

Monday, April 7th, 2025 1:00 PM
Ag Extension Office, 2nd Floor
1281 Murfreesboro Pike

Members Present: Mr. Jim Barnes, Ms. Gigi Drumright and Joan Clayton-Davis

Members Absent: Barbara Devaney, Mac Wilson

Open-call to order- Ms. Davis called the meeting to order as there was a quorum. Ms. Drumright made a motion and Ms. Davis seconded. Joan Clayton-Davis volunteers to be the chair of the board for this meeting.

Reading and approval of previous minutes- Joan Clayton-Davis

Motion to read the minutes- Gigi Drumright seconds.

Joan Clayton-Davis right motions to approve minutes, Gigi Drumright seconds

Quorum voted to approve minutes.

Officer report- Ms. Davis motions the vote for Amy Dunlap Deputy Director position. Ms. Drumright made motion to approve. Mr. Barnes seconds the motion. The motion is approved. Vote was passed at 1:23pm.

Board Update- Andy has found out that the process is through the vice mayor for the new Ag Board vacancy. She is looking for a female member and Andy thought a homeschool 4-H parent would be best to fill that role. Andy will have a form on the metro website if anyone is interested. It is up to the mayor for the Chair position. Andy thought a male would be best for that position. Andy would like to create a handbook for each member's role and would like that created by the next ag board meeting.

Budget Update- Andy has three changes for the budget. The rent for the office space is covered by Metro. Metro has required us to have a salary savings. We required to reduce the salary by \$6,000. In January Andy has put in a metro funded position for 4-H. It is up to the mayor to vote on the 3 updates.

Extension Program Updates:

Amy Dunlap

- Has been very busy with this year's master gardener class. She will wrap it up next month with 30 interns graduate. She will be hosting May 10th from 9am-11am a TN Smart Yards. The event is informal and hopes to get the word out for the event. She has been working to create more Urban Gardening curriculum. She was a co-author on a publication series. It will be the first week in May on Tuesdays via Zoom and free. The Zoom's will last around a hour at 11:30am CT.

Dan Harrell

- Has been active with the community gardens at schools. Harvesting Hands is a non-profit group and Dan has been helping them. Dan was able to get them \$2,000 through Farm Bureau.

Cheryl Johnson

- Is ready to start back with her senior sites and will work with 2 new ones soon. She still works with Fifty Forward group. She has also began working with 18 students at Jare Baxter Middle school.

Hannah Decker

- Concluded the 4-H Speech contest. She has been active with Honor Club and had a speaker from Second Harvest. They had a food drive as well. She had one youth go through congress and they got to meet with lawmaker Bo Mitchell. She has been doing community events and is looking for a judge on April 17th at 5pm for one of the 4-H contest.

Melissa Standley

- Has been busy with trainings. She got her CPR training and has been working with Alexis Trice. She is looking for new partners to work with. May 2nd and 3rd she will be working a canning class. In June she looks to start with canning classes.

Alexis Trice

- Has started with FCS through TSU. She has been getting acclimated for the position switch. She has been teaching a breathing exercise called "Matching Body". She is looking to do "Eat Smart and Move More" with a new partner. She has created a few lessons for nutrition and hydration to elderly clients. She has one partner that is interested and hopes to start within the next month. She will be teaching "On my own" this summer.

Shana Los

- Has been busy with her two roles with AGR and 4-H. She had six girls that were new to 4-H participate in Horse Club. The team placed 21st out of 77th. She will be doing Hippology this summer with the club. She had 3 families participate with chick chain this spring. This past Saturday she hosted a 4-H Fun Saturday event. She is looking to do a companion pet club in the future and looking for help with it. She is doing a beginning gardening class on May 26th. She also did an interview Nashville Banner about the rise of egg prices. She will be doing a Master Poultry on May 16th. She is partnering with a group to teach a bilingual gardening on May 1st. The class is free to join.

Angela Settles

- Has been busy this spring working community events. 4:13 strong is a non-profit that Angela has been actively working with. She has been teaching the curriculum "DormDash" and collecting data to put into literature. She hopes to have a presentation for her committee. Her promotion is still in the works and hopes to be in effect by July 1st.

Staff Updates:

- UT is holding off on hiring the two new program assistant positions for FCS. They are waiting to see on the grant funding.

New Business:

- Tomorrow is our open house at the Extension office at 10:30am to 12. Andy will send an email about parking.
- The next meeting date should be the first Monday on July 7th. An extended orientation and lunch from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Adjourn

- Joan Clayton-Davis made the motion to dismiss- Jim Barnes seconds- Meeting dismissed.