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 Vice Chairman Dean McKibben on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:
Clifford Blanchard
Paul Crabtree
Lendi Davis
Dean McKibben
Jesse Medlin
Joyce Moser
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Sondra Smith
Barb Thrasher
Dennis Wilson

Council members absent:
Leisa Blanchard
Lynn Calton
Chad McCulloch
Marshall Miller
Charlie Winslow

Council members excused:
Sherry Keith
Roger Mayfield
Susan Roland
Clark Wood

Youth Representative present:
Nate Cable

Youth Representatives absent:
Hannah Moyer

Staff present:
Kathy Macomber
Lydia Kaume
Jill Scheidt
Elaine Davis
Theresa Dalby
Denise Hodson

Guest:
Alecia Osborn

Council Training
Kathy Macomber provided brief council training and emphasized the importance of council member roles and the impact they can have on the local citizens. Council members also need to provide guidance and support for local programs. Information about meeting dates, a list of current council members and a permission form were handed out.

Staff Reports
Kathy Macomber reported that she has been participating in helping with “visioning” for Webb City and Sheldon. She and Lydia are working together with McDonald County extension staff and partnering with the Tyson plant at Noel to provide programs to their international employees. Kathy continues to be involved with the Healthy Nevada intuitive.

Jill Scheidt reported that she has started the 2014 Crop Scouting program. She has been other counties presenting programs about soil fertility, hay production, water quality and Master Gardener classes. She reminded council members that she does a monthly radio ag report on station 107.7 from Stockton; this program can be heard on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Lydia Kaume reported that she continues to be busy with “Cooking Matters” classes in Carthage and Joplin, the “Stay Strong Stay Healthy” class in Lamar and Greenfield is going well, and she did a presentation for the
Rotary Club about a Men’s Health project she is involved with. Lydia has been a supervisor for Alicia Osborn as she has been an intern working on her degree to be a registered dietician. Lydia is writing more articles.

Elaine Davis reported that she continues to provide the monthly newsletter, Clover Grower, to the county 4-H families; the newsletter provides all the current and upcoming events and information. She is presenting “Character Critters” at Lamar Head Start and had scheduled a guest speaker for the Youth EXCEL class at Lamar High School. Elaine provided member/leader training at two different regional 4-H trainings.

Theresa Dalby reported that she is programing in Liberal Elementary, Golden City Elementary, Lamar Head Start, Golden City Head Start and Nathan’s Place. She also helped coordinated the “Food Power” program for Lamar East Primary and West Elementary; she also assisted with the program at Monett and Carthage.

Denise Hodson reported regular activities for the month, closing Quick Books, preparing the 2014 Budget to report to campus, and updating the office inventory. She continues to update the county webpage and appreciates input from the council for what they would like to see included.

Election of Officers
Paul Crabtree made a motion that the following nominations be elected as officers for 2014.
Chairperson – Sondra Smith
Vice Chair – Dean McKibben
Treasurer – Jesse Medlin
Secretary – Joyce Moser
Motion was seconded by Barb Thrasher. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Business
Minutes for February 3, 2014 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Paul Crabtree to accept the minutes with corrections and seconded by Jesse Medlin. Motion carried.

Prior to approval of the Financial Report and Travel, Denise Hodson explained the Expenses & Income and General Operating forms, and the new Travel report. She also informed the council that the checking account at US Bank had been transferred to a non-interest bearing account because the past account was no longer available.

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 Lendi Davis. Motion carried.

Old Business
A. Annual Meeting report
There were 80 attendees, Dave Baker provided an overview of “100 Years of Extension in Missouri”, Marty Bunton was awarded the Leaders Honor Roll and 4-H awards were presented, outgoing council members were recognized and newly elected council members were sworn in.

New Business
A. Hip Pocket programs
Kathy Macomber handed out a packet of available programs that specialists can provide; she asked the members to review the programs and come to the April council meeting prepared to suggest programs for 2014.

Announcements
The Executive Committee will be meeting at 6:30 pm prior to the regular council meeting to prepare for staff performance evaluations to held during the meeting with the entire extension council.
Kathy Macomber asked for input for when would be the best time to hold an Affordable Care Act program for businesses.

Jill Scheidt encouraged council members who hadn’t signed up for the 2014 Crop Scouting program to do so. She also will be implementing a monthly contact during the months of November, December, January and February.

Lendi Davis thanked Jill for her help with the Farmers’ Market meeting and finding a speaker after many changes in the date.

Sondra Smith encouraged council members to attend and support the events and programs listed in the “Reaching Out” report.

Sondra Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Next council meeting will be April 7, at 7:30 p.m. with Executive Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Moser, Secretary