

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, August 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:

Clifford Blanchard
Paul Crabtree
Jason Frieden
Gerry Garrett
Judy Gastel
Lee Howard
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Ben Reed
Amanda Robertson
Caleb Robertson
Sondra Smith
Barb Thrasher

Staff present:

Kathy Macomber
Elaine Davis
Theresa Dalby

Council members absent:

Lynn Calton
Chad McCulloch
Russell Massa
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller
Belinda Shoff

Council members excused:

Youth Representative absent:

Clayton Winslow

Staff absent:

Jill Scheidt
Lindsey Stevenson
Denise Hodson

II. Staff Reports

Kathy Macomber reported she had a meeting with the mayor of the City of Oronogo, worked on strategic planning with MO Workforce Development and Senator McCaskill's office. She also participated in a Community Development category meeting via Skype.

Theresa Dalby reported she is now trained to sign participants up for SNAP program. She helped with the food truck and cooking stage at the Ozark Empire Fair and provided "Healthy Change" lessons at Barton County Health Department and OACAC in Dade County.

Elaine Davis reported this is fair season for 4-H; there were 95 exhibits taken to Ozark Empire Fair and 23 exhibits to Missouri State Fair. She also helped with 4-H demonstrations at Ozark Empire Fair.

Lee Howard encouraged council members to read the written reports from Jill Scheidt, Lindsey Stevenson and Denise Hodson.

III. Review and Approval of Business

July 6, 2017 minutes were reviewed by council members. Motion made by Ed Patterson to accept the minutes, seconded by Gerry Garrett. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Motion made by Ben Reed to accept the financial report and travel, seconded by Ed Patterson. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

A. Lamar Fair

A sign-up sheet was passed around for council members to volunteer to help at the Extension trailer.

Kathy Macomber announced the names of the Century Farms for 2017 --- Lloyd Banwart, Jim & Barb McDaniel, Jason & Angie Morgan, Roger & Ionia Phillips and Della Selvey. A letter was mailed to the families inviting them to a presentation on Friday evening of the Lamar Fair prior to the Livestock Auction.

B. MU Alternative Breaks

Kathy Macomber reported the MU students are coming October 27-29; plans have been made for lodging, showers and meals for them. They will be helping at Good Samaritan painting outside storage containers and cleaning inside.

V. New Business

A. Building Committee report

Kathy Macomber reported on the meeting held with AOK; three topics were discussed: parking lot, noise issue and walk-in refrigerator/freezer.

Parking Lot – Both groups agreed there was no money to repair the parking lot. Kathy Macomber has consulted Bob Schultheis, Extension Natural Resource Engineer, and he suggested to go to a gravel lot but this would create lots of extra gravel tracked into building.

Noise – AOK has excessive noise from day camp filtering over into the Extension office. Jill Scheidt provided documentation and a letter suggesting that Extension staff provide information to AOK summer help during their orientation so they will better understand about Extension. Bob Schultheis suggested a low cost fix of muffling the sound with blankets on the walls on the AOK side.

Walk-in Refrigerator/Freezer – Kathy Jenkins reported to the committee that water is on the floor and she had fallen going into the freezer; she was not hurt but wanted to warn staff. Bobb Schultheis suggested condensation was the cause and could be eliminated by adding insulation to the area.

AOK has no money to help with any of the issues, but it is important to meet regularly and keep communication open.

B. Parking Lot information

Jill Scheidt has talked to Jasper County Highway Department, because of heavy traffic from school bus, trash truck and delivery trucks there will continue to be breakage; concrete might be an option. Theresa Dalby had a contact that suggested fill holes with a cold mix. Clifford Blanchard will follow up with a repair plan from a contact in Lockwood.

C. Russ Massa resignation

Russ Massa provide a letter of resignation from the Extension Council due to health reasons. Council By-laws allow for a replacement to be appointed. Ben Reed made a motion to appoint Eric Lawrence to the council, Sondra Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lee Howard will contact Eric.

D. Eclipse glasses

Kathy Macomber provided eclipse information and announced the eclipse glasses could be purchased for \$1.00 each.

E. Mizzou Athletics Ambassador program

Kathy Macomber provided information about the Mizzou Athletics Ambassador program for anyone interested in participating. There are rewards for participating and program sign-up deadline is August 31.

F. Marshall Stewart visit at SW Center

Ben Reed reported Mike Davis and himself attended the meeting and that he felt Marshall Stewart was a good fit for Missouri. Highlighted topics included: economics, education excellence, community health and broadband in rural areas. Ben also reported it was good to see other colleges represented and hoped working with those institutions would continue. He enjoyed the meeting and was encouraged by the listening program.

VI. Announcements

Kathy Macomber said she would provide copies of the Building Agreement at the September council meeting. Several council members asked if AOK could provide a short program, since there are several new council members. Kathy said she would work to make that happen.

Lee Howard reminded council members the next council meeting is Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 pm. because of Labor Day.

VII. Executive Session**VIII. Adjourn**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary