

Pennington County Extension Advisory Board Meeting

March 2, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Patty Brunner. Present at meeting: Lyndell Peterson, Theresa Derr, Matt Odden, Patty Bunner, Jane Ameriott and Tiffany Meyer.

Agenda: Motion to Approval previous meeting minutes was-motioned by Matt Odden, second by Theresa Derr-motion carried.

Monthly Budget update: The budget was reviewed and Theresa moved and Matt seconded. Motion passed. Tiffany mentioned SDSU has billed for 2015 for the county portion of Jane's position. There was some confusion but it has been handled by Amy Bristol and Holli Hennies.

Old Business: The updated key usage has been distributed to all volunteers in Pennington. It will be mentioned again at the Leader's meeting next week, March 10.

New Business:

Jane introduced herself to the board. Told us of her background and that her kids had been in 4-H in Tripp County doing shooting sports. She has a BS in Outdoor Recreation from Black Hills State University.

Program Report: Jane told us everything she has been doing and will be doing. She has had to do a lot of trainings the State 4-H Office has required and will be leaving again for orientation to Brookings this week. She will be introducing herself to the commission March 17 and she will be helping with a Health Coalition to help youth be represented on trying to curb childhood obesity. She is planning the day camps in July .

Since we only get her for 20 hours a week, Theresa asked her if she goes over in time with all of these trainings she has to do what happens? Jane stated she gets comp hours but when to take them is another question.

Lyndell asked her if she feels like she is getting thrown into too many meetings. She thought she would be just programming not having to attend as much as she has. Thought it would be different and hopes it gets better so she can start programming. Lyndell asked her if she has had time to get oriented with Amy and the leaders how things have worked. Jane stated no she hasn't and wished she had more time for that part.

Theresa's major concern is that Amy is the only one in the office and Lyndell doesn't want Jane to feel trapped getting pulled into all directions. Would I be a benefit to sit down and help guide her positively?

Building Contract: There is much confusion with the section that states Free Use. It was also questioned on the privilege section because we have always been telling people that anything but extension or government they could not use the building. It states that Civic and Non-profits can use the building but

they have to pay. Lyndell stated that it hasn't been updated since 2007 and with the current commission he wished that we wait till after budget season to address it with them. We are to go by the current building contract and allow state, county, city and federal free access and that non-profits and civic events can use the building with a fee.

Guidelines of the office until new full time person is in place: With the current situation of Jane not being able to be in the office due to only being 20 hours and her obligations of trainings it has been asked what to do in certain situations. Theresa and Patty will be meeting with Amy and then Amy and Jane to help continue to move the office forward positively to help while we are waiting for the full time person to be in the office.

2016 Budget: Due to the wage study things have been postponed with budget this year. Tiffany said she would ask Holli if the schedule has been posted and will help put the budget together since the new hire will not be here yet and Jane will not have the time to do the budget.

Other: Theresa brought up comments that were made on a black board from Peter about calling our volunteers backward mentality and that if volunteers do not do the videos he is requiring he will kick them out of being a leader. It was also stated that if they leader association officers do not agree to do the videos then they should be voted out and new ones voted in. It was discussed what could be done about Peter and his bullying and threatening ways. Ways that are totally opposite of what we are meant to be in 4-H. Lyndell said he could try to talk to Barry and ask about these videos. Theresa suggested maybe just trying to do them at each leader's meeting. Tiffany stated she will ask what the deadline is for having them completed.

Meeting adjourned