

Extension Leadership Council

Frederick County

February 1, 2023

The Frederick County Extension Leadership Council (ELC) met on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Horizon Farm Credit, Winchester, VA. The following were present: Ray Cross, Sharon Mauzy, Kunduck Moon, and VCE Staff: Joanne Royaltey, Spring Vasey, Karen Poff, and Marsha Wright.

Spring Vasey, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. as Chair Heather McKay and Vice-Chair Brandon Monk were not able to attend.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Kunduck Moon made a motion that the October 5, 2022 minutes be approved. Ray Cross seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Extension from Your Viewpoint (offered by Staff and ELC members)

- Kunduck: March 11, Extension Master Gardener (EMG) Gardening Symposium, Shenandoah University, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., cost \$65
- Joanne: EMG Seed Exchange had over 500 participants
- Sharon: March 14, Shenandoah Valley Farm2Fork Affair, Rockingham County Fairground. This program is to get producers and buyers together.

What's Happening in Winchester and Frederick County

- Spring:
 - She will be working with new teachers and schools this spring with the 4-H embryology program. (Charlotte Dehart, Evandale, and Bass Hoover elementary schools)
 - March 17 – 4-H Presentations, Public Speaking, Table Setting, Photography Contests. If anyone would like to be a judge, please let her know.
 - 2023 Enrollment to date:
 - 147 4-Hers
 - 77 volunteers
 - 20 Cloverbuds
 - June 25-29 – Frederick-Page 4-H Camp. They still need male teen counselors (age 14-19) and male adults. If anyone knows of someone, let her know.
 - Joanne reported the NSVMGA 30th anniversary is this year, and they are tying that with fundraising for a possible endowment to help fund a full-time EMG Coordinator position for the Northern Shenandoah Valley.
 - Karen suggested doing a Planned Giving Workshop for those who might like to give to Extension or any non-profit, but don't understand all the various options. It could be offered to VCE, EMGs, 4-H, and the general public. Joanne would like to work with her on this.

State and Local Budget Updates

- i. December 9th Meet and Greet with VCE Director, Mike Gutter
 - Everyone felt very positive about the event.
- ii. 2023 Situation Analysis
 - Staff will be getting procedures soon.
 - Karen explained that an analysis was done every 5 years. Its purpose was to help determine the needs of the community. She gave examples how the ELC will be able to help.

iii. AHS AREC Viticulture Specialist

- Update not available at this time.

iv. Local Vacancies: Frederick County SNAP Ed/FNP Position; Frederick County FCS, Page County FCS SNAP Agent

- Karen reported:
 - The grant funded Frederick County SNAP Ed/FNP position interviews had taken place.
 - There is a good pool of applicants for the Frederick County FCS Agent position. Interviews will be done in March.

2023 Action Items (Committee Updates)

- Funding Committee:

- Marketing Committee:

- Joanne reported the committee was starting to think about the Extension Spotlight Event for 2023 including possible locations: Laurel Center, Horizon Farm Credit, Our Health. The event would be held in June and have showcase programs like 4-H did last year.

Programming Update: Joanne Royaltey

Joanne gave an update on projects she's been working on. A video, created by one of the schools that she helped do a raised bed garden, will be emailed to ELC members. She acquired a \$4,600 grant to cover Spring's embryology program expenses and the expenses for two new school raised bed gardens. EMGs provide education and support to the schools to keep the program going. She would like to find a partner school in Clarke, Page, Shenandoah, or Warren County.

Other

Karen reported she'd gotten a request from Sherando High School for the Reality Store program. She then told the group what this program was. If anyone would like to help with this program, let her know.

The next meeting will be May 3, 6:30 p.m., in the downstairs meeting room of the Frederick County Government Building.

Kunduck moved the meeting be adjourned. Ray seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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- May 3 – 6:30 p.m., Frederick County Government Building
- July 26 – 6:30 p.m., Frederick County Government Building
- November 1 – 12:00 noon, Farm Credit