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I enjoy all of the seasons of the year, but I think I love fall the very best! I love the colors, the smells, the temperature changes, and this year I love the sound of the rain on the roof! The moisture is so needed in many parts of this great country.

We had a fantastic conference in Tucson! Sure wish more of you could have been there to take advantage of the programs, the workshops and the fellowship. We had outside speakers dealing with subjects of heart health, “Laughter Yoga” (and yes, we laughed a lot!), and using social media to advance FCE. The inspiration was a moving presentation by Neelam Sethi who shared the story of her life from birth, and her upbringing in India to coming to the US as a 21 year old bride.

There were three new Hearth Fires introduced, as well as three new FCL workshops. The FCL workshops are now available for purchase immediately after they are presented at conference. The price for all FCL workshop booklets is \$5.00.

Report of Annual Business:

Ø Election of National Board members: The candidates for open positions were: President Elect; Barbara Brown, Lynn Maples, and Susie Martell. Lynn Maples was elected. Vice President for Public Policy; Ardyce Snyder, elected by acclamation. Secretary; Judy Fullmer and Margaret Mai. Judy Fullmer was elected. Public Policy Coordinator Central Region; Connie Larrington and Martha Crawford. Connie Larrington was elected. Program Coordinator Atlantic Region; Jean Purich was elected by acclamation. Thank you to all of the candidates for your willingness to serve. We appreciate you all so very much!

Ø Amendments to the Bylaws:

A dues raise was considered and approved by the voting assembly as per Bylaws Article IV Section 3C.

The proposal from the Executive Committee was: Regular Membership—\$20.00; Senior Membership—\$16.50; Family Membership—\$30.00; Youth Membership—No Change. These changes go into effect for the 2016 membership year.

A new fundraising committee was appointed at the 2013 annual conference. From their work over the year there were two main proposals submitted for consideration. One proposal is called “Bucks for Building”, it has been approved and all of the information for it was given to each conference attendee. The second proposal, called the Legacy Endowment, is a far reaching plan. It has two components. The first one is to raise funds to help with the day to day running of the organization. The second portion is to set up an Endowment Fund-400 Club that has the potential of making our future as an organization secure. The basic thrust of the 400 Club is to recruit 400 members to donate \$5000 over a period of 5 years. The members can donate all at once or a portion each year for 5 years. This will be held as investments. We have already received \$10,000 toward that Fund and have pledges for another \$15,000. The Executive Committee is currently working with the lawyer to make sure the fund guidelines will be legal and the funds will be secure. A committee is being set up to oversee the investing. More information will be forthcoming. If you want more information about donating please contact the National FCE President.

Fundraisers: Silent Auction raised \$1137.00, Coins for Friendship raised \$239.00 for ACWW; The Dollars for Leadership raised \$295.00. The sales room was \$868.75. Thank you all so much! Also a big “Thank you” to those who donated money and other items to help us with conference; Arizona FCE; Keepers Corner for the flash drives; and several donors for special gifts for conference attendees. We really appreciate your help in funding the conference.

At conference last year each State President was given a flash drive containing all of the information for the coming year. This year each **conference attendee** was given a flash drive with all of the information on it. The board is trying to get all of the information to all members in a timely manner.

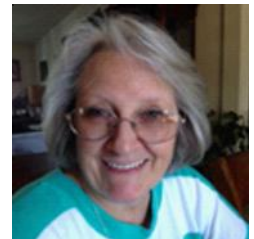
Every conference has a different flavor and vision. Each conference is an enlightening, edifying and enjoyable experience, and this one was no exception. I express tremendous gratitude to the board and the 2014 On-Site Committee for all of the hard work in making the 2014 conference a success.

The board and Betty Schalk, the 2015 On-Site Chair, are busy planning the 2015 conference.

It will be held in Blue Spring, MO, at the Adams Point Marriott. It is a beautiful facility.

We hope you will begin today making your plans to attend the conference and find your “Stepping Stones to Success”!

Bonnie Teeples, National FCE President



2014 CONFERENCE AWARD WINNERS

National FCE congratulates all of the award winners and would like to encourage each state to submit an entry in each category for the 2015 National Conference in Blue Springs, MO

Program Award Book

EDUCATION

1st place ~ Colorado

2nd place ~ Missouri

LEADERSHIP

1st place ~ Missouri

2nd place ~ Colorado

ACTION

1st place ~ Missouri

2nd place ~ Kansas

3rd place ~ Colorado

Program Award Brochure

EDUCATION

1st place ~ Colorado

2nd place ~ Missouri

LEADERSHIP

1st place ~ Colorado

2nd place ~ Missouri

ACTION

1st place ~ Missouri

2nd place ~ Kansas

3rd place ~ Colorado

Essay and Artwork Winners

1st Place: Emma Peeples, Colorado
"Respect is Important"

2nd Place: Gabi Cook, Missouri
"Respect"

3rd Place: Jocelyn Elzner, Oregon
"Respect"

Community Service Award

Prince William County, Virginia

Board Alumni Scholarship Winners

Emily Gordon, TN
Dorene Reimer, KS
Mary Bender, AZ

Heart of FCE Award

Alaska

Arizona

Colorado

Delaware

Hawaii

Kansas

Maryland

Michigan

Missouri

Nebraska

North Dakota

Oregon

Tennessee

Virginia

Patty Hert

Margaret Mai

Charlene Downey

Margaret Boyle

Ernelle Lum

Dorothea Appl

Marilyn Simonds

Mary Ellen Enos

Ruby Hitt

Doris Mehaffey

Arvilla Peerboom

Morna Bastian

Betty McFarland

Shelby Penn

Greetings from southeast Missouri!

A huge "thank-you" for the confidence placed in me to serve in the position of President-elect for National FCE! Actually, the title should be "president-in-training" as I begin to learn about the "ins and outs" of serving in this position.

National FCE is a wonderful organization! Those of us who are members know this. It gives so much to so many. In today's society there are many, many groups competing for the time and energy of the younger generations. The world is at our fingertips via the internet . . . information about virtually anything is readily available.

To attract the interest of prospective members, we need a national focus area. National's goal is to have all nineteen states promoting a single focus area across the country – in addition to each state's own individual focus. Approaching those prospective members will be much easier and more effective if we can pinpoint a particular emphasis area.

Do you have an idea for this national focus area? I want to hear from you! My email is lmaples@windstream.net.

Our dream is to grow National FCE! Remember, teamwork makes dreams work.

Lynn Maples
National FCE President-Elect



Thank you FCE Members!!

A NEW CONTEST FOR ALL FCE MEMBERS! Open Category Brochure Contest



Five boxes of school supplies and a check for \$190 were delivered on behalf of the FCE members from across the US who donated them. The items were collected at the National FCE conference held in Tucson, AZ on July 17-20, 2014.

Pictured is Jaquetta Alexander, Principal for Peter Howell Elementary School, Tucson Unified School District, and Marian Hannon Pacific Region Public Policy Coordinator.

SHIPPING CHARGES

We have not increased shipping costs since 2007 but often find it costs National FCE more to ship boxes today than we have been charging. As of January 1, 2015 a price increase will occur. Please make a note of the following changes to the rates:

Up to \$5.00	Free
\$5.01 to \$10.00	\$7.00
\$10.01 to \$25.00	\$9.00
\$25.01 to \$50.00	\$11.00
\$50.01 to \$100.00	\$13.00
\$100.01 to \$200.00	\$17.00
\$200.00 and over	\$21.00

Additional shipping charges will still apply to large packages and items shipped to Alaska and Hawaii.

While Marian Hannon, National FCE Pacific Region Public Policy Coordinator, and Scott Teeples, National FCE Pacific Region Program Coordinator, were teaching the class “Strut-Ur-Stuff - Developing Great Brochures” at the FCE Annual Conference in Tucson, there was a lot of interest and questions about developing a contest with an open category where anyone could enter. Scott and Marian discussed the matter and decided that such a contest needed to be developed. With the help of all National FCE Board members, this contest was developed and adopted. The name of this new contest is the **Open Category Brochure Contest**.

This Open Category Contest is a little different from the other National FCE Brochure contest. This contest is designed to be an opportunity for all National FCE members at all levels (state, districts, counties, clubs or individuals etc.) to compete in a National FCE contest. The brochure is to be a “stand-alone” item promoting FCE in some manner. The brochure does **not** have to be connected to a Program Award Contest. Brochures used in the Program Award Contest may **NOT** be entered in this contest. There are three different areas that brochures can be entered so be sure to check out which one, or more than one, you would like to enter.

Please read the Open Brochure Contest – Rules and Instructions Sheet and the Open Brochure Contest – Judging Sheet for complete details regarding the contest. That information is available from National FCE Headquarters or from any National board member. A copy of this information was sent to every state president. It is also available on the National FCE web site. If you have any other questions regarding this contest please contact Scott Teeples at 541-891-6456 or sfteeples@charter.net, the National FCE President, or either of the National FCE Vice Presidents.

Now is the time to start developing your own brochure to enter in the contest.

The deadline to get the brochures and entry forms into National FCE Headquarters is **April 15, 2015**.

Spread the word and help make this another great National FCE contest.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY
AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, INC.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2013

	<u>2013</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$55,025
Membership dues receivable	\$28,164
Investments - available for sale	<u>\$167,056</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$250,245</u>
Investments - held to maturity	\$26,978
Furniture and equipment - net	<u>\$975</u>
	\$27,953
Total Assets	<u>\$278,197</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$3,389
Credit card payable	\$6,288
ACWW Payable	<u>\$5,012</u>
Total Liabilities	\$14,689
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	
Undesignated	\$262,851
Designated	<u>\$657</u>
Total Net Assets	\$263,508
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$278,197</u>

For accountant's review report and accompanying notes contact Headquarters

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION, INC.
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenue:			
Dues	\$80,326	\$	\$80,326
Program sales and fees	53,950		53,950
Interest income	5,849		5,849
Unrealized gain on investment'	19,365		19,365
Net assest released due to satisfaction of restriction	1,200	(1,200)	-
Total revenue	\$160,690	(1,200)	\$159,490
Expenses			
Program Services -			
Annual Conference	\$30,418	\$	\$30,418
Meetings	12,900		12,900
Member publications	6,781		6,781
Member insurance	27,519		27,519
Miscellaneous	8,014		8,014
Program administration	6,357		6,357
Total program services expense	\$91,990	\$	\$91,990
General and administrative	\$72,144	\$	\$72,144
Total expenses	\$164,134		\$164,134
Changes in Net Assets	\$(3,444)	(1,200)	\$(4,644)
Net assets - beginning of year, as previously stated			
	\$285,889	\$1,200	\$287,089
Prior period adjustment	(18,936)		(18,936)
Net assets - beginning of year, restated	266,953	1,200	268,153
Net Assets - End of year	\$263,509		\$263,509

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“NATIONAL FCE BOARD ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP”

For

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES TO NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE

“REGISTRATION COST ONLY”

Sponsored by the National FCE Board Alumni

1. National FCE dues must be on file at National FCE Headquarters by April 15.
2. National FCE Conference registration form and all applicable fees must be paid by check or listed credit card information. Winners will be notified before conference and their method of payment will be returned to them. Those applicants who are not winners will have their conference registration form and method of payment sent on to Headquarters by May 30.
3. This scholarship application form must be filled out according to the following instructions:
Name _____ Region _____
Address _____ City/State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Years of membership _____ Membership number (on label of fce TODAY) _____

On ONE separate sheet, tell us about the following:

- a. List your FCE involvement and accomplishments in the last 5 years (local, county, district, and state).
- b. What focus or issues of FCE are important to you and WHY? (i.e. Health, Home and Community Environment, International, Leadership, Youth Education, ACWW, FCL, CHARACTER COUNTS!, Community Service, Hearth Fire literatures, Membership).
- c. If you are selected, how will you share what you have learned or gained with your county, district, and state?

Send the following postmarked by May 15.

- This Scholarship application form completed
- The attached ONE separate page of information
- Completed Conference Registration form and method of payment

Mail to: National FCE Board Alumni Scholarship, Chair

Margaret Polen

3160 S Brand Lee Way

Yuma, AZ 85365-5110

Phone: (928) 726-7456

Email: margaretnai531@gmail.com

Applications postmarked after May 15, will not be judged.



2015 National FCE Board

Front: VP for Public Policy Ardyce Snyder; President Bonnie Teeples;
VP for Program Kristin Walker.
Second Row: Atlantic Region Public Policy Coordinator Wanda
Briddelle; President Elect Lynn Maples;
Central Region Program Coordinator Peggy Martens.
Third Row: Secretary Judy Fullmer; Pacific Region Public Policy
Coordinator Marian Hannon; Treasurer Charlene Budd
Fourth Row: Atlantic Region Program Coordinator Jeanne Purich;
Central Region Public Policy Coordinator Connie Larrington.
Back: Young Families Coordinator Debbie Moos; Pacific Region
Program Coordinator Scott Teeples.

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An FCE T-Shirt Contest That Inspires & Educates

At Conference our cancer education contest room was full of 19 colorful, thought provoking T-shirts. They included artwork and wording such as “Barn Storming Cancer”, footprints with “Let’s Stomp out Leukemia” and “Friends Don’t Let Friends Miss Mammograms”. Votes cost a dollar with people stuffing the bag in front of their favorite t-shirt. The \$239 raised will go toward FCE education materials.

The 2015 t-shirt contest focus is making everyone more aware of the danger of women’s heart disease and strokes. T-shirts may ask an educational question, picture healthy activities or honor someone you lost to heart disease. My mom died of a massive heart attack at age 61 in 1970 when no one talked about women’s heart disease symptoms.

Anne Engen-Alumni

