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, August 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:
Clifford Blanchard
Lynn Calton
Sherry Keith
Dean McKibben
Marshall Miller
Joyce Moser
Ed Patterson
Sondra Smith
Barb Thrasher
Dennis Wilson
Charlie Winslow

Council members absent:
Paul Crabtree
Lendi Davis
Chad McCulloch
Jesse Medlin
Susan Roland
Clark Wood

Council members excused:
Leisa Blanchard
Roger Mayfield
Dale Robertson

Youth Representative present:
Tony Morgan

Youth Representative absent:
Theresa Dalby

Guest Speaker:
Cynthia Crawford, Director of Donor Education

Guest Speaker
Cynthia Crawford gave a presentation about MU Extension Endowment Fund. Barton County has fully funded Endowment Fund. Cynthia explained the two different types of accounts in the Endowment Fund and provided information about current and historical earning rates. Cynthia also encouraged the council to continue to look towards the future of MU Extension in Barton County through more funding to the county endowment fund.

Staff Reports
Kathy Macomber reported that she has been working with Leisa Blanchard and Barton County Memorial Hospital in preparing a community health needs survey. She has also been working with Pam Duitsman coordinating a food insecurity project in Lamar at Good Samaritan. MU Chancellor Loftin will be in Nevada later in the month and Kathy is helping with that visit.

Lydia Kaume is in Kenya presenting at a conference on social media marketing and visiting family.

Jill Scheidt is in Lawrence County facilitating their Annual Program Review. It was announced that she is beginning to prepare for the 2015 Soils & Crops Conference and is seeking ideas for topics to be
covered at the meeting. In order for the Master Gardeners class to make there is still a need for more participants; please encourage interested individuals to sign-up.

Elaine Davis reported that is the busy time of year with lots of fairs and activities. Elaine announced that the state dues for 4-H members are going up from $8 to $20. The increase will begin on January 1, 2015. Elaine reported that an article about the Water Quality program presented at the Lamar East Primary was printed in “High Plains Journal”.

Tony Morgan reported the Learn-A-Do 4-H club received the overall prize for high points at the Extravaganza at the Ozark Empire Fair. He has also been busy with 4-H and FFA camps and activities.

Theresa Dalby reported that she has been presenting “Kids in the Kitchen” classes at Nathan’s Place, “Eating from the Garden” with AOK and “Fizz Boom Legume” at Barton County libraries. She continues to walk with the group from the Senior Center and providing information at Good Samaritan.

Denise Hodson reported that she has seen an increase in proctoring tests for MSSU and MU students, particularly MU students. Denise called campus needing help on how to include videos on our county webpage; this led to discussions with campus about possible training for extension staff and support staff.

**Review and Approval of Business**

Minutes for July 7, 2014 were reviewed by council members. 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. Motion was made by Dean McKibben to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Marshall Miller. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

A. Lamar Fair

Sondra Smith encouraged council members to sign-up to help work in the extension trailer. On Wednesday evening we will be serving ice cream and cake to celebrate MU Extension’s 100th anniversary and 80 years of 4-H in Barton County. There will be pencils, mugs and other items to hand out.

**New Business**

A. Food Insecurity Project surveys

Kathy Macomber explained that Pam Duitsman will be doing surveys with the clientele at Good Samaritan on August 21 and may use the office for overflow. Some of our local staff may be assisting Pam as she needs 40 people to complete the surveys.

B. New outside sign for Gardner Room

John Gardner Jr stopped by the office and asked if a sign could be put up on the outside of the building to recognize the Gardner Room. He is the son of John and Jewell Gardner, donors to the Wolf Building and for whom the Gardner Room is named; he is willing to pay for the new sign. It was decided that this should be a matter brought before the Wolf Building committee and a meeting should be scheduled.
Announcements

Annual Program Review will be Thursday, September 4. A light meal will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by a short council meeting and then the APR.

Sondra Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Next council meeting will be September 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moser, Secretary