

January 21, 2010 Howard County Extension Council Meeting Minutes

Howard County Extension Council held their monthly meeting January 21, 2010 at Schnell Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Theesfeld.

The following members were present: Bob Theesfeld, Laura B. Korte, Norris Lewis, Richard Crowley, Tracey Frevert, Debbie Brucks, Mark Adams, Nancy Symes, Fred Foley, Cheryl Adams, and Commissioner Richard Conrow.

Minutes from the December meeting were read. Corrections were made. Cheryl moved to accept the amended minutes, Nancy seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Financial statements were reviewed. Richard moved to accept the financial statements. Nancy seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was read. Gus moved to accept the report. Mark seconded. Motion passed.

The check signing was completed.

New Business:

Budget:

Revenue for the county is down significantly. As a result, the commissioners have made cuts to the extension budget. Some grant money has been obtained to make up the difference; however the budget is still short. Bob suggested that the budget committee meet and look for possible solutions. Laura moved to meet one hour prior to the next meeting, Tracey seconded, motion passed.

Mark shared progress made for the tractor parade and b-b-que. The best date will be Memorial Day weekend. It fits well with antique tractor enthusiasts' calendar. Liability issues were discussed and a kids' hay ride was proposed.

Bob shared that Shauna suggested moving money into an interest bearing account. Discussion regarding the most appropriate type account followed. It was decided to have Shauna check into the various options and take action at the next meeting.

Candidates for the extension council will be voted on during T & C. We will have a full slate of volunteers to fill the vacancies.

Town and Country:

T & C will take place on the 23rd. All of the arrangements are in place, however, advanced ticket sales are lagging. Council members took flyers to post around town and were encouraged to promote T & C.

Debbie gave the 4-H report. 4-H participation is outstanding with over 180 students. She spoke with Terry Lackland about cooking for the bar-b-que. He needs to know how many are expected to attend. Todd mentioned that Shauna is busy with reports for the end of the year. She is doing an excellent job and is staying very busy.

Cheryl moved to adjourn. Mark seconded.

The next meeting will be February 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura B. Korte
Secretary