Missouri Association for Family and Community Education of Butler County

County Meeting February 6, 2023 – 5:30pm Lemonade House Grille

Present: Carolyn Malson, Phyllis Flanigan, Betty Schalk, Phyllis Newton, Ruth Ann Knodell, Rose Helton, June Romine, Shirlene Nelson, Jeanne Payne, Teresa Ward, Edna Crain, Jane Arnold, Kathy Montgomery, Rozetta Little, Carol Caldwell, Linda Crites, and Chris Waite

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer June Romine reported there is \$1,342.29 in the Butler County FCE checking account. Chris Waite made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Jane Arnold. All in favor, none opposed. Treasurers report will be filed for review.

Fundraisers: Chris Waite said we are currently doing an online fundraiser through Cindy Bruce – Tupperware. Butler County FCE will receive 25% of sales. All orders will be placed online or through Cindy and shipped directly to the person. The fundraiser will run for 10 more days. Look on Facebook for MAFCE Tupperware Fundraiser.

Valentine's Bouquets: After discussion on the timing, Betty Schalk made a motion to table this fundraiser until next year and start earlier in the year. Kathy Montgomery seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

District Meeting: Ripley County is the host for the upcoming Southeast District meeting to be held Tuesday, April 18 in Doniphan. There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing. Each club will also need to provide a table decoration. Silent auction items will need to be marked per county and the money raised will go to the county funds.

Heritage Club: Rozetta Little had asked if Butler County FCE could pay part of their club's dues as they did for the Star Club and FUN Club. Discussion was held concerning fundraising and Heritage Club will be willing to help with upcoming fundraising events. The club has paid their dues and sent to the State. Chris Waite made a motion to pay \$100 to Heritage Club, \$10 per member and they have 10 members. Ruth Ann Knodell seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

Exhibits & More: Chris Waite shared that the Exhibits & More will again be a part of the Butler County Fair. The dates are September 28-30, 2023. The Black River Coliseum has been reserved for the event. This year Exhibits and More will pay for the rental of the Coliseum if it is comparable to last year. Exhibits and More will provide the payouts and ribbons. As of this time they will keep their funds separate from the fair. Chris Waite will draw up an agreement and present to the Butler County Fair Board. The Fair Board is looking at the MotorSports Speedway as a change in location. At this time there will not be a carnival.

Branson Trip: Betty Schalk shared the information she has gathered while planning a trip for Butler County FCE. Trip would be in April, May, or June – weekdays. Condo that houses 8, 3 bedroom and ticket to Esther plus a music show would be \$135 per night per person for two nights. Cost would be \$160 per night per person for three nights. Consensus was to make it a two-night trip. Cost does not include gas or food. Nine people showed interest: Rose, Jane, Teresa, Jeanne, Phyllis, Carolyn, Phyllis, Mary, and Betty. Others who may interested include Mary Lovette, Nora Davis, and Virginia Crafford.

Eureka Springs: This trip could be in June and the cost would be \$110 per person which is room and admittance to Passion Play.

Star Club: Star Club President Chris Waite reminded members that they will meet this Wednesday, February 8 – noon at the Extension Center. The Fidget Blanket Project is a Star Club project. They tentatively meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at Rombauer.

ACWW: Edna explained that the organization collects change at the meetings and then sends it to the state. The state keeps one-half and the other half is sent to Associated Country Women of the World for worthwhile projects like clean drinking water.

Jeanne Payne shared that Rombauer Church is doing a fundraiser for their church. It is a spaghetti dinner, with salad, green beans, corn, dessert, and drink for \$10. There will also be items to be sold/auctioned and door prizes. Fifty percent of the income from the fundraiser will go to a new roof for the church.

Edna Crain made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Betty Schalk. All in favor; none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

Chris Waite
Butler County MAFCE Secretary