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EXTENSION & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (ECA) -GASTON COUNTY July 2020 Newsletter

UPCOMING ECA MEETING - ONLINE OR PHONE

Thurs., July 9th - 10:00am

Join us for this special monthly meeting - you can participate by calling in or logging in from your computer. Register online or contact Pam Bryson to access the meeting: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gaston-extension-community-association-membership-meeting-registration-109686970682 - you will then receive details and an online link to access the meeting. This meeting is hosted online using webinar software called Zoom. You can access the meeting 15 minutes before the meeting begins.

LUCILE TATUM CENTER - LIMITED ACCESS TO PUBLIC

As of June 15th, the Center is currently open to the public by *appointment only and you must wear a face covering*. Health and temperature screening are required for both employees and the public before entering the building. Meetings are not currently being scheduled and we anticipate this will continue throughout July. Also, the Ceramic Room is not available for individual or group use. Please be mindful of these restrictions and help keep you and others safe. Restrictions are provided by the state and county government.

JUNE & JULY CANCELLATIONS

All ECA in-person classes for June and July have been cancelled due to COVID-19. The beginning quilting class was cancelled rather than postponed - all who paid for the class will receive a refund. Also, the farmers' market food tasting was cancelled. More to come about resuming classes for the remainder of the year.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Lucile Tatum Center and Cooperative Extension offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd for the Independence Day Holiday.

GASTON COUNTY GOES TOBACCO-FREE JULY 1ST

Starting July 1, 2020 use of any form of tobacco on/in any city or county property including buildings, grounds, parks, recreation areas, or vehicles owned by the city or county is prohibited. You may not smoke or use tobacco products in your vehicle while it is on city or county property. *This law applies to the building and grounds of the Lucile Tatum Center.*

Here is an explanation of why our DHHS Board made this decision: <u>https://www.gastongazette.com/opinion/20190323/my-turn-gaston-county-can-set-exam</u> <u>ple-improve-health-for-next-generation</u> This rule is now the most comprehensive county-wide tobacco policy in North Carolina. It **applies to all city/municipal property AND to all county property within Gaston County.** "Tobacco products" include all products regulated by the federal or state government as tobacco products, including: cigarettes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco and electronic cigarettes/vaping.

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FACE MASKS PROJECT UPDATE

We have sewn and delivered over 2,000 masks here in Gaston and Mecklenburg county! We delivered 450 masks to David Fogarty early in April and another 450 masks on June 12th for county employees returning to work.

CALL FOR ECA NOMINATIONS

The nominations for the upcoming year are due in September. Please be thinking about nominations. Also, please give some serious and heartfelt thought into accepting a nomination for one of the following positions:

- 1. Vice President
- 2. Treasurer
- 3. Secretary
- 4. Chairperson of the Building Committee (we need two people each to co-chair the committee)
- 5. Chairperson of the Marketing Committee (we need two people each to co-chair

the committee)

6. Possibly adding a Social Media Committee with two co-chairs to handle all Facebook entries – posts, videos, events

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RUN UPDATE

As a result of Gaston County ECA's participation in the 2020 Community Foundation Run we received a total of \$679. ECA had \$485 donations with a 40% match of \$194. This is a great fundraiser for the scholarship. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

ECA 2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are due in September so we need to start promoting ECA. Help us to think of a clever way to promote membership.

SHARING OUR CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences go to Billie Taylor, member of the Quiltmakers Specialty Group, with the recent passing of her step-son, Chris.

FUNDRAISER PROJECT

The cookbook project is still a viable fundraiser but we need a committee to head this up and get it rolling. We think it would be best to let this ride until January or February 2021 so do some soul searching and see if this is something you would be willing to chair. Some of the research has already been done. There are some who have expressed a desire to help but just can't head up the project.

UPCOMING VOTE: ADDITIONS TO ECA STANDING RULES

Please come to the next monthly ECA meeting (date to determined at later time due to COVID-19) to cast your vote, email your vote or call Patti Wells with your vote on the following issue:

March 5, 2020

Add the following to Section 9. Special Interest Groups

5. All equipment purchased by a Special Interest Group should be of benefit to the Group to improve skills or to use for community service. Such equipment belongs to the Group as long as the Group is active. Equipment should be made available to ECA members outside of the Special Interest Group by making a reasonable request to the Group's contact person. Proceeds of any equipment sold will be deposited to the Group's line item in the Gaston County ECA budget.

6. Dissolution of Special Interest Group: A Special Interest Group may be dissolved by a majority vote of its members. Upon dissolution, the following steps must be taken:
A. If the Special Interest Group has any money in the treasury, the Group members must determine how the Group funds will be disbursed. Funds cannot be distributed amongst the Group members. Funds can be donated to an

organized charity or transferred to the Gaston County ECA General Fund, Scholarships, or another budget line item. Failure of the Special Interest Group to determine how the funds will be used will result in all funds being transferred into the Gaston County ECA Scholarship Fund.

B. Contact person must notify the ECA Liaison of the dissolution so that the group can be removed from the newsletter listing of Special Interest Groups.
C. Upon dissolution of the Special Interest Group, all property purchased by the Group automatically transfers to the Gaston County ECA. Property may not be taken by any member of the Special Interest Group. Arrangements should be made with the ECA Liaison to move the equipment to an appropriate location.

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2020 HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Please mark your calendars with the following Lucile Tatum Center closings:

Independence Day	July 3	Friday
Labor Day	September 7	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11	Wednesday
Thanksgiving	November 26 & 27	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 23, 24, 25	Wed - Thurs - Fr

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit items for the monthly newsletter is the 10th of the month. If the 10th falls on a weekend the information is due before the 10th. Information received after the 10th will be included in the following month's newsletter.

SUNSHINE VOLUNTEER

Many thanks to Betty Agerton, who has agreed to send cards to ECA members who are sick, hospitalized, or experienced the loss of a loved one. Please let Betty know if any members who are in your special interest group have the need for a card. We would appreciate it if only one person from your Special Interest Group would contact Betty. If the ECA member is not part of a special interest group, please let Pam Bryson or Pamela Myers know.

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- July meeting is online or by call-in due to COVID-19
- August meeting details pending until Governor's Cooper update on Phase III COVID-19 opening

ECA 2020 PROJECTS

The following projects are ongoing and supported by all ECA clubs:

- 1. <u>Ronald McDonald House</u>: collection of drink tabs (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
- 2. <u>Gaston County Schools</u>: collecting Campbell soup labels and education labels from food containers (contact: Pam Bryson, ECA Liaison)
- 3. *First Baptist Mission Trips*: collecting eyeglasses (contact: Martha Spurrier)
- 4. <u>Pennies for Friendship</u>: supports Association of Country World Women (contact: Angela Nona)
- 5. <u>Baby Quilts & Baby Caps</u>: making quilts and caps for infants in the neonatal intensive unit at CaroMont Regional Medical Center (contact: Gloria Snyder & Angela Nona)
- 6. <u>Surgical Pillows</u>: sewing pillows for surgical patients of CaroMont Regional Medical Center
- 7. <u>Operation Gratitude</u>: knitting/crocheting scarves for the military (contact: Carol Dillinger)
- 8. <u>Shirt Savers for Holy Angels</u>: making shirt savers for residents cloth/supplies purchased by Holy Angels (contact: Martha Spurrier)
- 9. <u>Farmers Market Activities</u>: local food demos provided onsite at the Gastonia Farmers' Market from May through September (contact: Linda Jozwiakowski)
- 10. Warm Up America: making afghans for the homeless (contact Angela Nona)

GASTON CO. ECA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2020

President - Patti Wells President-Elect - Audrey Hunt Secretary - Billie Taylor Treasurer - Angela Nona Advisor - Pamela Myers

Committee Chairs:

• Building Committee - vacant

- Ceramic Room Committee Rita Kincaid
- Marketing Committee vacant
- Program Committee Linda Jozwiakowski
- Scholarship Committee Kathie Andrews

LUCILE TATUM CENTER

Location & Mailing Address: 959 Osceola St., Gastonia, NC 28054

Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30am - 5pm (closed daily from 12-1pm) For More Information: Pam Bryson - Gaston County ECA Liaison Phone: 704.865.3291 Email: pam.bryson@gastongov.com

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Mailing Address: PO Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053 Physical Address: Citizens Resource Center, 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas, NC

Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8am - 5pm

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ECA Monthly Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Myers at ten o'clock. Attending members were reminded to turn off cell phones, sign in on the sheet and to turn in their monthly Hours Sheet to Pam Bryson.

The pledge to the Flag was recited and the Speaker was introduced. Mr. Greg McGinnis, the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, spoke about making your yard friendly to wild birds which are decreasing in number mostly due to habitat loss. He demonstrated different types of bird feeders and shared many facts on creating bird friendly backyards. Each member was given a Hobby Guide booklet with many more helpful hints on attracting wild birds. Wild Birds Unlimited is located in the Franklin Mall area opposite Ashley furniture.

Pamela Myers read the thought for the day, a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The minutes were approved as presented. Members were reminded to use the back door while the parking lot is unfinished and then only the Front Door. The side door is never to be used as an entrance.

Angela Nona was awarded Leader of the Year and Sandy Hamrick was named Member of the Year on Achievement Day.

Members were reminded to inform Pam Bryson if regularly scheduled meetings are not going to be held as usual, since that opens up areas of the building that can be used for other events. If possible, let Pam know by the 10th of the month so that the information can be in the newsletter, but even if the meeting is called off, cancelling your room reservation even if the notice is short allows the room to be used for other purposes.

The Treasurer's report needed to have the ending balance column formulated so that balances are correct. Report was approved suggested edits to formulas.

New business included:

- Reminders that our club is responsible for two door prizes worth \$10 each on District Day, District Day which is on April 28, 2020 at Cabarrus County (cost \$15 for meal which needs to be in to Pam Bryson by April 15)
- Information about our responsibilities for the Community Run on April 4th, which is the main fundraiser for our scholarship fund
- The results of the Read Across America activities (on Monday Angela Nona and Pamela Myers delivered 11 book pillows to Caromont Pediatric Unit – they were received with great appreciation; Linda J. Patti Wells, Pam Myers and Angela Nona manned the Monday book exchange which was poorly attended otherwise, probably due to the parking lot. Books collected for Pleasant Ridge Elementary School were delivered by Angela Nona and Rita Kincaid after the meeting on Thursday.
- On Monday, March 2nd, Linda J, Patti Wells, Pamela Myers and Angela Nona totaled the volunteer hours for 2019 for all the members who turned in their monthly volunteer hours. The total for the year was 10, 559.12 hours for 37 members. Just imagine what the total would be if all members turned in reports. And thank you, ladies, for taking the time to add up those hours. Pamela Myers input all this data to the NCECA website. A suggestion was made by Linda J to present a 'check' to the county commissioners at one of their meetings with these hours and what they equal in volunteer hours to the community. Another suggestion was made to have a meeting at the end of the year so everyone can create their annual reports and get questions answered. Rita Kincaid has created a new form that can be used to record monthly hours and made it easier to tabulate annual numbers. This report will be reviewed by the board and presented at the April meeting.
- Discussion about the cookbook project and the Auto Bell Fundraising Project were tabled for the April meeting, with the hope that more members will be able

to attend. Linda Minges will have a paid intern soon that might be able to help with this project.

- Pamela Myers has drafted an addition to Standing Rules which includes regulation about what happens to funds and equipment when a Special Interest Group dissolves. Note that the date on the proposal distributed should be March 5, 2020, not 2019. This will be voted on during the April meeting, which will occur on April 7th at 6:30 PM in the evening!!!
- Somethin' Pumpkin is scheduled for October 3, separate from Cotton Ginning Days. Discussion about how ECA wants to be involved ensued. Martha Spurrier made a motion to have a craft table with food related items (aprons, dishcloths, etc. as well as baked goods on sale. This craft table/sale would replace the Cotton Ginning Days booth. Angela seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The April meeting will establish a committee to do advance planning and prep for this event.
- Patti Wells will be contacting members on an individual basis to find someone for the Building chair or co-chair position. The Board members discussed reducing the amount of decorating requirements to Christmas and one or two other seasons so that the committee responsibilities are more manageable.
- Rita Kincaid reported that there is one upcoming class on decorating ceramic eggs on March 18th and 19th from 4-8 on both days. This is a drop in type class as decorating ceramic eggs is as easy as decorating real ones. Individuals can choose how much time they wish to devote just have to wait for the paint to dry!!! Ceramic eggs, brushes and paints will be supplied. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome as are all egg loving folks of any age.
- Audrey Hunt is contacting members on an individual basis to identify a Marketing chair and form a marketing committee. We especially need someone who can manage our Facebook account.
- Linda J reported on Programs. The last few classes have been well attended. We need information on the types of classes or programs members want.
- Pam Bryson gave a Home Center update: Make sure <u>all</u> lights are turned off when leaving the building at night. This includes hallways and bathrooms and be sure the fan in the kitchen is turned off. The items in the closet from Cotton Ginning Days need to be removed. She has received a compliment from the cleaning woman that the center has been kept clean.
- A suggestion was made that ECA would like more information about volunteer needs at Somethin' Pumpkin so that the needs can be communicated to the membership early. We also need the information on donation/sponsorship for discussion at the April meeting.
- Door prize donated by Audrey Hunt was won by Bertie Smith.
- Reminder that the April meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in April.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

ECA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Gaston County Extension & Community Association (ECA)

February 27, 2020

Call to order at 10:00 AM

Attending: Patti Wells, Pamela Myers, Audrey Hunt, Rita Kincaid, Angela Nona, Linda Minges, Pam Bryson and Billie Taylor

OLD BUSINESS:

- Angela Nona did not have a checking account update due to mail not being delivered because of the parking lot being torn up. She stated there was a charge on the bank account in the amount of \$190. She will need to get statements to see what it is for. Pam Bryson is to check with the Post Office to see if we can pick up the mail there until the parking lot is finished.
- Angela is to work on getting I99 Form completed and to IRS.
- There was discussion as to how much the marketing grant was \$865 or \$835. Emails were Checked by Linda Mingus and the amount is confirmed at \$835 that was deposited.
- Linda Minges stated that staff is using the computer in the meeting room a lot, so please call
- Ahead to see if it is available for use when you need to use it.
- Patti Wells reminded everyone that National Reading Across America is Monday, March 2, 2020. Eleven pillows to hold books have been made and will be taken to the hospital for Children. Billie will check with the Principal at Pleasant Ridge to see when she can deliver Children books to be handed out on the children's birthday.
- ECA Book Exchange is March 3, 2020 from 10-12 am and 1:00 4:00 pm at Lucille Tatum.

New Business:

- Angela went to Hobby Lobby to get 3 easels on sale, they only had one, but she got a raincheck So she can go back when they are on sale to purchase three.
- Linda J. Was not in attendance and there was no State Meeting update.
- Achievement Day was a success with Leader of the Year award going to Angela Nona and
- Member of the Year going to Sandy Hamrick. The plaque will need to be updated.
- Patti asked for volunteers to contact grocery stores for donations at special events, sick as food, gift card, drinks, etc. It was discussed about having food at each general meeting there were some people against this, so it was tabled to be brought up at general meeting before making a decision. Patti will send a Thank You note to Mgr. of FoodLion for the gift card used at Achievement Day.
- Pam Myers presented a proposed addition to the Standing Rules regarding dissolution of Special Interest Group or ECA and about ownership of equipment

purchased by Special Interest Groups. This will be in the March newsletter and voted on in April, 2020 at the general meeting.

- Pam Myers gave update on possible AutoBell Car Wash fundraiser and gave out copies
- of what their requirements are. Our profit would be 50% of sales of \$20 Gift Cards. As we are now a 501(c)(3) we would qualify for this fundraiser.
- We have an invitation to South Central ECA District Day from Cabarrus County April 28, 2020.
- Gaston Community Foundation Run is April 4th. Money to run needs to be in March 15th and Is \$25. Please encourage everyone to make a donation to the run for ECA which will be matched. This is a good fundraiser for ECA.
- Something Pumpkin will be October 3, 2020 at the Citizens Resource Center in Dallas, NC. How involved does ECA want to be in this event? Do we want to have a table set up to sell RADA?
- Patti discussed whether we wanted to have a Volunteer Thank You Brunch this year. Dates were looked at and it can be May 30th or June 20th. This will be discussed at the general Meeting.
- Pam Bryson gave out Monthly Meeting Schedule and Executive Board Meeting Schedule.
- One change was from August 20 to August 27th. Important Dates to remember are April
- 28th District Day and October 25-27 State Meeting.
- Standing Committee Reports:
- Building Committee We still need a chairman of this committee. It was suggested that
- Patti will contact Lucy B. And see of she would chair this committee with her daughter,
- Dawn G. As co-chair. It was also suggested that Audrey ask Dana Croston, a new member, about chairing this committee. There is a project room committee with 4 members to handle the Project room, so this chairperson would basically be responsible for decorating the building on holidays. The decorations have been scaled down to the foyer and the multi purpose Room. This committee meets quarterly.
- Programs Committee Linda J was not present but sent an email about upcoming programs. There will be a speaker at the March ECA meeting with information on birds. Also David Fogarty will speak in May on various programs being planned for ECA.
- Linda J. suggests that we put copies of just our classes offered in the public libraries, not the entire ECA newsletter. Someone would need to deliver these to the 6 branches of the library.
- We are asked to do 2 baskets for the State Meeting in October and 2 door prizes
 @ \$10 each.

- The theme of the meeting is "Mysteries of ECA". This will be presented at the general meeting In April.
- Ceramic Room Committee Rita said they will be doing ceramic Easter eggs March 17 and 18 and finishing the shelves in the ceramic room. Any ideas for ceramics would be appreciated.
- Marketing Committee Audrey is working on the new table covering for ECA to replace the heavy one we have now that is so bulky.
- Next Executive Board Meeting March 26th

THANK YOU NOTE:

Hi David,

I just want to say that DSS was the very grateful recipient of the cloth masks that you sent to EMS Director Kevin Gordon. Our staff are using these on a daily basis and we have in some cases been able to supply several in a limited capacity to our clients.

A great big thank you to all the wonderful people of the Gaston County ECA for providing these to us.

Take Care, Angi **Angela C. Karchmer** Social Services Director Gaston County Department of Health & Human Services

ECA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Gaston County Extension & Community Association (ECA) May 27, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order via ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.

Attending: Patti Wells, Pamela Myers, Linda Jozwiakowski, Angela Nona, Linda Minges, Pam Bryson, David Fogarty

David: Shared anticipated resumption of county services (see timeline at end of minutes). Patti delivered 450 face masks and they were delivered to Emergency Services Department and DSS. Very much appreciated. County Resumption Plan is to enter phase B on June 8. At that time the public will be allowed into buildings with health checks and health questions about COVID19 contacts, symptoms, temperature check, practice social distancing. We want to be extra cautious at Lucile Tatum Center. Linda J asked about temperature checks. David has some hand held temperature scanners that could be used with small groups. Thinking do not want groups larger than 5-6 people. Need to work with cleaning crew if we decide to allow folks back in starting June 8. Assuming county timeline does not change, perhaps we could allow small groups into building by appointment and if building is disinfected regularly. Regular access would begin June 22. Limited access by appointment beginning June 8 with social distancing precautions. Recommend no programming until August. Linda M has been working with Centralina Area Agency on Aging who recommends limited programming. Gaston county libraries are not doing any summer programming. Feel that virtual types of programs are going to be the new normal. If you have something to drop off, call 702-922-2211 at main office to set up appointment. Patti has additional 200 masks –David will check with Emergency Management to determine need.

 \cdot Thank you note received from Hospice for the masks ECA gave them. Linda J contacted them and they can use more masks. We will try to get them more after we have fulfilled request from County.

• Need to get someone to do a scrapbook or history to keep the thank you notes and other items.

• Pam B can wheel cart out at Lucile Tatum Center to take in any items that need to be delivered.

Linda J gave an update on the State Meeting: State meeting has been cancelled.
 Feeling that there would not have enough participation to cover expenses. Next state meeting will be October of 2021. All awards will be presented at the 2021 meeting. Cultural Arts Update: not all counties have held their 2020 cultural arts

events. For the 2021 Cultural Arts the State Executive Board decided to allow any items made after the county level cultural arts competition in 2019 would be allowed entry for 2021. Still only one entry allowed. State elections and budget still need to be voted on for the 2021-2022 year. They are considering a possible one day meeting. No decision as yet.

Linda J gave an update on Gaston County Farmer's Market ECA Booth:
 Farmer's Market may not allow us to have a booth this year. Motion: Cancel this year's community service project at Farmer's Market. Angela seconds. Unanimous approval.

• Linda J: Programming update: refund the fees paid for Marsha McLamb's basic quilting class which has been cancelled. Be thinking about what we want to provide August through end of year. Would like to figure out how to do things online. Will work with Linda M to figure out what to offer.

• Patti: Audrey will finish up the marketing grant report after June 23 which will include the new table covering.

• Discussion about when to have next ECA Monthly Meeting. Need to follow guidelines from governor and county. Might be an opportunity to do a virtual meeting in July for full membership. No in-person meeting until August.

 Need to start promoting the payment of membership dues which are due in September. How can we encourage people to join our organization? Explore other ways to communicate to do more calling, zooming, virtual communications. Pick up hints or ideas from other groups. We don't know what our year is going to look like.
 Discussion of how to get things posted to Facebook. Need to identify someone who can manage Facebook. Send anything you want posted to Facebook to either Patti Wells or Linda Minges.

• Need to identify slate of officers for 2021. Audrey has spoken to Billie Taylor about being Vice President and she will think about it. Will need a secretary and a treasurer.

• Need fundraising committees and chairs for Autobell and Cookbook. Delay further discussion until we know when we can get members together.

• Pam B: Scholarship Committee: Talked with Kathie Andrews and decided to give kids until June 12 to submit applications. Do have some still bringing in applications. Pam getting emails from teachers with recommendations. Accepting 2018 taxes because of delays in getting 2019 taxes filed. Doing her best to get information. Pam can make copies for discussion and either do a meeting at LTC or have a zoom meeting. Community Fund collected money, not sure what our portion will be.

• Mask Project: Have 10-12 members who have created 1200-1500 masks that have been distributed in the community as well as to Gaston County and state Farmer's Market projects. We are sending Geri Bushel 100 masks per week—have sent 400 so far. David had requested 1,000 masks for the county. David has purchased fabric for us—90 yards of very nice cotton fabric. Patti has worked with her brother to cut the fabric into 10x6" pieces for the masks which has saved a great deal of time. Betty Willis and Bertie Smith have crocheted several hundred ear savers. Angela's new neighbor has donated 60 fitted masks.

• Linda J: Has submitted a grant for purchase of walking feet and quarter inch feet for sewing machines and 100% cotton batting for baby quilts. State has received more grants this year than in previous years. State is working on clarification of rules around submitting grants. No word yet on status.

• Angela: Treasurer's Report: As of April 30 shows balance of \$11,222.29. Cannot balance until gets clarification of \$150 deposit for van rental. Pam B will research. Has talked to Ashley at bank about service charges. The account was mistakenly set up as a business account. Ashley was going to try to recover those charges.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next meeting: June 25, 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM