

Western Region TEAFCS Report

Board Meeting April 11, 2023
Business Meeting April 12, 2023

Region Winter Meeting

The Western Region TEAFCS winter meeting was hosted in Hardeman County by Arianne Price on December 2, 2022.

The meeting was centered around her cheerful theme, "Share Your Joy". Agents were asked to wear their favorite holiday sweater to ring in the festive season!

The day included an array of fun and interesting activities that kept everyone full of "joy". The day began with a fun icebreaker and our bi-annual business meeting; including election of the 2023 region officers*. Agents also brought canned goods to donate for the community service portion of our meeting.

The guest speaker presented an outstanding presentation entitled, "Entrepreneurship and Motherhood". Lunch was catered in by Brick's Café and agents chose from an assortment of sandwiches and specialty salads.

The remainder of the day included a cookie quiz game and a unique gift exchange. The *Secret Santa* gifts had to express something that brought each individual joy. There were many creative gifts and the game was a great way to end the joyful day.

*officers listed in separate section

Western Region TEAFCS Officers

Director: Sondra Thorne

Secretary: Lacy Yeley

Treasurer: Joy Powell

VP for Public Policy: Karen Jones

VP for Prof Development: Jenny Smith

Director Elect: Chancey Chapman

Immediate Past Director: Katie Dees

Submitted by: *Sondra Thorne, Western Region Director*

Region FCS Share Day

FCS Share Day was held October 21, 2022 at Lone Oaks Farm. The day was spent gathering new innovative program ideas, potential partnerships, and connecting with colleagues. Share day is always valuable as we receive tips & ideas to rejuvenate our minds. Agents presented details regarding successful programming via poster displays and oral presentations. The day was a mix of



seriousness and a whole lot of fun! From agent presentations, to

making bread, to learning about a new state vaccine program, to dance breaks.....we did it all and gained worthwhile resources to use in each of our counties.



NEAFCS Regional Awards Training

The awards training committee held the annual awards training on January 13, 2023. All region TEAFCS members were invited to attend the training to gain a better understanding of the detailed process of applying and submitting awards. Special attention was given to the national website, award description verbiage, and what awards fit specific programming. Agents left the meeting with at least one submission idea and resources to ensure a successful entry in 2023.



TEAFCS Central Region

2023 Report

Membership & Awards

39 members

Congratulations to our Central Region Award Winners!

New Professional- Kimberly Davis

Mid-Professional- Aneta Eichler

Advanced Professional- Shelly Barnes

Mentoring Award- Whitney Danhof

FCS Youth Agent of the Year- Michaela Pedigo

FCS Adult Agent of the Year- Lauren Patterson

Innovative Programming Award- Maintain, Don't Gain Team

Big Fish Award- Aliyah Young



Meetings

- 2022 Summer Pop Up Meeting in Sumner County
21 in attendance
Allen Sircy, local author of Southern Ghost Stories
Tour of Maddox House
- 2022 Winter Meeting Spectacular
23 in attendance
Played holiday games and enjoyed holiday food
Made hygiene kits for the Shelbyville Soup Kitchen

Officers

CR Director- Shelly Barnes

Director Elect- Paula May

VP Public Affairs- Amanda Woody

VP Professional Development- Aliyah Young

VP Member Resources- Michaela Pedigo

VP Awards & Recognition- Lauren Patterson

Secretary- Leslyne Watkins

Treasurer- Kimberly Davis

2023 State Conference Chair- Terri Orr

What's coming up?

* Conference is here!

Terri Orr is the best!

* Spring Meeting will be in DeKalb County.

We will tour Harmony Lane Farm & Creamery.

We will also tour Bert Driver Nursery, Burlap Room & Hemp Brothers

TEAFCS STATE REPORT 2023

EASTERN REGION

Spring 2022- State Conference

The Eastern Region hosted the 2022 TEAFCS state conference in Johnson City. All planning and preparation efforts went towards putting on a fabulous state meeting so we opted to forgo a region TEAFCS meeting and put all efforts into that event which was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended and for all the hard work that was put into every aspect of that conference.

December 2022- Bush's Baked Beans

HOSTED BY SARAH VADEN
JEFFERSON COUNTY

The Winter Meeting was attended by 27 members and consisted of lunch and a tour of the Bush's Baked Beans factory after our business meeting. Members donated to the Safe Space of Dandridge, which is a nonprofit 26-room domestic violence shelter for women and children in Cocke, Jefferson, Sevier, and surrounding counties. Alyshia Victoria was presented with the New Professional Award for her outstanding work in Union County.



2023 Officers:

Director

Laura Clark

Director Elect

Amber Minor

Treasurer

Alyshia Victoria

Secretary

Lydia Hoskins

VP of Awards

Lamanda Weston

VP of Member Resources

Marty Henry

VP of Professional Development

Mary Beth Lima

VP of Public Affairs

Lauren Woods

Advisors

Justin Thomas &
Heather Kyle-Harmon



2023 Initiatives

In the Eastern Region, we are continuing to work on streamlining our processes and increasing TEAFCS activity in the region. Our region has also been spotlighting Eastern Region TEAFCS members for this work in their counties and we have also been working on increasing membership and communication between meetings by having bi-monthly board meetings.

Lamanda Weston (VP of Awards) has led multiple virtual awards workshops for agents on award suggestions and how to apply for awards.

We are looking forward for our 2023 Eastern Region spring meeting that will be hosted by Crystal Blankenship and held in Cumberland County at a local nursery in Crossville!

