opportunity. • Kansas will need six voting delegates during the Women's Meeting portion of the AFBF Annual Meeting. Gimmie Jo is planning to attend. • Funds donated for KFB's fire relief effort will be distributed soon. 	<p>Talk to people about the good KFB does; mention the wide variety of member benefits.</p> <p>Keep the people affected by flooding in Louisiana in your prayers.</p>
Resolutions Committee Ex-Officio Report - Carrie	<p>Several speakers presented during their two-day meeting in July. Topics included wind energy (power), the ag tourism industry, local food options, transferring water and proposed changes to National policy on Anhydrous and the "right to repair".</p> <p>Listening Posts will be conducted across the state and in an effort to articulate what happens, Carrie will present a Listening Post during lunch on Saturday.</p>	AFBF's <i>2016 Advocate's Guide</i> is attached.

District Activities – All Committee Members	This time was used to network about a wide-variety of recent activities across the state. An overview of district activities is attached for your information. Carol, Pam and Sue reported upcoming trainings in their districts.	Please let Holly or Serita know if you are planning a district training. We may be able to help with details and attend, if possible.
Strategic Planning – Paige Pratt	Committee members participated in a series of activities designed to help them set priorities, focus their energy and resources and confirm everyone is working toward common goals.	
Adjourn	The committee adjourned at 5 to join the Young Farmer & Rancher and Membership & Promotion Committees to receive training on Elevator Speeches and Working Across Generations.	
	Saturday, August 27, 2016	
	Committee members arrived at 8 a.m. to participate in Myers-Briggs Type Inventory training and to tour Hildebrand Dairy in Junction City.	
Call to Order	Marieta called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.	
	Old Business / New Business	
2016 KFB Annual Meeting Update – Holly & Serita	Benefit Silent Auction – Following an in-depth discussion regarding the pros and cons of both potential locations, committee members decided to hold the auction in the same space the live auction is being held rather than the open conference area on 1W. The new location will be re-evaluated following the event. Women’s Leadership Luncheon - County Chairs will need to let you know if they need a ride.	Committee members will need to help move auction items at 11 a.m. and be present for the end of the auction (exact time tbd) on Sun., Dec, 4.
2017 Be Ag-Wise Professional Development Workshops – Serita	The 2017 workshops will focus on AFBF resources relating to “Misconceptions of Agriculture.” Locations being considered include Garden City, Colby and Manhattan.	
2017 Educational Opportunities – Holly	Qualified members of this committee may attend one out-of-state opportunity each year upon approval of a timely, written request.	A partial list of educational opportunities is attached.
Train-the-Trainer Update – Paige Connecting Food Science to your Classroom and Community	Wichita – Oct. 17, 2016 (Christy will help) Manhattan – Nov. 17, 2016 Lawrence – Nov. 29, 2016 Hays – January 24, 2017 Experts will talk about GMOs, animal welfare, antibiotics, etc. Attendees will each leave with four freezer meals. Your assistance would be appreciated if you could help setup for trainings in your area. If you attend the training, you will need to register and pay. If you help, you will be reimbursed for your mileage but do not need to pay nor will you receive the meals.	Please reach out to your women’s chairs or county coordinator to ask them to personally invite their Family Consumer Ed (FACS) teachers and extension folks.

AFBF Committee Challenge	The two remaining donations will be paid through expense voucher deductions.	Congratulations on 100% participation!
Other	President Richard Felts and CEO/General Counsel Terry Holdren welcomed the committee and thanked them for their efforts. Sheridan discussed the new Kansas Living e-newsletter. Subscribers receive three free e-books.	
Adjourn	The meeting concluded at 3 p.m.	

Minutes submitted by Serita Blankenship on September 15, 2016.