

Lexington County Advisory Council Meeting
Lexington County Auxillary Building Auditorium
January 24, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Present: Haley, Mark and Anne Bishop, Luther Kneece, Fae Herbert, Tommy Harman, Dot Tunstall, Trent Porth, Wes Stillinger, Dale Morrow, Lisa Thornbury, Chris Rawl, Rhett Bickley, Allison Caldwell Barbara Salley, Catherine Porth, Betty Buff, Britte Poole, Frank Stover,
Staff Attending: Barbara Lupo, John Oxner, Powell Smith, Monica Miller, Paulette Gay, Linda Kelly, Bonnie Anderson

Fae Herbert, Chair welcomed committee members and extended a special welcome to new members.

Presentation by Haley Bishop, 4-H Member of Chapin Ride With Pride 4-H Club

Luther Kneece introduced the following new committee members:

Legislative Committee: Betty Buff, Cathie McCarley

Marketing Committee: Allison Caldwell, Emily Leaphart, Britte Poole, Frank Stover

Research and Development Committee: Rhett Bickley, Trent Porth

State Extension Representative: Dorothy Tunstall, FCL, Herb Bunch FCL Club, 4-H2o

Fae Herbert - Minutes from July meeting reviewed

Committee Reports:

Marketing and Public Relations Committee Report by Tommy Harman

- Electronic mailing list has begun
- Auxillary Building Signage, needs to be bigger, bolder
Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator to get back to the committee.
- Brocuherers being used.
- Extension to take advantage...promoting Extension any and everywhere.

Research and Program Development Committee Report by Wes Stillinger

Thanked all committee members for their cooperation and serving on the committee. A special thanks to Lisa Thornbury as Recorder. Expressed to Dr. Powell Smith that it was a pleasure to work with him and that he appreciated his support.

Goals:

Consumer Horticulture Agent is needed badly; Website links; Better fertilizer information; partner with companies to improve outreach to landscape professionals; Sustainable environment information training needed for landscape professionals and others.

Research...alternative fertilizer (particularly using legumes for N) due to high prices;

Guide for chemical recommendations for row crops from Clemson.

Community Development – meet local farmers –have local farmers market

Stop mass destruction of trees; need to stop dropout rate; reduce pollution in

Water bodies...runoff; Have visible presence at festivals, parades, etc.

Foods & Nutrition...Educate consumers on how to use local produce

4-H should partner with “Landscape for Learning” .

Legislative Advocacy Committee Report by Catherine Porth

- What can Extension do for Lexington County in meeting the needs of the community.
- Make contacts as needed to Legislators.
- Committee Recognizes SC Farm Bureau as being very supportive of Extension
- Support Ag research, Forestry and the Wetlands

Barbara Lupo:

Appreciated the Committee reports, accomplishments, and ideas. Some goals we will have work on and some we are still working on. Enjoyed working with committee members. Last year was first year of the Advisory Council. We feel we can accomplish more with having the committees. Extended thanks to Dot Tunstall for serving as State Extension Representative. John Oxner is our new Lead Agent in Lexington. She will be helping with the election of officers.

John Oxner:

Thanked Barbara for getting Lexington Committee up and running. For many years, it was a “show and tell”. This committee is working on needed issues.

Council nominated Fae Herbert for Chair, Luther Kneece for Vice-Chair of the Nomination Committee. Wes Stillinger made a motion; Catherine Porth seconded.

Motion was acceptednone opposed.

Committee met to elect Chair, Vice Chair, (co-Chair) and Recorder and date of next Committee meeting.

Research – Chris Rawl- Chair; Lisa Thornbury-recorder – Next Meeting: April 8, 7pm

Marketing – Britte Poole, Allison Caldwell Co-Chairs – Next Meeting: March 27, 6 pm

Legislative - Katherine Porth and Betty Buff volunteered to chair. With no volunteers to act as a recorder Monica Miller agreed to hold that position for the Committee. Next meeting: Feb 12, 4 pm,

PSA funding in Legislature this year: Executive budget by the Governor shows PSA reduction by over 9 million dollars. We'll have to work to get that taken care. Emails will be sent from John re: budget and contact info.

Administration contacted him about Lead Agent position...Clemson has 4-H Agents in 9 counties. He will be working with county, local school districts, and non-profit agencies to secure a 4-H Agent in Lexington County.

Clemson has offered a 1/3 Commercial Horticulture Agent position to be shared with Richland/Lexington.

These are two possible Agent positions we will work to get. Committee members may be asked to talk to their Legislators.

John thanked Linda, Bonnie and Paulette for their support and preparation in setting up for the Lexington County Advisory meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.