

STATE EXTENSION MEETING

MARCH 5 & 6, 2013

State Extension Delegates met at the Embassy Suits in Lexington, Kentucky on March 5th and 6th, 2013.

Rhonda Brashear, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone, thanked them for their attendance and gave some housekeeping information.

Rhonda Brashear, President, introduced the Executive Committee, Jim Costigan, Vice President and Patsy Kinman, Secretary.

Rhonda Brashear, President, introduced Dr. Tanya Dvorak, Staff Development Specialist in the Department of Community and Leadership Development.

Dr. Dvorak gave an overview of the duties and expectations of a State Extension Council Member. She told how important they were to Extension, gave them the mission statement. She explained that their term would be for 3 years and could be repeated for an additional 3 years. She stated that they were the communication between counties and the state council and Extension administration. Their duties were to reach out to others in training and communication as to what Extension stands for and how it could help them in their daily lives.

Dr. Dvorak explained that serving on the State Extension Council gave them an opportunity to meet new friends and have a part in the planning process for programs. She gave suggestions on introducing a new agent in their county and gave some suggestion for introducing them to their community.

Rhonda Brashear, asked delegates to introduce themselves and tell how they were connected with Extension. Each delegate brought an item to represent their county to be used as a door prize and marked their county on the map.

Dr. Julie Zimmerman, Associate Professor in Rural Sociology, gave an overview of the changes in Extension and how this would affect future programs. She gave projections on population increase and how it would affect communities.

Meeting was adjourned.

Awards Banquet:

Rhonda Brashear called the meeting to order and welcomed all delegates and guests.

Patsy Kinman gave the Thought for the Day on "Volunteers" and how important they were to their county and state.

Dr. Scott Smith, Dean of the College of Agriculture stated that he would be retiring this year. He complimented that everyone had done a great job. He announced additional cuts due to the new federal budget, and explained how programs had become more diversified since he had become Dean. He stated that we had made great accomplishments in nutrition and the equine program was growing. He further stated that the College of Agriculture had 13% minority students and 60% of the students were female.

Dean Smith stated that the College of Agriculture had come a long way in improving programs provided to the counties and stated how important the State Extension Council was in making this happen.

Dr. Javiette Samual, Associate Extension Administrator and Associate Professor, Kentucky State University, brought greetings from KSU in the absence of Dr. Teferi Tsegaye. She told about new programs being offered at KSU and how they worked together with Extension and what they hoped to accomplish in the future.

Karen Ramage presented Mercer County with the Randall Barnett Outstanding Council Award for their program on Leadership Appreciation.

Dr. Quentin Tyler presented the Diversity Awards. They went to Christian County 4-H for their Junior Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences Program and to Todd County.

Dr. Jimmy Henning recognized Dean Smith, and presented him with gifts to help with his retirement.

Door Prizes given.

Meeting adjourned.

March 6th, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Jim Costigan, Vice President.

Gae Broadwater explained the importance of Personal Networking. She gave an overview of Networking, how it worked, what the benefits were and why it was necessary for all counties. She further explained how networking worked, how you could use it to gain resources needed in their personal lives that could give great results in their futures, as well as the future of their programs.

She explained that it was a great way to make friends, obtain resources for programs that needed to be taught in their community and how it could change a person's life.

Door Prizes were given.

Business Meeting:

Rhonda Brashear called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve minutes as published was approved.

Reports were given by the following:

Dr. Henning gave an overview of the new agent hiring process, how it would affect the counties and that they did want input from the counties, but the University would have the final say.

Pam Sigler gave the benefits of marketing Extension and gave ways in which counties could market their programs. She showed videos on how this had been done and made suggestions of using many different areas in making a video to be used in our counties.

Karen Ramage gave an overview of House Bill 1 and how it affected Extension and how important that everyone should continue to publish their financial records, present budgets and tax rates to their fiscal court for approval.

Rhonda Brashear called for any old business. No old business was brought before the group.

New Business:

Rhonda Brashear stated that we needed a date, time and place for the summer meeting. It was decided that Bardstown/ Nelson County/Washington County would be good places and they would check availability of meeting accommodations. Karen Ramage would send out a survey as to the date. It was suggested that September would be a good date.

Rhonda Brashear appointed: Harlene Welch, Harrison County, James Peden, Henderson County, and Denise Hoffman, Owsley County, to the nominating committee to bring names for the new officers to the summer meeting for the upcoming year.

Rhonda Brasher gave information on where the District meetings would be held.

Door prizes were given.

Meeting adjourned.

Patsy Kinman, Secretary, called the meeting to Order and introduced Dr. Javiette Samuel, who brought greeting from Kentucky State University. She explained how they were working with UK Extension and the programs being offered. She also told how they were working together to place temporary employees in offices that needed assistance.

Patsy Kinman introduced Dr. Henning who gave comments on programs from the University stating that Dean Smith was retiring and that they had appointed a new hiring committee to start the hiring process and everyone would be kept up to date on how the search for a new dean was progressing.

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Costigan, Vice President, introduced Marshall Stewart, Special Assistant to the Dean and Associate Director for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

Marshall Stewart explained how important that it was to tell the story of Extension, be an advocate, and how timing was important. He gave examples of how we could approach our legislatures to obtain the support for our programs. He explained that timing was a big factor and gave us rules to follow in trying to gain support.

Door prizes were given.

Individual District meetings were held.

Dinner was served and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Kinman, Secretary