

Cooper County Extension Council Foundation
June 9, 2009

Dane Gregg called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Members present: Paul Davis, Patrick McNeive, Dane Gregg, Jackie Hickam, Art Schneider, Dave day, Ashley Benny, Amanda Cantrell, and Dudley Kaiser. Ron Bledsoe and Lisa Held arrived later.

March minutes were approved as read. Dudley moved to accept, Patrick seconded.
Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Publicity Committee report:

Ashley: Publicity meeting was held 4/23 at Amanda's in PH. General Information was given on what events they were planning to attend. They still needed dates for Tipton Fair, Moniteau County Fair, Boone County Fair and Fayette Freeze Off.

Quotes were received on banners, but we're waiting on approval from the finance committee to order. A logo for the banner and maybe shirts is in the works.

They are trying to get a hold of Todd Lorenz for current flyers to see if they need anything.

We haven't heard about the blog status from Lisa, but we do have a website:
www.mo-river.net/foundation.

There is a letter in progress for CPA's and investment firms, but hadn't finished because of some questions.

Ashley will contact publicity committee via email to set up a meeting or to discuss.

Finance Committee report:

Dudley: The committee met, filled out forms for Tax exempt status, proposed budget, outlined in e-mail. There was a mistake on the 2010 Line 8 addition. With the correction, Patrick moved to except the budget with the correction, Amanda second, it passed.

Dudley went on to inform that several interested parties are applying for grants for the ERIC building including Chris Holliday and Ron Phillips. Both are looking toward federal funding for Green buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of interest policy-Art update:

We had to add the conflict of interest policy declaring that if a board member has any contacts with an entity that has association, he/she must declare and abstain from voting. Paul moved to accept, Dudley second. Passed.

In order for the ERIC Committee to be part of the foundation, the by-laws would need to be amended (Article 4 section 4)

Discussion: Dane stated that the ERIC committee is part of the County extension and it needs to be moved to the foundation. Art stated that the extension council will need to appoint numbers (of members). This was tabled for more information.

4-H Council Representative(s)

Discussion: 4-H has approached the extension council to start their own foundation for same non-profit as ERIC and safe keeping.

The 4-H is trying to raise enough money to start a foundation to move the Youth Specialist position from ½ time to ¾ time which would cost – with benefits – \$6,000 to \$10,000 annually. It was suggested to amend the charter to include the 4-H, but Art said that the Charter already mentions expansion of extension groups. The by-laws states that they money can be earmarked. In order to amend the bylaws, a 10 day notice with a ¾ vote would need to take place (Art). Patrick stated that the mission statement has little to do with adding a 4-H seat to the foundation.

The question was raised whether money could be put into foundation or taken out of with or without a board meeting and what would be the added benefits for the 4-H. Art stated that there may be more grant money available since the 501 c3 status

It was suggested to add “include programs such as 4-H” to the bylaws, but after a discussion, it was decided that programs are mentioned throughout the document – which would include the 4-H.

It was suggested that we invite them to talk to us, to come to a meeting. Paul suggested giving them a special invitation to attend the next meeting. They would be encouraged to read the by-laws prior, so that they will know what it’s about.

Dane will send them a letter. Ashley moved to close discussion. Dane seconded.

Dates of Foundation meeting:

The Foundation meetings will be the same nights as the Extension council meetings at 6:00 p.m. in the 911 center. No further discussion, Lisa motioned, and Dudley seconded, passed. The next meeting will be July 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

501c3:

Submission of the forms were put on hold until the decisions have been made about the 4-H. Everything is ready to go, except for signatures. Amanda made a motion to complete the forms, and Jackie seconded. All are in favor.

Addition to By-laws

The terms “land and building” were added to the bylaws (see Article 2). Patrick motioned to accept the change, Ron seconded. All are in favor, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 pm