

My CREDIT UNION
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REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

In accordance with TEXTEL Credit Union's Bye-Laws at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Jennifer Long was appointed Chairman.

The first meeting of the Education Committee was held on 29TH July 2022. The first order of business was to appoint a Secretary to the Committee, Ms. Joyce Loobie was nominated and elected to the post of Secretary.

After the first meeting, the Education Committee comprised the following persons:

Mrs. Jennifer Long - Chairman

Ms. Joyce Loobie - Secretary

Mr. Marlon Pierre - Member

Ms. Allison Sylvester - Member

Ms. Sherzelle Peters - Member

Ms. Nicole Roberts - Member

Mr. Junior St Hillaire- Member

The Education Committee met monthly to discuss all activities. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the way in which we conduct and perform our daily routines, and this 'new normal' has seen the digitization of education and training and business services.

The consistent commitment displayed by members of the Education Committee is noteworthy. Throughout the year, quality work and time was given by members of the Education Committee in the true co-operative spirit.

Brand You

The first course to be covered by the Education Committee was the "**Brand You**" seminar. It was the first face to face course held on the ground floor of TEXTEL Credit Union building. This workshop catered to the youth membership for both Girls and Boys 11-17 years and was hosted by Mrs. Michelle Borel of Michelle Borel Media.

Twenty (20) youth members registered for the workshop but sixteen (16) attended. This workshop was a very interactive, developmental workshop that allowed our young members to have a better understanding of "Who They Are", Mindset Building, Effective Communication and Discovering Your Personal Brand.

Secondary Entrance Assessment (S.E.A.) Awards

The annual S.E.A Award Ceremony was held on Sunday July 24th, 2022 at TEXTEL Credit Union. All COVID-19 protocols and guidelines were observed.

Twelve (12) student members were rewarded and honoured for completing the S.E.A. examination successfully.

The Guest Speaker youth member Ms. Nathifa Celestine delivered a thought-provoking speech on "Small Wins, Big Success".

The qualifying criteria for the award was that a student must be a member with a minimum share balance of TT\$500.00.

Each awardee received a token and a monetary award of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) was deposited into their Share Account and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to their Deposit Account.

Effective Tools for Transitioning from S.E.A. to Secondary School

The workshop was held virtually on August 19th 2022.

The facilitator was Ms. Nichelle Dottin John of Douglas and Associates Limited.

There were twelve (12) youth members in attendance.

This workshop was geared towards students who entered the secondary school environment for the first time after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fire Safety At Home

This face-to-face workshop was held on Saturday 29th October, 2022 at TEXTEL Credit Union. The facilitator was Mr. Nigel C. Davis, a firefighter based at the Wrightson Road Fire Station. Twelve (12) members registered for the workshop. They were taught fire safety basics, how to prevent household fires, fire safety tips, fire extinguisher techniques and how to develop an evacuation plan.

Children's Christmas Treat 2022

Our biggest joyous event of the calendar year was TEXTEL Credit Union Children's Christmas Treat. This was held on Sunday 12th December 2022 on the ground floor at TEXTEL Credit Union. Eighty-three (83) child members attended the event.

The Trinidad & Tobago Fire Services delighted the children with the appearance of Santa Claus who made the event a memorable one for all participants.

There was a "live" photo studio to capture the joyous moments of the children with Santa Claus and their loved ones. The children enjoyed the various activities that were catered at this grand occasion - food and drinks, life size characters and face painting.

The event was well attended.

As we grow as a model credit union, more benefits and possibilities will be available to the young members of our organisation in the future. We encourage all parents to contribute to their children's savings on a consistent basis.

Communication

The education committee encourages our member to use our convenient communication channels such as TEXTEL Credit Unions' WhatsApp Chat, social media page Facebook, the Web page and emails to view all our upcoming activities and our online forms. These communication channels are easy accessible to our members who are unable to visit the TEXTEL Credit Union office for any registrations and new updates. We understand that from time to time a person

may change telephone numbers, so we ask that you tell other members to contact our office and update their personal information and follow us on Facebook@TEXTEL Credit Union.

FUTURE PLANS

This transition has left some of our members challenged in keeping pace with these digital inclusions in business and government services.

Courses such as Spanish Made Easy, Functional Digital Literacy, A Legal Workshop and Defensive Driving are on the horizon.

Every course that is offered by your credit union is subsidized. We encourage all members to take advantage of the learning and developmental opportunities that are available through TEXTEL Credit Union. The Education Committee would like your feedback and continuous support in the coming years.

In addition, we would like to encourage the membership to participate in our surveys and tell us honestly, what courses would interest you and the skills that you can offer to the credit union.

First and foremost, the Education Committee would like to thank the Almighty God, the Board of Directors, staff and our members for the continuous support. We appreciate the opportunity to serve and we look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

May God continue to bless us all.

Mrs. Jennifer Long

Chairman of Education Committee