

Minutes

The University of Missouri Extension Council of Platte County

September 9, 2024

The regular meeting of the University of Missouri Extension Council of Platte County was called to order at 6:04 by Chair Eric Bradley.

Members Present: Eric Bradley, Matt Burris, Tiffany Burris, Jim Depriest, Cierra Halbirt, Sharon Warren, Chris Kempke

Members Absent: Valarie McCraw, Joe Vanover

Staff Present: GK Callahan, Marilyn Whitacre

Matt Pezold, Elizabeth McGinley, Lindsay Tarasovic, Elena Stevenson, Justin Strickland

Marster Gardener: Carolyn Vellar

Minutes: The minutes from the August meeting had a motion to approve by Chris and was seconded by Sharon.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was adopted as submitted.

Carry Over Business & New Business:

- We are moving forward with the green house, but the school board still must approve the contract. We have 11 members signed up for the master gardener class.
- Dorothy Day Cabin could be used for a spooky night on either October 26th or October 19th. Face painting, bounce houses, story tellers, would be great for kids during the day and then it can switch to scarier events at night for older kids. Sharon motions to donate 1000 dollars to the spooky night at Dorothy Day Cabin. Chris seconds this motion and the motion passed.
- Eric spoke on the budget, and it has been submitted. We requested an increase this year because we have increased our programming. We asked for 45 thousand dollars based on the amount we are planning on spending. Discussion was held in reference to hiring a YPA to support the 4-H Field Specialist and YDE. Salary would be split between Platte County and Campus with a salary of \$20.00/hr. The library has been happy with our programming and would like for us to get more involved.

Staff Reports & Regional Updates:

- Justin Strickland talked about his partnership with the Northland Career Center. They are working with the robotics program and took some of the robots to Pathfinder to get more kids involved. Justin is hoping to grow more partnerships with Clay County school districts. Activated the Dorothy Day Cabin over the summer by having a photography camp. They took photos of nature and are considering doing a family night for community members. They look forward to taking holiday photos later this year.

- Lindsey is working on a back-to-school health fair and has hosted a national extension leadership program in Kansas City. Lindsey is also very involved in a tax program. This program is available from the first of January through the end of April to help individuals file their taxes. They will continue to assist the community through October for late files or individuals who need to file their prior year taxes. MU Extension does provide training to the 180-200 volunteers. Among volunteers we also need site coordinators that will attend monthly meetings with check-ins on each site. Sites require a large room, Wi-Fi, a coordinator, volunteers, partnership with the residential building, and computers if able. Our goal is to assist 5000 people file their taxes and this past year we assisted 4746 tax returns.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt at 7:22 PM and Sharon seconded.

Submitted by,

Cierra Halbirt, Secretary