

GATFACS BOARD MEETING
Houston County High School
September 24, 2017
11-4pm

Shonda McFadden, Marina Ortiz, Margaret June, Amanda Hayes, Jana Shields, Linsey Shockley, Traci Bryant, Patrice Nix, Donna Kurdelmeier, Krystle Shuman, Lillian Mitchell, Leigh Johnson, were in attendance.

A positive thought was shared by Jana Shields and Margaret June shared some good news to help us celebrate and welcomed our new program specialist and FCCLA Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 11:37pm.

The minutes were read from the July 2017 work meeting. Donna Kurdelmeier made a motion for the minutes to be accepted

Marina Ortiz presented the financial report. We have \$33,685.58 in the budget at the end of the physical year in June. Budget was turned into GACTE by September.

Marina Ortiz presented GACTE updates. Matthew Gambill and Cynthia requested a 3% raise and were granted a 10% raise. Both members were given a stipend for Summer Conference. Matthew Gambill is currently running for the GA House of Representatives. He can legally continue to represent us until the House is in session. As of August we have 292 members, a drop from 320. It was discussed how to increase membership and to make our programs stronger. Shonda suggested we come up with a top ten reasons why to join GATFACS to increase membership and to work together.

Linsey Shockley gave an update from the DOE. New Teacher orientation is next week in Macon. The Middle Level curriculum is waiting for approval. We are also waiting for approval on ECE students getting college credit. Industry Certification awards and plaques were discussed. The past two years have not been consistent with giving awards. Linsey will check and report who was in charge and come up with a consistent way to present awards. Margaret June made a motion to present ECE awards in the summer at GACTE and Culinary in the Winter at GATFACS. Those initially awarded will be given a plaque with blanks for recertification and a banner for the school. Industry certified instructors will be given a ribbon for conference nametags.

Traci Bryant gave an update from FCCLA. August DISCOVER training had about 300 participants which was a decrease of about 100 participants. Fall Leadership Conference was postponed due to IRMA. Camp John Hope was without power and a cabin in Covington was damaged. As schools were cancelled for the week, the conference was postponed until October 17-18th in Covington and October 18-19th at Camp John Hope. The FCCLA board has created a process for receiving a refund. We had over 1,000 participants registered before IRMA hit. We have 2,986 submitted participants for Fall Rally for Early Bird Registration. FCCLA will not charter a bus for the state of GA for Cluster and Capitol Leadership. The hotel policy and dress code policy for the State Leadership Conference has been updated on the website. The dress code is listed as a "white professional shirt" just like the National dress code policy. National FCCLA will be allotting money to each state to purchase the red FCCLA jackets over the next three years. They money was based on the number of students that have attended Nationals over the last 3 years (\$65 for each participant on the average attendance the past 3 years). Hotel rooms for State Conference will not open until the day after Region competitions.

Committee Reports were presented. Amanda will also create a Live Binder for committee members to post reports and minutes from region meetings. Donna Kuldemiere is the lead for the award committee and will submit applications to GACTE. Applications are due to Donna by November 1st. Each region Vice President will let their regions know that teachers need to apply. Krystle Shuman will create a google docs form for awards submissions. Shonda brought up the issue with GATFACS Counselor of the Year and the oversight of the winner the past two years. GATFACS will be fixing the situation by paying for the FACS teacher from the School of the Deaf to attend GATFACS and GACTE in 2018.

Jana Shields brought to the committee that we are currently looking for a Region 8 Vice President and Secretary at the GATFACS winter conference. Shonda requested that all region Vice Presidents send out a request for Secretary nominations. Send all nominations to Nikki Coker.

Lillian Mitchell gave an update on the bylaws. Marina Ortiz requested that committee members be present in board meetings. They will be invited to our Winter meeting at GATFACS. The bylaws currently posted need to be posted as a "draft." Committee members can be nominated at region meetings and appointed by the president. Wording of the bylaws for President Elect was brought into question. We want our current bylaws to model GACTE. It is also listed that all Past Presidents serve as a council to assist in advising the current President.

Patrice Nix updated on membership. She created a way to divide membership by region. She will send out list to Region VPs. We currently have 292 members. She can now send out a list of former members that have not paid dues. Patrice will import data to Google sheets and share data. GACTE currently has mover or shaker of the month. Region VPs need to look for members to submit to GACTE for recognition. Patrice will also set up a membership table at GATFACS conference.

Shonda McFadden discussed reducing the amount of money spent on the National Policy Seminar. GACTE pays the conference fees for the FCCLA president to be represented. Jana Shields quoted the policy created two years ago that GATFACS would pay the registration fees, travel, and substitute fees for the VP of the Legislative Committee. If they cannot attend the President Elect will attend, then the current President. Patrice suggested we reach out to Katie Gilbert, Legislative Committee VP, to attend the National Policy Seminar.

Mariana Ortiz described the Resolutions Committee as the committee that prompts GATFACS and declares certain days or weeks as GATFACS week or day. Valerie Rodgers will model what GACTE Resolutions Committee has done over the past year. Shonda challenges the committee to come up with three ideas at Winter Conference.

Our Public Relations committee will look at the website and send any changes to Linsey Shockley. Linsey will send changes to the web designers. Krystle Shuman suggested we have an official photographer. Shonda suggested we create a newsletter similar to Houston County's Wall of Fame.

Linsey Shockley mentioned a call for presenters for GATFACS. Shonda will assign Hostesses for each session. Jana Shields mentioned that Logan Weber be our Key Note speaker. He is willing to meet our budget and is and is an option. Linsey suggested Mary Kate Andrews an author in GA. Shonda suggested Mrs. Stanesceu as speaker. Forward any vendor information to Kristy McLean. Region VPs need to reach out to members about FCCLA Foundation Baskets. Each Region will submit a door prize for Winter Conference. Donna Kurdelmeier volunteered to get the large door prize. Shonda asked for suggestions for gift bags that comes with registration for GATFACS. It was suggested to use the recycle bags that are customized for GATFACS. Several themes for GATFACS were suggested. Lillian Mitchell made a motion for the theme to be Aspire to Inspire. Donna Kurdelmeier seconded, the eyes passed. Shonda mentioned the board decided to use tickets for the meals for GATFACS as to not waste food. GATFACS Board Meeting at 5pm Wednesday before.

Shonda adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.