

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

Council members present:

Judy Gastel
Lee Howard
Chad McCulloch
Bradley Morgan
Kathy Pace
Ed Patterson
Ben Reed
Amanda Robertson
Belinda Shoff
Sondra Smith
Barb Thrasher

Staff present:

Kathy Macomber
Lindsey Stevenson
Elaine Davis
Theresa Dalby
Denise Hodson

Council members absent:

Paul Crabtree
Lynn Calton
Jason Frieden
Gerry Garrett
Roger Mayfield
Marshall Miller
Caleb Robertson

Council members excused:

Clifford Blanchard

Youth Representative absent:

Clayton Winslow

Staff absent:

Jill Scheidt

II. Staff Reports

Kathy Macomber reported it has been "business as usual" for her this month. She enjoyed the Lamar Fair and the activities; she also completed Title IX Discrimination training.

Lindsey Stevenson reported that she has begun her third round of "Stay Strong Stay Healthy" at Freeman in Joplin. She has 16 participants for the "Chronic Disease Self-Management" class and then she gave a review of the "Stuff the Bus" event.

Elaine Davis reported "fair season" has wrapped up and the 4-H Drink trailer at the Lamar Fair, which is yearly fundraiser for Barton County 4-H, was successful. Elaine reported that Dean & Loretta Owen were inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame.

Theresa Dalby reported she has been working at Liberal High School and Lamar Senior Center providing an opportunity for individuals to sign-up for the SNAP program. She assisted Lindsey with a Dairy Council display and participated in CPR training.

Denise Hodson reported she continues the weekly crop scouting reports update and added pictures of the five Century Farms from Barton County on the county webpage, along with her regular monthly activities. She was out of the office three days in August.

Lee Howard encouraged council members to read the written report from Jill Scheidt.

III. Review and Approval of Business

Minutes for August 7, 2017 were reviewed by council members. Motion made by Ben Reed to accept the minutes, seconded by Ed Patterson. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Travel were reviewed by council members. Motion made by Belinda Shoff to accept the financial report and travel, seconded by Judy Gastel. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business

A. Lamar Fair review

The photo booth with Truman Tiger was successful. The new microphone stand for the 4-H demonstrations was appreciated. A very nice Century Farm presentation and great weather for the fair.

B. MU Alternative Breaks

Kathy Macomber reported there are 10-12 MU students are coming October 27-29. Plans are in place for lodging and meals and a list of projects at Good Samaritan is being compiled.

C. Parking Lot update

Clifford Blanchard repaired the hole at the east entrance. He has suggested that the entry lip be concreted and that after the repair work the parking lot be sealed and striped to help with maintaining the existing parking lot.

To repair the holes close to the AOK entrance (south) will cost between \$150-\$200, using the same materials and process used to repair the hole at the east entrance.

Barb Thrasher made a motion to spend up to \$350 for the cost of materials to repair the holes by AOK's entrance. Belinda Shoff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. Empty council seat update

Lee Howard announced the Eric Lawrence declined to fill the vacant council seat. Theresa Dalby will contact Staci Endicott about filling the vacant seat.

E. Mizzou Athletics Ambassador program

Kathy Macomber announced that there had been changes made to the Mizzou Athletics Ambassador program.

V. New Business

A. 2018 Budget – allotment from campus

Kathy Macomber provided information about several changes coming that will affect the 2018 Budget.

1. The allotment from campus to help with secretary benefits, retirement and salary will be gone after 2018. Kathy believes that the council is in pretty good shape for a couple of years in regards to secretary retirement benefits.
2. Campus will asking each county council to sign a formal MOU (Memo of Understanding) dealing with staff, YPA's salary, travel and internet expenses. The MOU is not finalized yet.
3. A state-wide travel program will be instituted in 2018 that will standardize the mileage rate across the state. The proposal is that campus will cover 30% of travel expenses and counties will cover 70%. Again, nothing finalized yet.

B. Nominees 2018 Council election

Nominees for the 2017 Council election were discussed and the following names were suggested and council members and staff volunteered to contact them.

District I

Sondra Smith
Dennis Wilson

District II

Joyce Moser
Judy Gastel

The names in Bold have agreed to be a nominee.

Due to the lateness of time, Lee Howard encouraged council members to spend time considering individuals that would be good council members and bring those names to the next council meeting.

VI. Announcements

Kathy Macomber announced that University of Missouri President Mun Choi will be visiting Joplin on September 20.

Lee Howard reminded council members the next council meeting is Monday, October 2 at 7:30 pm.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjourn

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pace, Secretary