

Date: November 16, 2005

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Place: MSU Extension Bay County, Third Floor, Large Conference Room

Members Present:

Philip Engelhardt	Marybeth Laisure	Elaine Sobieray
George Heron	Lyle LeCronier	Chris Wazny
Jeff Histed	Delicia Newman	Barb Wishowski
Robert Kernstock	Douglas Rise	

Members Excused:

Dennis Curtis	Kari Gulvas	Ray VanDreissche
Joyce Gavord	Bill Palmer	

Others Present:

Ann Arnold, FCS Extension Educator
Judy Delestowicz, Administrative Assistant
Margaret Ervin, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Kari Holsworth, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor
Jan Rise, Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator
Howard Wetters, County Extension Director

INFORMATION PRESENTED AND DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Chair Doug Rise started the business meeting at 5:15 p.m. A council membership tenure list was handed out by Howie Wetters, County Extension director, on their individual, staggered term assignment as a follow up from the September meeting. Minutes of the September 21, 2005, meeting was reviewed and approved. There were no additional items to the agenda by Council members. At 5:20 p.m. the meeting was turned over to Margaret Ervin and Kari Holsworth, MSUE breastfeeding peer counselors, whom gave a presentation on MSUE Bay County's breastfeeding program. Ms. Ervin and Ms. Holsworth shared the overall benefits of breastfeeding for both babies and mothers and demonstrated the economical advantages in breastfeeding to the family and employer. Funding and marketing, client obligations in referrals and direct services, health service providers and community partnership mechanisms were also presented. The goal: healthier babies.

At 5:45 p.m. Chair Rise returned the meeting back to regular business. Under old business, Mr. Wetters provided Council with several hand outs on MSU Extension's civil rights compliance modules. He updated Council on staff's efforts to create an action plan and their work on developing community outreach methods to meet campus' compliance requirement expectations. Mr. Wetters asked Council to participate in the near future with their input on MSU Extension's identified key objectives (gold handout with EIS title) in upcoming meetings.

The bylaws revision copy, which was approved at the September 2005 meeting, was provided (handout for member notebook). Mr. Wetters stated that the bylaws will also be downloadable via the MSU Extension Bay County Web page. Discussion centered around meeting dates for new year. It was agreed to meet on the third Wednesday of the month stated in the bylaws of January, March, May, August, September, and November. Mr. Wetters asked Council to consider meeting an additional evening in February to discuss civil rights goals and objectives. Meeting dates were set for 2006 as set forth in the bylaws on the third Wednesday of the month, with a tentative date for the same in February, if needed for input on key objectives for setting MSUE research program priorities.

Chair Rise made sure all members had a copy for their Council notebooks (purple handout) of the list of tenure of membership. Those members present accepted the list without a motion.

Mr. Rise moved into the new business agenda items. Mr. Wetters asked members to do a online survey for state-wide educational program goals setting. Campus has identified Extension council's input; therefore, he asked all to take the time to complete the survey {<http://eisevaluation.msue.msu.edu/needassessment/survey.cfm>}. Results from the assessment process will be provided in winter 2006.

Mr. Wetters and attending MSU Extension educator staff shared with council current program activity in their respective areas:

Mr. Wetters informed Council that the ANR Extension educator, John Burk, resigned his position in October. Mr. Burk will be working on a contractual basis to complete the seed plot work and other agriculture projects, like the pesticide educational programs that are scheduled in early 2006. Mr. Wetters will fill in for the day-to-day agriculture questions when needed. Mr. Wetters explained the process he is undertaking in getting a full-time ANR Extension educator funded, maybe a county-shared position with Arenac. He asked for input from Council in filling this position, and will look to Council to participate in the interview process. The results for the crop plots will be published in the upcoming ANR newsletter. Mr. Wetters expressed his appreciation for Mr. Burk's hard work during his eight years with MSU Extension Bay County.

Mr. Wetters provided the status on the Parent Connect and Successful Futures program. Three program assistants have been hired to delivery Parent Connect programming; the goal is to move the part-time program assistants to part-time Extension educators. All federal, state, and local grants that support the Successful Futures program have been renewed for the 2005-2006. Successful Futures held a community rummage sale this November at the Bay County Community Center. Items sold were furniture, housewares, and clothing items that were donated by the community for the use of Successful Futures clients. Those items that were not sold that day were, in turn, donated to the Salvation Army and Goodwill. The monies raised

will go for diapers and other emergency needs items for clients in the Successful Futures program.

Ann Arnold, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension educator, highlighted Family and Consumer Science (FCS) program activity over the last few months for Council relative to school programming and home visits for nutrition, breastfeeding, and parenting. A Phase II Better Kid Care (BKC) held in November was so well received that at least half of the participants are seriously looking at opening a day care. MSU Extension Bay County continues to bring new programs to clients in our area. Fantastic Food Challenge is a nutrition program that incorporates elements like client interviews and games, and includes a \$40 gift card incentive to participants that complete the program. Under Building Strong Families (BSF) programming, staff is working with campus on a pilot program for families with children aged 3-5 years with emphasis on a literacy, which includes a \$50 incentive at completion. Ms. Arnold notes that in addition to the education the families receive, the incentives enhance family and local incomes. Mr. Wetters added that direct-delivery programs like these are an example of how MSU Extension makes the connection between campus and clients -- it's what Extension's mission is all about. He acknowledged that because of Ms. Arnold and staff's positive programming efforts MSUE Bay is often sought upon by campus to implement pilot programs, which benefits our residents.

Jodi Schulz, 4-H Youth Development Extension educator shared with Council a scrap book on the 4-H barn mural collaboration project that was completed before fair. Ms. Rose Licavoli, a 4-Her, prepared this extensive memory book as part of her duties as reporter/historian on the project. Ms. Schulz also identified several barn improvements and reported that 4-H Council recently reviewed and passed their bylaws. A wreath sale 4-H club fundraiser is now going (handout) till December; proceeds to benefit the Shaggy Spring Fling horse show in the spring. Kid Kare Night and a 4-H youth dance are scheduled in December. The annual spaghetti dinner 4-H fundraiser will be held on February 16, 2006. Also coming up in February is the annual recognition awards banquets for youth and leaders. Ms. Schulz invited Extension Council to attend both banquets--invitations will be mailed. 4-H staff are working with Washington Elementary school in Bay City to deliver Character Counts programming for its kindergarten students. The plan is to move through the grades as kids grow to see if the lessons learned from this character building program help aid to lower disciplining. 4-H staff are also working with Bay Area Public School Academy to deliver programming on tobacco, nutrition, science, and Character Counts.

Judy Delestowicz provided the programming update for Master Gardener Volunteer Program coordinator, Jan Rise, who had to leave the meeting early because of a prior commitment. Another Master Gardener core training is scheduled for February 21 through May 23, 2006. Applications and press release go out this week. Most planting or "hands on" projects are done for the season. Another "Ask the Master Gardener" question table was set up at the Sage Library in Bay City. This educational project ran for six weeks in the evenings and was handled by several Master Gardner volunteers.

A Citizen Planner training is planned for January and will be held at the Pinconning Library. Mr. Wetters described this MSU Extension certification program that is geared toward educating local planning commissions and zoning boards on land use decision making. 2006. This seven-week training session is a joint effort between Arenac, Bay, and Gladwin MSU Extension offices. Citizens Corps and emergency management training manuals are being put together to support a CERT training scheduled for January. Other trainings for local citizens volunteers, municipality leaders, and emergency service providers are on track for delivery. While MSU Extension does not provide the teaching component, we are providing facilitation, computer support, and manuals. Mr. Wetters said another Michigan Sea Grant educational program specific to Saginaw Bay wetlands for shoreline residents is being planned for February 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN

- It was moved, supported, and carried to approve the September 21, 2005, meeting minutes.
- It was moved, supported, and carried to meet in 2006 pursuant to the bylaws in January, March, May, August, September, and November, with a hold on an additional meeting date for February, on the third Wednesday of that month.
- It was moved, supported, and carried to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

WHAT'S NEXT AND FOLLOW UP

- Annual election of officers: chair, vice chair, and secretary
- Research priorities and program setting input

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, January 18, 2006**, at 5:15 p.m., at MSU Extension Bay County, 3rd Floor, Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

Extension Council 2006 meeting schedule, Wednesday evenings at 5:15p.m.:

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| - January 18 | - August (during 4-H fair week, TBA) |
| - February 15 (tentative) | - September 20 |
| - March 15 | - November 15 |
| - May 17 | |

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