

**Cooper County Extension Foundation
Organizational Meeting
March 19, 2009
Cooper County Emergency Management Center Meeting Room**

Present: Amanda Cantrell, Lisa Held, Dane Gregg, Jackie Hickam, Ashley Benny and Patrick McNeive. Art Schneider attended as Extension Center liaison.

Absent: Jeannie Anguaoui, Ron Bledsoe, Paul Davis, Dave Day, Dudley Kaiser and Meribeth Long.

7 P.M. Call to Order: Acting Chair Dane Gregg.

Get Acquainted: Participants shared some of their backgrounds.

- Dane is a former Marine who has been to multiple foreign countries and all the states except Hawaii.
- Jackie is originally from St. Joseph and has seven great grandchildren and is former chair of the Extension Council.
- Lisa is originally from St. Louis and graduated from M.U. She has been a teacher with the Boonville Correctional Center for 14 years.
- Amanda has a five-year-old and will have an addition to the family this coming year. She has a business in Prairie Home.
- Ashley is a fifth generation Cooper Countian. She volunteers as a softball and basketball coach, recently married and now lives in Otterville.
- Patrick has been in the banking business for 29 years, has grown children and remarried a year ago and now has several step-grandchildren.
- Art is a St. Louis native and has been with Extension 29 years.

The Beginning to Now: Dane overviewed the efforts that have been made to establish the Educational Resource and Innovation Center (ERIC) building to stimulate economic development and technology locally.

Purpose of the Foundation: Dane noted that the foundation is a separate entity from the Extension Council with the objective of supporting Extension outreach. Art added that the foundation is a key component in long-term planning that includes facilities, programming and staffing. He said when ERIC becomes a reality, it will generate a need for additional staff. He said that as county program director his hope is that some day, through the foundation, the Extension program in Cooper County would be fully funded without a need for County Commission support.

Election of Officers:

It was noted that the by-laws provide for board membership terms by the calendar year and office terms from March annual meeting to March annual meeting.

Dane asked for nomination of officers:

- President: Dane was nominated by Lisa.
- Vice President: Dudley Kaiser was nominated by Dane.
- Secretary: Lisa was nominated by Jackie.
- Treasurer: Patrick was nominated by Ashley.

Jackie moved that nominations cease and those nominated be approved, seconded by Patrick. Motion passed.

Committee Appointment/Election: The president is an ex officio member of each committee except Nominations.

- **Publicity/Public Relations**
 - Ashley Benny, Meribeth Long, Lisa Held and Amanda Cantrell were nominated with Ashley to chair. Board approved
- **Nominations**
 - Lisa Held, Jackie Hickam and Dave Day with Jackie to chair. Board approved.
- **Finance, Gifts and Endowment**
 - Patrick McNeive, Ron Bledsoe, Jeanne Anguaoui and Dudley Kaiser with Dudley to chair. Board approved.

Process of Not-For-Profit Filings: Art reported that following the meeting three of the newly elected officers would sign the application for a not-for-profit. Once that status is approved an application will e-filed for an Employer Identification Number so a bank account may be opened. Then application would be made for 501c3 status. He estimated it would be near the end of May before the 501c3 application would be filed. It takes six to eight months after filing before one learns the status.

Next Meetings:

- Members agreed the next board meeting to take place at 6 p.m., May 13, in the Emergency Operations Center meeting room.
- The Finance, Gifts and Endowment Committee will meet at 7 p.m., April 30, in the Emergency Operations Center meeting room.
- The Publicity/Public Relations Committee will meet at 6 p.m., April 23, at Amanda's Place (the business) in Prairie Home.

4-H Membership on Foundation: Lisa asked about a 4-H request to have representation on the foundation. After brief discussion it was decided to table the issue until the May meeting. It would require a change in the by-laws.