

**Kansas Farm Bureau
Women's Leadership Committee Meeting
Barton County Farm Bureau Association / Great Bend KS
August 26, 2017**

Committee members in attendance: Marieta Hauser, Chair; Pam Meng, District One; Debbie Kueser, District Two; Karra James, District Five; 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: Christy Springer, District Three; Lexy Goyer, District Four and Gimmie Jo Jansonius, District Six.

KFB Staff unable to attend: Kate Hagans and Sheridan Wimmer.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.	
Invocation	Karra gave the invocation.	The site used for the devotional was www.leadlikejesus.com .
Minutes	Committee members reviewed meeting minutes from March 16.	<i>Sheryl</i> moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by <i>Sharon</i> and unanimously approved by the committee.
Communications	Committee members received a "thank you" card from Paige Pratt.	
REPORTS		
Chair Report	<p>The 2017-2018 AFBF Women's Leadership program of work has been updated to: United in purpose: Leadership training, Engage with the consumer, Advocate to elected officials, Do it daily.</p> <p>The American Farm Bureau is looking at cost-cutting measures, including putting conferences on hold. They've also restructured national WLC programs, including adding a membership sub-committee which Marieta is serving on.</p> <p>Carol serves on KFB's centennial celebration committee.</p> <p>There will be a permanent agriculture history display in the state headquarters and</p>	<i>Susan May</i> moved to consider offering a commemorative 100-year ornament WLC could sell. Proceeds exceeding the cost of the ornaments would be donated to KFB's Foundation for Agriculture. The motion was seconded by

	<p>consideration is being given to providing District Administrators with pull-up banners with some of the historic information to share with counties.</p> <p>The KFB Board of Directors is concerned with helping people make a smooth transition from the YF&R committee into other KFB committees. One way this committee can help is to recognize young women in their district who are doing good things via a hand-written card or on social media.</p> <p>Discussion then turned to farm safety as committee members feel like they have gotten away from promoting it. One thing that would really help is if our members would stop putting unsafe pictures (extra riders, children playing in grain, etc.) on social media.</p>	<p><i>Debbie Kueser</i> and unanimously approved by the committee.</p>
<p>Resolutions Committee Ex-Officio Report</p>	<p>Susan reported on various issues being discussed by KFB's Resolutions Committee. Those issues include: WOTUS, trucking regulations, NBAF, carnival regulations, wildlife issues and permits, KSU's new Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas (there is a shortage of large animal vets), trade issues, rails to trails, county budgets, tax lids and crop insurance.</p> <p>Committee members were encouraged to attend Listening Posts and the importance of their voting members attending the upcoming annual meeting. She also challenged each committee member to recruit five people to provide feedback regarding WOTUS.</p>	<p>Information about the Veterinary Training Program for Rural Kansas (VTPRK) is attached.</p>
<p>Creutzfeldt – Jakob Disease</p>	<p>Sharon's mother passed away of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease earlier this year. CJD is a rare, degenerative, invariably fatal brain disorder that affects about one person in every one million people per year worldwide; in the U.S. there are about 300 cases per year.</p>	
<p>Strategic Planning Action Plan</p>	<p>There may be an opportunity for the WLC to partner with YF&R and Harvesters for a summer reading program in 2018.</p>	<p>More information will be coming soon.</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>Committee members networked.</p>	
<p>OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS</p>		
<p>2017 National Ag in the Classroom Conference Update</p>	<p>The committee was updated on the 2017 Nat'l Ag in the Classroom conference in Kansas City. Next year's conference will be held June 26-29 in Portland, Maine.</p>	
<p>AFBF Foundation Challenge</p>	<p>WLC has 100% participation. Funds will be designated for White/Reinhardt.</p>	<p><i>Susan</i> moved to make a \$25 donation to the AFBF Foundation for Agriculture. The motion was seconded by <i>Pam</i></p>

		and unanimously approved by the committee.
2018 Be Ag-Wise Train-the-Trainer Workshops	<p>Options for next year’s workshops were discussed. Science Technology Engineering Agriculture and Math (STEAM) lesson plans for elementary school students in the morning and for junior high and high school students in the afternoon. Half or full day sessions will be offered. The workshops will be held this spring in Manhattan, Garden City, Colby and Bonner Springs.</p> <p>Susan, Pam and Carol volunteered to help. Karra and Debbie may help depending on their work schedule.</p>	
2017 KFB Annual Meeting	<p>Women’s Leadership Luncheon – Holiday Inn Campus, December 4. Benefit Silent Auction – Will be held at the conference center during annual meeting. Elections – Even district WLC members are up for election. If not running for reelection, notify Board of Director, Marieta, district Farm Bureaus, D.A. and Holly. A reorganization meeting will be held immediately following the business session <u>if new members are elected.</u></p>	Each committee member will bring a door prize for the luncheon.
2018 AFBF Annual Meeting	<p>The tentative agenda was reviewed. KS is eligible for 6 voting delegates for the Women’s Caucus. Odd districts typically attend in even years.</p> <p>Pam plans to attend. Sheryl and Debbie would like to attend and Karra is considering attending.</p>	
KAHOOT! Training	Members were given a Kahoot! demonstration. Kahoot! is an electronic-based tool that can be used to bring fun into learning, for any subject, and all ages.	
Current Issues	The Mental Health Parity Act (passed without funding), the National Roll Over Protection Structure (ROPS) (also no funding in Kansas) and other issues to be aware of such as the “TraffickCam” app for mobile devices.	
Subcommittees	<p>Advocacy – Karra, Susan and Sheryl discussed several issues including: WOTUS, candidate forums, Women’s Day at the Statehouse, inviting FFA, government classes or student council members to county legislative events and listening posts and encouraging local events with county commissioners and other elected officials.</p> <p>Education – Pam, Carol, Debbie and Sharon discussed developing a farm safety train-the-trainer event to roll-out to the districts.</p>	
Adjourn	The meeting concluded at 3 pm.	