

# Powhatan Extension Leadership Council (ELC)

Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2014

Meeting held in the Powhatan Village Building Downstairs Conference Room

Members present: Johns Bailey, Keith Burgess, Rachel Grosse, Tony Hackenberg, Cathy Howland, Fran McCreight, Bill Swanson, Winfred Taylor and Allison Walters.

**Reading of the Minutes:** Meeting minutes were approved with no changes or additions.

**ELC Treasurer's Report:** Tony reported that here was a beginning checking balance of \$2,211.15 as of August 31, 2014. Interest received during this quarter totaled \$1.64. No disbursements were made during this quarter. The new balance is now \$2,212.79.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**State Budget – Agency 229:** Cathy reported that Extension Agencies will not be affected; there will be no cuts for our agency. An updated/current annual report was provided during this meeting.

The Powhatan County Budget amount is still unknown at this time.

**Fiber Festival/Pork Loin Fundraiser:** Rachel asked the council to decide what type of presence we will have at the upcoming Fiber Festival to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The council reviewed finances and determined we didn't need the additional funds. Therefore, the Extension Office will have a presence only (information booth) at the Festival; we will not be selling the Lamb BBQ or any other food there this year. The ELC also discussed whether to have the Pork Loin Fundraiser or not. The vote was a unanimous "Yes" to have this fundraiser. The pick-up date will be Friday, April 3, 2015 (the Friday before Easter Sunday). Johns will see about reserving the pavilion at Red Lane Baptist Church for our use that day. The work crew for this event will be Johns, Frankie, Bill and Fran. Last year's flyer will need to be updated for this event.

**Statewide ELC Meeting:** Tony shared the highlights from these meetings with the council. In June, he saw a video conference of Dr. Marshall Stewart. The main topic was that it comes down to keeping it at a local level. In October they met in Blacksburg to discuss the Three Pillars/Principles of Economy, Education and Community. It was also mentioned that politicians listen to volunteers more than to staff. Other items to note were: try to have each County's ELC submit one grant/award every year; have a diverse group representing the ELC (possible additions of Head Start rep., Farm Bureau rep. and possibly one youth rep.)

*Please note: Tony has three pages of notes available for more information if anyone would like a copy.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Volunteer Recognition Dinner Recap:** Johns thought the dinner went very well. Lonnie Johnson, our guest speaker, enjoyed himself. There were about 80-85 people in attendance, with plenty of food for all.

**Staffing Needs – UAA/FCS:** Johns will contact Pat Weiler, County Administrator to discuss the FT - UAA Position needed. He will also contact Carson Tucker, BOS Chairman, to ask if he will draft a letter in support of this effort. Cathy has a meeting with Pat this Wednesday and will mention the FT position as well. The council also discussed asking for the PT - FCS Position to be reinstated. This part time position could possibly be split with another county as needed to make it a full time opportunity.

**2013/2014 ELC Program Award:** Cathy said that there is still \$500 left to spend on the programming award. The council discussed what to do with these additional funds. The ELC voted to purchase another projector for the specific use of Extension volunteers. Cathy will check with Lori Greiner, Tony will check with a friend of his, to determine what a good brand would be to purchase. Bill made a motion to use the remaining \$500 for the purchase of a new projector; Keith seconded this motion. The ELC general fund and the GPMGA (pending their approval) will cover the difference if more than \$500. In the meantime, Bill offered to clean the current projector and its lens since it is dusty.

### **Programming Reports:**

{MSWCD} Keith Burgess reported that all \$180,000 has been spent for fencing the livestock out of streams. There is 100% funding available for this project to any farmer in need. Anyone interested in this program needs to contact MSWCD by June 1, 2015. MSWCD is also working on in-school programming at this time.

{Master Gardeners} Bill Swanson reported that seven people have registered and paid for the 2015 MG training class. Also, the 2015 Spring Garden Fest (to be held on April 25, 2015) will have an electronic registration option using PayPal. There is a 3% charge to the organization to do this.

{ANR} Separate report given.

{FCS} No agent. Cathy reported that the Amelia County FCS has been holding a monthly Diabetes Clinic in the PVB conference room. There were 17 Participants last month. These clinics will be held monthly through March 2015.

{4-H} Separate report given.

**ELC Member Comments:** The 2015 PLI Class is starting soon. Rachel will be helping out this year. The council discussed offering the AG Video or informational Extension CD with the PLI Binder given out to participants. Also, the February Maker Space Festival will be held at the Powhatan Public Library with 4H Maker Specialist, Paul Lambert, helping to facilitate.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Private Pesticide Applicator Training	during the winter months
Wreath Making Workshop	Tuesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> from 10 am – noon
Nutrient Management Class	Tuesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> from 9 am – 2:30 pm
Cook Smart, Eat Smart	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> from 3:15-5:30 pm
Maker Space Festival	Saturday, February 21st

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Quarterly ELC Meeting: Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 8:00 am.