

## ***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 Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Council members present:**

Lynn Calton  
Judy Gastel  
Lee Howard  
Eric Lawrence  
Roger Mayfield  
Bradley Morgan  
Kathy Pace  
Ed Patterson  
Dale Robertson  
Belinda Shoff  
Sondra Smith  
Barb Thrasher  
Dennis Wilson

#### **Council members absent:**

Clifford Blanchard  
Paul Crabtree  
Ted Frieden  
Chad McCulloch  
Marshall Miller  
Charlie Winslow

#### **Youth Representative absent:**

Clayton Winslow

#### **Staff present:**

Kathy Macomber  
Jill Scheidt  
Lindsey Stevenson  
Elaine Davis  
Theresa Dalby

#### **Staff absent:**

Denise Hodson

### **I. Staff Reports**

Kathy Macomber reported she has been at MTI training; this training teaches leadership skills to businesses.

Jill Scheidt reported she has been busy with the Crop Scouting program since returning from maternity leave. The program continues through the growing season.

Lindsey Stevenson reported that Stay Strong Stay Healthy class in Lamar had finished and there are a few interested in doing an advanced class in the fall. She hopes to have a Chronic Disease Self-Management class in August. Lindsey reported that during the Summer Lovin' program there was a total of 60 pounds lost by the participants.

Elaine Davis reported that she had been gone to 4-H camp at Roaring River and there were 27 Barton County 4-Hers that attended. This is a busy time for 4-H with all the fairs and camps.

Theresa Dalby reported is presenting “Kids in the Kitchen” at Lamar and Liberal with 72 kids. She has started a pallet garden at the Lamar Senior and helped Lindsey with the “Summer Lovin’ Health Challenge” at Barton County Health Department.

Denise Hodson was gone on vacation. Kathy Macomber summarized her report and updated the council on the internet/phone connection situation.

### **III. Council Training**

#### **A. Online council training**

Kathy Macomber presented the new online council training and told the council she would help anyone interested set up their account.

#### **B. New MU Extension director**

Kathy explained the new changes at MU and showed the Extension hierarchy and said that Extension should become a higher priority with the changes.

#### **C. MU Budget cuts/Extension layoffs**

Kathy informed the council how the budget cuts affected SW Region; the loss of the Community Development Specialists in Howell county, the Human Development Specialist in Taney county and the YPA (4-H assistant) in Dade county.

### **IV. Review and Approval of Business**

Minutes for June 6, 2016 were reviewed by council members. Motion was made by Belinda Shoff to accept the minutes and seconded by Sondra Smith. 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 Eric Lawrence. Motion carried.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. Audit report**

Lee Howard reported the Executive Committee audited the financials and found everything to be in order.

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. Office janitor**

Kathy Macomber reported that the office janitor had resigned and she is looking for a new janitor. There will probably be an increase in the expense for office cleaning.

#### **B. Lamar Fair**

The sign-up sheet was passed around for council members to select their time to work in the extension trailer/booth.

#### **C. Wolf Building parking lot**

Kathy Macomber has been getting bids for repaving/repair of the parking lot. The base rock is not good causing potholes, cracking and sinking; the asphalt is not thick enough. Initial recommendation --- repair all potholes, grinding as needed, re-asphalt, re-strip and repair back drive. Quote - \$101,000. Price is currently low, but unlikely to stay low.

#### **D. More budget cut information**

Mail allocation (postage) will be going away in 2017. Campus will continue to pay for Internet connection through 2017, but it is anticipated that counties will have to pay in the future.

Secretary insurance coverage – secretary is employee of county extension councils. In the past the university allowed them to put money in an insurance coverage pool. The University will no longer provide this because of reduced participation and risk of looking like a co-employer and the risks associated with that. The University will be allotting counties money until 2018 to help the secretaries transition.

The University is also discontinuing their retirement funding match; they will provide allotment through 2016. Councils must decide if they would like to help continue this.

#### **VII. Program presentation**

Lindsey Stevenson presented “Prolonged Sitting – the Silent Killer” and provided examples of how technology has encouraged a sedentary lifestyle and simple exercises to implement in a day.

#### **VIII. Announcements**

Lee Howard reminded council members to review the “Reaching Out” report for Upcoming Events. He also encouraged council members to attend the scheduled programming.

#### **VII. Executive Session**

#### **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next full council meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary