

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.

I. Call to Order

The Barton County University of Missouri Extension Council was called to order by Chairman Lee Howard on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:

Leisa Blanchard
Lynn Calton
Lendi Davis
Lee Howard
Chad McCulloch
Roger Mayfield
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Dale Robertson
Belinda Shoff
Dennis Wilson
Charlie Winslow

Council members absent:

Clifford Blanchard
Sherry Keith
Eric Lawrence
Jesse Medlin
Marshall Miller
Clark Wood

Council members excused:

Ted Frieden

Youth representative absent:

Tony Morgan

Staff present:

Kathy Macomber
Lindsey Stevenson
Jill Scheidt
Elaine Davis
Theresa Dalby
Denise Hodson

II. Staff Reports

Kathy Macomber reported she participated in programs in Noel dealing with flood recovery issues. She is busy preparing for the "Feels Like Home" visit by the Department of Economic Development on April 1; this is a joint effort with Community Betterment and extension.

Jill reported it is the busy season for programs. She has held several Private Pesticide Applicators Trainings, presented at the Jasper County Livestock and Forage Conference, Dade County Forage and Crop Conference, and is preparing for the Barton County Soils and Crops Conference later in the month.

Lindsey Stevenson reported she is participating with the Barton County Food Council, presenting "Cooking Matters with Kids" at the Lamar United Methodist Church after school, and working with the Noel project reaching foreign people groups living in the area.

Elaine Davis reported the online re-enrollment is going well and the numbers are up. She is just beginning to present the “Marshall, the Miracle Dog” curriculum at Liberal Middle School; she hopes to present the program at Lamar Middle School. Youth EXCEL leadership class at Lamar High School is going well.

Theresa Dalby reported she has completed programs at Lamar East Primary and Lockwood Elementary, she will be at Liberal Elementary, Golden City Elementary and Headstart in January. She is also participating with the Barton County Food Council and has been assisting Lindsey with “Cooking Matters with Kids”.

Denise Hodson reported she prepared for and completed many of the end-of-year projects, which included: closing Quick Books, mailing out ballots for the 2016 election, and finalizing and completing the 2015 Annual Report. She made several updates to the webpage.

III. Review and Approval of Business

Minutes for December 7, 2015 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Leisa Blanchard to accept the minutes and seconded by Belinda Shoff. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were members reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Dale Robertson to accept the financial report and travel and seconded by Leisa Blanchard. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

A. 2016 Election results

Lee Howard announced the winners of the elections.

District I

1. Clifford Blanchard
2. Paul Crabtree
3. Marshall Miller
4. Sondra Smith

District II

1. Judy Gastel
2. Roger Mayfield
3. Ed Patterson
4. Barb Thrasher

B. 2016 Appropriations report

Kathy Macomber reported that the county commissioners had granted the full amount of \$82,000 requested for our 2016 budget.

V. New Business

A. Annual Meeting plans

Lee Howard reminded council members that Tuesday, February 23 at 6:30 pm would be the Annual Meeting. Kathy Macomber announced that Lynzee Flores would be our speaker; she is a former Barton County 4-Her and will be speaking about her experiences in 4-H and where they have taken her. Denise Hodson sent around a list of individuals to invite to the Annual Meeting and asked council members to review, update and add others.

B. Nominating Committee

The retiring council members form the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for 2016 officers. The retiring council members are Leisa Blanchard, Lendi Davis, Jesse Medlin, Clark Wood and Sherry Keith.

VI. Announcements

VII. Executive Session

Leisa Blanchard made a motion to go into Executive Session for Jill Scheidt's evaluation, Ed Patterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Jill will out of maternity leave when the staff evaluations are regularly scheduled.)

VIII. Adjourn

Lee Howard adjourned the meeting after concluding the Executive Session.

Next full council meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary