

Central Missouri Regional Council
March 10, 2008
Osher Lifelong Learning Center, Columbia

County Representative Present:

Karen Heitmeyer – Audrain Co.
Erma Wrye – Audrain Co.
H.C. Russell – Boone Co.
Sheldon Toepke – Boone Co.
Paul Davis – Cooper Co.
Jackie Hickam – Cooper Co.
Sherri Kempf – Cooper Co.
Sherry Cox – Moniteau Co.
Dan Britton – Morgan Co.
Dana Binder – Pettis Co.
Wayne McReynolds – Saline Co.
Elaine Horn - Pettis Co.

UMC Staff and Guest Present:

Virgil Woolridge, CPD – Audrain Co.
Darlene Beaman, CM Region
Mark Stillwell, CM Region
Chris Thompson, CPD – Cole Co.
Mary Anne Patten, CPD – Morgan/Moniteau Co.
Kay Sparks, CPD – Pettis Co.
Cynthia Crawford, CPD – Saline Co.

Sherri Kempf, Regional Council Chair called the Central Missouri Regional Council meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center in Columbia, Missouri.

Welcome and Introductions -- Members attending introduced themselves and shared information regarding county appropriations for the new year.

Review and Approval of January, 2008 Council Minutes -- After reviewing the January, 2008 Minutes, questions were held concerning H.C.'s State Council report. H.C. reported communication with legislators is very important. After discussion, it was decided to remove items 1 and 2 from the Minutes.

- 1) with everyone's help, importance of program funding
- 2) people make decisions in our own institution-understand importance

Also, under UMC Staff and Guest Present: Quinn Brinek - Pettis County should be Quinton Binder.

Dana Binder made a motion, seconded by Sheldon Toepke to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

State Council Report -- H.C. reported that the State Council is comprised of 8 regions throughout the state. There are 14 counties in the Central Missouri Region.

January 14th -- Primary focus of this meeting was Legislative Day. Also, GROW MO was discussed. There are four different levels to go through.

1. Campus
2. System
3. Curators
4. Legislators

H.C. reported that the new University President Forsee plans to attend the next State Council meeting.

Sheldon and H.C. reported that meetings with other University Chancellors throughout the state are desired to show that Extension is not only a University of Missouri based item.

Reports from Legislative Day -- Everyone attending thought it was a very good day. Erma Wrye from Audrain County had a question posed to her from one of the legislators regarding line items for University Extension. Someone from the State Council will be in contact with the legislator to clarify.

A short video was shown from Channel 8 news regarding Legislative Day.

Council Development and Leadership Committee Update -- Training modules are available on the website. <http://extension.missouri.edu/extcouncil/>

Three sub-committees have been formed to help better develop councils.

- 1) Advanced Leadership
- 2) Council Training
- 3) Council Relations - better relations between state/regional/county

Members were encouraged to become familiar with the website.

Discussion was held concerning the council member exit survey.

Discussion was held concerning the State Fair Extension Council Member Recruitment Booth at the Missouri State Fair. Members are working the Marketing Committee to have a booth at the State Fair letting people know about Extension.

Would like to have a packet of information developed that county fairs could use in marketing Extension and recruiting new members.

Will be looking for volunteers to help work the booth during the fair..

Staffing Update -- Mark Stillwell, Central Missouri Regional Director presented a Power Point presentation and handouts regarding Regional Staffing Plan. There are currently 240 specialists across the State. Mark reported that two vacancies in Pettis County - Ag Business specialist and Nutrition and Health specialist are receiving applications. With the filling of these two positions, we will be fully staffed for the moment. Don Day has announced retirement plans from his Natural Resource Engineering Specialist position in June, 2008 and Ron Higginbotham plans to retire from his Community Development Specialist position in September, 2008.

Mark requested information regarding specialist and staff evaluation forms be turned in by the first of May. Handouts were given on Extension Council Participation. There is a website available to list guidelines

<http://extension.missouri.edu/hr/PerfEval/RS%20Guidelines%20Council%20Input.doc>

Regional Travel Account -- Mark provided handouts regarding travel. As of March 1st, travel has a balance of \$14,917.82. Mileage rate has increased from 48.5 to 50.5 cents in January, 2008.

EXtension -- Mark reported the website: <http://extension.org>.

Report of Nominations Committee -- Dana Binder reported the following nominations for officers for the new year:

Chair	Sheldon Toepke Dan Britton	Boone County Morgan County
Vice Chair	Belinda Flick Karen Heitmeyer	Carroll County Audrain County
Secretary	Kristen Finke	Callaway County

Ballots were handed out to the seven counties present to vote on new officers with the following results:

Chair	Sheldon Toepke
Vice Chair	Karen Heitmeyer
Secretary	Kristen Finke

Dates to Remember

May 1 st	Council input into evaluation
June 27-28	Council to Campus
June ??	Regional County Meeting

Discussion was held concerning the June meeting. Mark will look into setting up an ITV meeting date of Monday, June 9th.

With no further business appearing, Paul Davis made a motion, seconded by Dana Binder to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Heitmeyer
Secretary