

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 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Council members present:

Jason Frieden
Gerry Garrett
Lee Howard
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Ben Reed
Amanda Robertson
Caleb Robertson
Barb Thrasher

Youth Representative absent:

Clayton Winslow

Staff present:

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

Council members absent:

Paul Crabtree
Lynn Calton
Chad McCulloch
Russell Massa
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller

Council members excused:

Clifford Blanchard
Judy Gastel
Belinda Shoff
Sondra Smith

II. Staff Reports

Kathy Macomber reported she has been working on a series of videos that provide leadership training for millennials, she met with the Latino Outreach committee in Carthage and attended training in Iowa to help with the curriculum the committee she is part of is developing.

Jill Scheidt reported crop scouting, cleaning up the Community Garden and normal summer activities have kept her busy. Jill announced the Grain Bin Tour would be next Tuesday, July 11, starting at Kellenberger farm.

Lindsey Stevenson reported she has been out of the office a lot this month because most of her programs are multi-session. Lindsey commented that the "Summer Lovin' Health Challenge" is continuing and they are find that the participants like being held accountable each week. She is planning "Taking Care of You" training to be offered in Dade County.

Elaine Davis reported June is the month for 4-H camps and 30 youth from Barton County attended camp. Achievement Day was successful; this year Barton County Electric sponsored the T-shirts for the participants. Fair season is starting and SW Region Achievement Day is July 31.

Theresa Dalby reported she was able to use new recipes for the “Kids in the Kitchen” curriculum at Liberal Elementary summer school. Theresa assisted the Jasper County NPAs with summer school classes in Sarcoxie.

Denise Hodson reported she continues the weekly crop scouting reports update on the county webpage and her regular monthly activities. She was out of the office four days in June.

III. Council Training

Jill Scheidt, Lindsey Stevenson and Lee Howard provided a review of the Regional Council meeting. Marshall Stewart spoke about the changes happening within MU Extension based upon the community listening tours held earlier this year. Several areas of concern/needs are being addressed; broadband access appears to be the major issue across the state.

IV. Review and Approval of Business

June 5, 2017 minutes were reviewed by council members. Due to a lack of a quorum the Executive Committee approved the minutes. Motion made by Kathy Pace to accept the minutes, seconded by Barb Thrasher. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Due to a lack of a quorum the Executive Committee approved the financial and travel reports. Motion made by Barb Thrasher to accept the financial report and travel, seconded by Kathy Pace. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

A. Hip Pocket survey

Kathy Macomber reviewed the results of the Hip Pocket program survey with the council members. She stated Barton County staff will use these results as they begin scheduling programs for the year.

B. MU Alternative Breaks

Kathy Macomber reported that contact had been made to schedule a group of MU students to come to Barton County in late September/early October. They will work with Good Samaritan on various projects.

VI. New Business

A. Lamar Fair

A sign-up sheet was passed around for council members to choose when they will help at the Extension trailer.

Denise Hodson announced that there are five Century Farms this year. Arrangements will be made to make presentations to the families prior to the livestock auction on Friday evening of the fair.

B. Marshall Stewart visit

Marshall Stewart will again be visiting in the SW region on August 2, 6:30 pm. Kathy Macomber encouraged council members to attend this meeting to engage with him; government officials and other leaders in the SW communities will be invited to this meeting.

VII. Announcements

Ben Reed suggested that David Sheat be honored for his allowing the wheat plots to be grown on his farm for 50 years. It was suggested that MU be contacted to help with the presentation and that the presentation be made at the Annual meeting.

Next council meeting is Monday, August 7 at 7:30 pm.

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Adjourn

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary