The Missouri Agriculture Extension Professionals (MAEP) meeting on October 24, 2018 was held at the Missouri Cattlemen’s Association Headquarters Building in Columbia.


Guests present were: Waite Shannon, Irl Shannon, Jesse Shannon, Cindy Downing, Jerry Clark, Chris Chinn, and Jennifer Hartwick.

President Patrick Byers called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. and welcomed the members and guests. Officers, special guests and new members were recognized. Sarah Denkler moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jennifer Lutes seconded, motion passed. Patricia Barrett presented the treasurer’s report. We have 61 active members. The bank balance as of October 29, 2018 is $11,137.09. Zac Erwin moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Darla Campbell seconded, motion passed.

Past president Joni Harper was presented a plaque to acknowledge a job well done during her tenure as president.

Awards committee chair, Tim Schnakenberg, presented the Ag Leadership Award to Chris Chinn, Director of Missouri Department of Agriculture. Joann Pipkin, editor for the Joplin Regional Stockyards Cattlemen’s News also received the Ag Leadership Award but was unable to attend. This award is sponsored by Orscheln Farm and Home, and includes a plaque and a $100 gift card to Orscheln. Distinguished Service Award winner, Brent Carpenter, was unable to attend. Achievement Award winner, Valerie Tate was recognized with a certificate.

Life members who passed away in the last year were honored: Glenn Grimes, Raymond Kimmel, Wendell Roberts, Jim Ross, Owen Fox and Marion Gentry.

Old Business:
The bid to host the 2023 National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC) must be made at the 2019 AM/PIC in Fort Wayne, Indiana in September. The last time it was held in Missouri was 1959. Marshall Stewart, Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement, stated that the leadership team is supportive of MAEP pursuing this endeavor. Sarah Denkler made a motion to proceed with a bid to host the 2023 NACAA AM/PIC in Missouri. Travis Harper seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Hartwick, with the MU Conference Office presented potential location details including St. Charles, Springfield, Branson and the MU Campus in Columbia. A committee including the officer team, Todd Lorenz and
Matt Herring will review locations further, and present options for an electronic vote in the coming months.

The election of officers was held. Joni Harper, past president, presented Donna Aufdenberg and Wyatt Miller as candidates for the three-year term for treasurer. Donna Aufdenberg was elected. Candidates for Secretary, which progresses to president elect, president, and past president, were David Hoffman and Katie Neuner. David Hoffman was elected.

Kate Kammler talked about her trip to the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference in Washington, D.C. Patrick Byers reported that 15 members and 12 guests attended the 2018 NACAA AM/PIC in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Darla Campbell announced the 2018 Communication Award winners included: National Finalist and North Central Regional Finalist Todd Lorenz for an individual newsletter; National Finalist and North Central Regional Finalists David Burton, Patrick Byers, Kelly McGowan, Tim Schnakenberg, Eldon Cole, and Bob Schultheis for a team newsletter; and North Central Regional Finalist David Burton for a bound book.

Travis Harper encouraged members to apply for NACAA professional development scholarships. To be eligible for a $1000 scholarship, members must be vested at the $40 level.

Joni Harper reported on Explore Missouri, which was held in Morgan, Moniteau and Camden counties in June. The tour included stops at Burgers Smokehouse, Central Missouri Produce Auction, Morgan County Seed, Doug Allen Agroforestry Farm, Bagnell Dam and HaHa Tonka State Park.

New Business:
Jerry Clark, NACAA North Central Region Vice-Director from Wisconsin, provided an update from the national association. Connie Strunk, North Central Region Director, sent her regrets, as she was unable to attend. Clark encouraged MAEP to keep life members involved in our activities. He reminded members of opportunities to serve as chairs for NACAA committees.

Rob Kallenbach, Senior Program Director for Agriculture and Environment, commended the group for stepping up to the challenges we have faced. He believes the organization will come out of the experience stronger. He reminded the group of our goal to double the economic impact of agriculture by 2030 while enhancing our natural resources. Soon we will begin to build program and individual plans to accomplish this goal.

Patrick Byers passed the gavel to Kate Kammler, and provided words of encouragement for the 2019 year. Kate recognized Patrick with a plaque for his service as 2018 president.

Karisha Devlin made a motion to adjourn, Sarah Denkler seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:51.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Tate
MAEP Secretary