MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law: Notice is given that the Greene County Extension Council will conduct an open meeting starting at NOON (12 p.m.) on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at The Botanical Center. Meeting time is limited to one hour. Pizza is available for those who RSVP. The tentative agenda:

Call Meeting to Order – Chair: Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Secretary (Establish a Quorum)

Consent Agenda Items: Council meeting minutes, financial scorecard, bills for the month

Great Game of Business Huddle: December projections / Soil test game results

Unfinished Business /Committee Reports
  • 2015 request to fund Greene County 4-H memberships for selected students (attached)
  • Budget ideas for 2016 - proposed by staff / public input received (budget attached)
  • Approval of council nominations for 2016 election (bios attached)

New Business
  • December checks to be signed by officers / no council meeting in December

Staff Reports: Reaching Out Report posted online / highlights

County Program Director Report:
  • Friends of Greene County Extension update (sign thank you post cards)
  • Copier proposal/plan (attached)
  • Council development / Annual Program Review input
  • Master Naturalist monies

Adjourn

UPCOMING ITEMS
  • Annual meeting: Proposed pot-luck (Ham cooked at botanical center).
    Evening program: 4-H speakers Lora Wright and A.B. Burkhart.

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PROPOSAL: 4-H student funding

I do have concerns about revealing names and private information about families. I am also concerned about driving families away by asking them to reveal a lot of financial detail. What if we had those who need scholarships for dues write an anonymous essay but include age of child? We could have the parents complete a very brief financial need section. We do have something we could use as a starting point that families complete for state events.

Thanks, Karla Deaver
4-H Youth Specialist
University of Missouri Extension
David Johnson, Springfield, Mo. -- I have had a lifelong interest in animals and agriculture. I have been involved with companion animals most of my life but also have an interest in agriculture. My bachelor’s degree is in biopsychology which is a combination of zoology, ecology and animal behavior. My masters and PhD are in public administration and public safety. One of my areas of interest is the application of technology, especially GIS to public service. I have spent over 30 years involved in government and public safety, most recently combining the two by becoming a part of the Springfield Greene County Animal Response Team. I have been an educator for the past 15 yrs. While I am a city resident, I thought my diverse background and interests might be of use to the council.

Eric Morris, Springfield Mo. -- I have served as the District Technician for the Greene Co. Soil and Water Conservation District for 17 years. I also have a cow/calf herd north of Springfield.

Kip Thompson, Springfield, Mo. -- I am currently an Assistant Professor of Public Health at Missouri State University. Prior to coming to MSU, I was the Lead Instructor for Biological Sciences at Ozarks Technical Community College. Additionally, I am an Environmental Science Officer in the United States Army Reserves, currently holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I have served as Commander for several units, including Preventive Medicine units in Missouri and Minnesota. I have also been deployed to SW Asia and the Balkans. While deployed, I served as the Director of Public Health for Kuwait and Chief, Preventive Medicine Services, Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. I am currently an elected member of the Greene County Extension Council, having been elected in 2014. I support what Extension provides to the citizens of Greene County and hope to serve another term on the Extension Council.

Katie Stienhoff, Springfield, Mo. -- Katie joined the Springfield-Greene County Park Board as the Botanical Center Coordinator in April 2010. She oversees the garden, visitor, volunteer and educational experiences at the Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial Park. This includes directing 17 volunteer organizations with over 300 volunteers to work together towards a common master landscape plan and sustainability plan. She has a diverse background in public gardens, starting as an intern at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis and including six years working in the education and horticulture departments at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in 2003 with a Master’s of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design and minor in Business.

Ron Peabody, Brookline Station, Mo. – I am a 20 year retired Navy veteran serving in the U.S. Navy’s submarine force. I then worked for the Republic School District while focusing on community involvement as the President of the Republic Historical Society and a member of Kiwanis, the Republic Tiger Booster Club, Project Graduation and several local committees. I am currently serving as the Executive Director or the Republic Area Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Klem, Springfield, Mo. – Michael currently works in the agriculture school at Missouri State University. He served on Adair Co. Extension council as a member, past chairman, and moderator. He has served as an Executive Committee member, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Missouri Young Farmers, as well as being the President of Northeast Missouri Young Farmers. His service includes being the President and Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis of Kirksville, the President of Kirksville RIII Booster Club, and he is a Master Gardener through Adair County Extension.

Morgan Ash, -- Springfield, Mo. – I have been impressed at the wide range of free and low cost, vital educational services provided by Greene County Extension. I have had the pleasure of learning more about my graduate school alma mater extension services and about the friendly professionals that it employs. I would be honored to serve on the council as a Greene County resident and as an educational partner with my employer, Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri. My record of volunteerism and board member service in the community makes me an excellent candidate for this position.