President Richard Proffer called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Also present were Chris Shoemaker, Connie Mefford, Georgia Stuart-Simons, Johanna Reed Adams, Judy Stallman, Sharon Gulick, Van Ayers, Tracy Marlo Daugherty, Kara Lubischer, DeNae Gitonga, Debi Kelly, and Tish Johnson.

Guest presentation
Richard welcomed guest Greg Batson from USDA Rural Development. Greg reviewed loan and grant programs available through USDA-RD.

Greg’s PowerPoint is attached to these minutes. Participants had several questions about the funding programs.

NACDEP Report

Connie stated that she and Georgia presented on the Moodle course, went well even though they were the last session of the conference – pleased they had a full room. Really enjoyed Michigan, trying to do some progressive things in Grand Rapids, working to bring youth in, focusing on the 20-30 year olds.

MACDEP had a panel where they talked about how the organization came about and where it’s going, emphasized that they’re having difficulties getting people to serve on committees and as officers. One barrier is that field faculty have limited travel reimbursement (in Missouri only have funding to go to one event a year), no incentive or compensation available for field faculty to be on those positions. National level is going to have to address with each region. Richard noted that MACDEP actually has funding for reimbursement if your state won’t pay for your travel (this was not stated during the panel). Richard said that during his two-year stint as North Central rep, when he couldn’t get funding for travel then NACDEP picked up the expense. NACDEP will pay for travel to national conference but not your registration fee. The board has two face-to-face meetings a year, the rest by phone/internet. Richard encouraged everyone to go to the NACDEP web site and see what committees need members.

Georgia said she always enjoys this conference because the sessions are directly applicable to the work that we do. She encouraged people that haven’t attended before to consider it. Keynote sessions were very interesting. Went to a super-session on facilitation, hoping we can provide some more in-depth training in Missouri on that issue.

Georgia also talked about a new curriculum on youth leadership development from Alabama that she feels has a lot of potential. “Their comment that struck me was that leadership programs created in the '80s tended to be information sharing, and their curriculum focuses more on engagement.” She only has a hard copy, not electronic.

ELBC - Engaged Leaders, Better Communities from Alabama Cooperative Extension. Georgia’s contact was Arturo Menefee - we may be able to request additional copies from him.
Richard shared information about NACDEP and the conference in a recent business development category meeting.

Bev Maltsberger was congratulated for receiving the Distinguished Career award.

**CRED Survey**

There is a survey on Community Resource Economic Development programming, let Richard know if you’re interested and he’ll send the link. [After the meeting Tish asked Richard for the link to include in the post-meeting email].

**CDS Report**

Sharon reported on the recent Community Development Society Conference in Dubuque. She said it was heavily attended by the North Central states. Next year will be in Lexington, Kentucky, theme will be Creativity and Culture, interesting opportunities for presentations. Thinks Connie and Georgia’s presentation on the online board training would go over well, also local foods work.

**IACD Report**

Sharon also attended the International Association of Community Development Conference, presented on a panel of past CDS presidents. There were 32 countries represented. Different take on the community economic development piece, makes for some interesting presentations.

Sharon is working on a partnership with the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. They’ll be holding a quarterly webinar series, with one theme each year. They’re very interested in some things we’re doing in Missouri. Also looking at establishing an exchange program.

**Bylaw amendment**

Currently our practice is to provide new faculty with their first year’s membership in MACEDEP free, similar to UMEA. However, there is nothing in our bylaws that reflects this. Tish proposed that we amend the bylaws to formalize this practice. There were no dissenting opinions. Tracy asked that the duration of the membership and the operating year be clarified.

**Upcoming Conferences**

Richard encouraged everyone to attend Extension’s annual conference this fall; MACEDEP will hold our annual meeting then. DeNae requested more information on annual conference, Tish said she would respond.

Sharon noted that CDS board and NACDEP board are in discussion for a joint conference in 2017.

**MACEDEP Awards**

MACEDEP awards have changed, Richard will be sending out more information. Our award applications line up with NACDEP, so they can be submitted to the national level. Kudos to Connie and those that got that set up.
Next membership meeting

Next call in September, date and time TBA, to gear up for annual conference. Richard is inviting someone from the Missouri Department of Economic Development will be our guest.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted by Letitia (Tish) Johnson, MACEDEP secretary/treasurer