

**Kansas Farm Bureau
Women's Leadership Committee Meeting
Garden City KS / August 1, 2019**

Committee members in attendance: Marieta Hauser, Chair; Pam Meng, District One; Debbie Kueser, District Two; Mary Mertz, District Five; Gimmie Jo Jansonius, District Six; Crystal Carothers, District Seven; Sheryl MacNair, District Eight; Carol Deaver, District Nine and Susan May, District Ten.

KFB Staff in attendance: Serita Blankenship

Unable to attend: Christy Springer, District Three; Lexy Goyer, District Four and Holly Higgins, KFB Staff

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTION/FOLLOW-UP |
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| Call to Order | Marieta called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. | Delayed due to interviews. |
| Invocation/Pledge | Sheryl gave the invocation prior to the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance. | |
| Minutes | Committee members reviewed meeting minutes from July. | <i>Pam Meng moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Mertz and unanimously approved by the committee.</i> |
| Communications | Received a "thank you" card from Holly for the flowers committee members sent following her recent surgery. | |
| REPORTS | | |
| CEO/General Counsel Report | <p>Terry discussed various topics including: KFB Health Care Benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FBFS agents will receive training to offer this benefit • Individual and family plans, Medicare supplement plans and dental/vision coverage will open for enrollment Oct. 1. • Short-term coverage enrollment begins Dec. 2 • All plans go into effect Jan. 1, 2020 <p>Kansas State Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our focus areas as the ag education sponsor are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Education ○ Membership promotion ○ Brand presence • Ice cream coupons will be given to those who complete any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ag passport ○ Pollinator Passport ○ Moo U <p>KFB is evaluating the way we offer training and development.</p> | <p>Sign up for health plan updates here. Consider sending an email or calling your legislator to thank them for their support of our health care benefit (aka SB32).</p> <p>Due to the change in venue, we are planning to staff the fair with KFB staff and FBFS agents. We'll let others know if we need additional help to fill the spots.</p> |
| Chair Report – Marieta | <p>WLC National Meeting, Denver CO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toured sugar beet and hemp farms. At the hemp farm they are growing for seed. One acre of seeds costs approximately \$180,000. • Toured NCBA test kitchen cattlemen and beef • Learned about mental health efforts in Colorado • WLC D.C. fly-in. Each state may send three people to this event | <p>There are several regulatory changes that need to happen before hemp will be a viable crop.</p> <p>Have a story idea for Feeding Minds Press? Click here for</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data from the Women in Ag survey is being compiled. • Marieta was recently appointed by Governor Laura Kelly to the Kansas Complete Count Committee. Their goal is to be sure all Kansas fill out their census forms next year • Attended an Office for Rural Prosperity meeting. Our Lt. Governor is touring and discussing community needs • Communication’s Boot Camp open for apps, due mid-August • National Read a Book Day will be celebrated on September 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feeding Minds Press is seeking submissions for stories about agriculture • Served dinner at the Colorado Ronald McDonald House. Monetary contributions to Ronald McDonald House Charities are part of the WLC’s \$100,000 donation drive. Ronald McDonald Houses allow families to access specialized medical treatment for their children by providing a place to stay at little or no cost. The connection between Farm Bureau and Ronald McDonald House Charities was forged in the mid-1990s right here in Kansas. <p>KFB board members will discuss strategic plans during their upcoming board retreat.</p> | <p>more information.</p> <p>Any social media post referencing RMH must be approved by them prior to being posted.</p> <p>To make a monetary donation to RMHC, click here. To report donations of food, money or time, report via this link.</p> <p>Information will be gathered concerning the specific needs of the two RM Houses in Topeka and Wichita. The WLC will consider ways to assist in the effort.</p> |
| Resolutions Committee Ex-Officio Report – Gimmie Jo | <p>Current issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harnessing and storing wind and solar energy • County mill levies/property tax lids • High inputs and risks associated with producing hemp | |
| Unique District Activities Reports - All | <p>Gove Co recently received a \$1,000 White-Reinhardt mini-grant to build barn-shaped bookcases to be filled with accurate ag books for each of the four public libraries in the county.</p> | |
| OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS | | |
| 2019 KFB Annual Meeting – Marieta & Serita | <p>WLC Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even districts are up for election. • Marieta reported annual meeting will be her last effort to seek re-election to the WLC Chair position. <p>Benefit Silent Auction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics to be announced soon • Donations accepted outside of the auction • WLC volunteers will be needed to help prepare donations for bids, upon closing of the auction and during other busy times, such as breaks in the agenda. | <p>Let Marieta or Holly know immediately if you do not plan to seek re-election.</p> <p>Auction volunteers will receive more information at the next committee meeting.</p> |
| 2020 AFBF Annual Meeting – Marieta | <p>Jan. 17-22 in Austin, TX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are eligible for six voting delegates for the Women’s Caucus • Committee members from even districts typically attend in odd years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Debbie, Gimmie Jo, Sheryl and Susan are interested in attending | <p>Additional information regarding agenda, registration, tours, etc., will be sent when available.</p> |
| 2019 Nat’l Farm Safety & Health Week – Serita | <p>National Farm Safety & Health Week will be celebrated Sept. 15-21. The theme is Shift Farm Safety into High Gear. Daily topics are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday – Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety • Tuesday – Farmer Health & Opioid / Suicide Prevention • Wednesday – Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture | <p>Logos, a press release and registration for daily webinars may be accessed by visiting the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday – Confined Spaces in Agriculture • Friday – Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture. | |
| Train-the-Trainer Professional Development: Farm Safety - Grains – Serita | <p>We enjoyed a quick round of “I Have, Who Has? Ag Edition!” and received materials for this fun game.</p> <p>As part of our effort to increase awareness about the inherent danger of agricultural life and eliminate attitudes and/or behaviors on the farm that may lead to injury or even death, committee members received a template and supplies to present a lesson on grain safety in their districts.</p> | Miniature grain carts, bushel sized grain boxes, lesson plans, game cards and ag mags were distributed. |
| Resolutions Committee Ex-Officio Appointment – Marieta | Gimmie Jo has served in this position for one year and is eligible to serve up to two more one-year terms. | Carol Deaver moved to nominate Gimmie Jo Jansonius for another year as Ex-Officio to the Resolutions Committee. The motion was seconded by Sheryl MacNair and unanimously approved by the committee. |
| Miscellaneous Items for Discussion | <p>Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Wolfe, Special Ed teacher at Lakemary Center in Paola. Wolfe will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the 2020 Nat’l Agriculture in the Classroom conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah or a \$200 cash prize to purchase agriculture education supplies for his/her classroom. <p>KFB Foundation for Agriculture Excellence in Teaching Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina McCleary, teacher at North Lawn Elementary in Neodesha • Shelley Phelps, teacher at Sullivan Elementary in Ulysses • Brian Nelson, teacher at Andover Central Middle School in Andover <p>These individuals will be awarded \$600 to apply toward attending the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, or a \$200 cash prize to purchase agriculture education supplies for his/her classroom.</p> <p>County Annual Meeting Talking Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included in meeting packet • Contact counties in your district to see if you have permission to briefly address their members <p>Jill Casten-Downing Memorial Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jill was an integral part of the Farm Bureau family. Her passing from her battle with cancer in April 2019 left a space in many peoples’ lives and hearts. Her passion for agriculture and leadership education continues through this fund. • This fund will work to continue and expand Jill’s work in efforts to inspire, equip and stretch Kansans by developing them as thought leaders and exposing them to a broader world. | <p>All district-certified Kansas teachers who currently engage in integrating agriculture into a non-vocational agriculture classroom setting are eligible to apply. Applications are evaluated on creativity and utilization of agricultural information, interdisciplinary approach, advancement of education standards and student impact.</p> <p>KFB will reimburse mileage to all counties in your district, excluding the county in which you reside, for one visit each fiscal year (Oct.-Sept).</p> <p>Proceeds from all 2019 annual fundraisers will be designated to the fund and KFB will contribute half of all remaining budgeted dollars after the close of the fiscal year to initiate this endowment.</p> |
| Next Meeting | Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 1, prior to the KFB Annual Meeting in Manhattan. | |
| Adjourn | The meeting concluded at 4 p.m. | |

