Minutes of the
Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council

Established October 1, 1961 the purpose of Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council is to oversee educational programs and improve local citizen’s lives by addressing their highest priorities through the application of research-based knowledge and resources.

The Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council was called to order by Chairman Sondra Smith on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:
Clifford Blanchard
Leisa Blanchard
Dean McKibben
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller
Joyce Moser
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Sondra Smith
Charlie Winslow

Council members absent:
Lynn Calton
Paul Crabtree
Lendi Davis
Chad McCulloch
Susan Roland
Dennis Wilson
Clark Wood

Council members excused:
Sherry Keith
Jesse Medlin
Barb Thrasher

Youth Representative present:
Tony Morgan

Youth Representatives absent:
Kathy Macomber
Elaine Davis
Theresa Dalby
Denise Hodson

Staff present:

Staff Reports
Kathy Macomber reported that she has been busy with “visioning” with Sheldon and Webb City. She and Lydia are looking for funding for the Noel/Tyson project in McDonald county. This week she and the other Barton county staff are attending a week long grant writing workshop.

Elaine Davis reported that 10 youth from Barton county attended the State 4-H Teen Conference, Teen Leaders had a work day to put together more raised garden beds at Lamar Shelter workshop, Teen Leaders have a Clover Kid camp scheduled, and the Lamar High School EXCEL have a Community Government Day scheduled.

Theresa Dalby reported that she is presenting a “hands-on” program at Nathan’s Place and “Show Me Nutrition” at area schools. She has also been at the Senior Center and Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Plans are being made to assist Nathan’s Place with their raised gardens.

Denise Hodson reported that with the start of Jill’s Crop Scouting program she updates the county webpage weekly with the current weekly report and resources. Now is the time for families to apply for the Century Farm designation; Denise encouraged the council to help spread the word. This is also a busy time for soil samples.

Sondra Smith encouraged the council members to review the reports of Lydia Kaume and Jill Scheidt as they were not able to attend the meeting.
Review and Approval of Business
Minutes for March 6, 2014 were reviewed by council members. Because there wasn’t a quorum the Executive Committee approved the minutes. Motion was made by Dean McKibben to accept the minutes and seconded by Joyce Moser. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Because there wasn’t a quorum the Executive Committee approved the financial and travel reports. Motion was made by Dean McKibben to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Joyce Moser. Motion carried.

Old Business
A. Hip Pocket programs
Kathy Macomber passed out a list of “hip pocket” programs and asked the council members to select those that they would like to see presented this year.

New Business
A. 2014 State Fair Farm Family
The Marshall Miller was selected to represent Barton county as the 2014 State Fair Farm Family. The Charles Winslow will be alternate family.

B. Committee Sign-up
A 2014 Program Committee sign-up was passed around. Kathy Macomber encouraged each council member to choose a program area to help provide direction and input. The committees will meet a couple of times a year.

C. Endowment Letter
Kathy Macomber passed around a letter from campus with information about the Endowment Fund and how they are doing. Barton County Extension is fully funded in the Endowment Fund program with $2500 in the fund.

Announcements
Sondra Smith encouraged council members to review the programs of each staff member listed in the “Reaching Out” report.

Executive Session
During the Executive Session the council members discussed the Performance Evaluation of each staff (Kathy Macomber, Lydia Kaume and Jill Scheidt). It was noted that Jill is doing a good job and is a “go-getter”, Lydia is doing a good job and is an “encourager”, and Kathy is doing a good job and is efficient.

After the executive session Sondra Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Next council meeting will be May 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moser, Secretary