

Cooper County Extension Foundation Meeting September 8, 2009

Dane Gregg called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present: Dane Gregg, Lisa Held, David Day, Amanda Cantrell, Patrick McNeive, Dudley Kaiser, Ron Bledsoe, Paul Davis and Extension Center liaison Art Schneider,

July Minutes: Change - Dudley will meet with 4-H not Dane. Paul motions to accept, Amanda seconded, voted on passed.

Publicity Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Finance Committee report: Dudley Kaiser -- At the last joint meeting, Ronn Phillips was here. Dudley stated there's a gentleman in his home town that does grant writing. He contacted the man but the grant writer said he's not the person to help us. We're considering looking for someone more fitting to write a grant. We need to decide what direction we're going to that we can start writing grants as soon as possible. Discussion:

Extension council can accept funds

If the grant doesn't need 5013c, it can be applied for.

Dane is on the board of trustees for Village of Winsor. He has heard that Ronn Phillips has written grants and gotten several investors.

Art will notify Ronn and let them know that the foundation needs to be communicated with.

Dudley feels a little lost because we're not sure what VOW is doing...Should the foundation be a part of VOW? Lisa will contact her coworker about a possible grant writer.

ERIC as a Committee of the Foundation: Would need to amend by-laws Article 4 Section 4 below. A motion was made by Dudley and Patrick seconded. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

Staffing Booth at Festival of Lights September 24: There was a huge crowd for opening night. Would anyone like to volunteer? There will be a "Safe room" for viewing which might draw attention. (A "Safe Room" is a place for people to go in case of tornado or emergency.) Lisa, Amanda, and Dudley will be there. We also need to pass out census brochures. As a motivation for people to be informed and complete the census, the radio station will be giving away coffee mugs 40 weekdays prior to April 1 if the Extension Center grant proposal is accepted by the Census Bureau. NOTE: The radio station will be asking questions about the Census as a contest.

Logo for Foundation? Ashley has been working on that. Art suggested creating a banner on PowerPoint. It will cost \$10/quare ft. with a foam back, and \$13/square foot thick vinyl - 3 x 4 size for \$129 (at University Discount/Fex Ex) It has brackets so that it can be hung. Amanda will ask Ashley about it. Can the publicity committee approve logo and create a banner (no more \$150)? Patrick motioned to allow the publicity committee to get a banner; Dudley seconded. It was voted on and passed.

The Extension Council Approved Transferring the ERIC Committee to the Foundation at Its July Meeting: Here are the minutes from the council meeting:

ERIC Committee: "At this time, four of the 10 members are from the council – Debby, Dane, Jeannie and Dudley.

Discussion: Questioned about abolishing vs. sever since the foundation is established, the foundation would absorb the ERIC committee. Current members would still be on the committee even though they are not on the foundation board. Lisa Held motioned to accept, Dane Gregg seconded. Motion voted on, passed unanimously."

4-H Council representative(s) on Extension Foundation Board

The board tabled this.

Here is what was on foundation agenda in July and postponed until the Extension Council action:

Article IV

Officers

Section 4.

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[PROPOSED NEW]

Article IV

Officers AND COMMITTEES

Section 4.

The President may appoint chairpersons of standing and ad-hoc committees. The three FOUR standing committees shall be Publicity/Public Relations, Nominations, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE AND INNOVATION CENTER (ERIC) and Finance, Gifts and Endowments. Other standing or ad-hoc committees shall be formed as deemed necessary, with the approval of the full Board. COMMITTEE TERMS SHALL BE FOR ____ (length)_____.

The foundation might wish to designate that four members of ERIC be from the Extension Council in the by laws at the end of Article IV Section 4 e.g.:

Four of the ERIC Committee members shall be members of the Cooper County Extension Council at the time of their appointment.

The by-laws do not specify length of committee term. As the by-laws provide for the president appointing committee members , it may be advisable for the foundation to include a line (IN ALL CAPS ADDED TO FIRST PARAGRAPH OF Section 4 on length of committee appointment.

4-H Council Representative(s) on Extension Foundation Board

Dudley attended meeting. It had been 8 years since someone from the Extension Council had attended. Dudley went back historically and apologized for lack of communication. The 4-H rep from Boone County was open to the $\frac{3}{4}$ time position for Youth Specialist. Although there is money earmarked for 4-H, they had fears about losing their money. They talked for an hour, and Dudley thanked them, and wished they would reconsider. They stated it would be tabled until next meeting which was scheduled for tonight. According to Art, they are going to go with their own foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for 11/10/09 at 6 p.m.