The meeting was called to order by president Meridith Berry.

There was not a quorum present to approve minutes or treasurer’s report.; so those will be addressed in the June meeting.

President’s report – Meridith represented ESP at the PILD meeting. She reported the emphasis was on educating Legislators and Legislative aides. The workshop provided information related to telling out story and information regarding NIFA programs and funding opportunities. Next year JCEP will be held in Orlando, FL. Joe Koenen had reported he received the $500 ESP grant to support JCEP participation.

Vice-President’s report – Andrew Zumwalt reported the Chapter of Merit report has been submitted to national. We were able to report enough points that we should qualify as a platinum level chapter. The newsletter was also sent out this month.

There was no Analyst report.

Committee Reports:
Membership: Rebecca Blocker – Members are encouraged to invite colleagues with three years or more tenure to join ESP.

Professional Development: Kate Akers reported that Mark Stewart submitted a proposal to national ESP for a speaker at MU Extension fall conference. Meridith submitted the required president’s letter of support.

Loan & Fellowship: Bev Maltsberger reported that two applications had been received for fellowships this quarter. Please encourage colleagues to apply, funds are available.

Global Issues: Mary Leuci reported for the committee. Speakers are lined up for the noon Global issues programs through June. The May program will highlight the diversity programming that is happening in Noel, MO., and the June program will share information about programs in South Africa. There will not be a program in July. Anyone wanting to share their experiences, please contact the committee. August through December programs are being developed. Mary also noted that Michigan Extension hosts a yearly trip to Peru. When space is available, they offer it to other states, so interested people should watch for their announcements.

Public Issues: Nellie Lamers reported that VITA filing is done! She has asked that PILD participants share information with her about what was discussed at the PILD Conference.

Recognition & Awards: No report other than award nominations were submitted to national.

Courtesy and Memorials: Please be sure to notify Pat Snodgrass of the passing of any former Extension employees.

Retirees: no report
Nominations: Mary reminded everyone that this year a president-elect will be needed from the field according to the rotation, and that person will attend the PILD Conference. WE will also be electing the secretary position. Please let Mary know if you or someone you know is interested in these positions.

Website/Technology: Kate has updated the website and posted the latest newsletter and other links. June is the target date for the release of the new MyExtension. You can look at the site at http://extensionapps.missouri.edu/webappsDev

New Business
Meridith asked if the 8:30 AM meeting time was working for people or if they wanted to change it to 9:00 AM. There was no request to change time; so it will remain at 9:30 AM on the first Monday.

Rebecca Blocker reported that Karma Metzgar made a poster last year for the poster session at the ESP Conference and it would be nice to show it at the ESP booth at our fall conference. Meridith will contact Karma about using the poster.

There was no further business. The next meeting will be Monday, June 6 at 8:30 AM.

Rebecca made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Maltsberger, acting secretary