

# OSU Extension – Coshocton County Extension Advisory Committee Meeting

Coshocton County Services Building, Room 145  
September 6, 2007 – 7 p.m.

**Members present:** Jim Overholt            Larry Endsley            Ken Smailes  
Maureen Pritchard    Nate McNeal            Ray Griffith  
Christy Nicely           Rhoda Crown

**Ex-officio members:** Dane Shryock            Gary Fischer            Larry Stahl

**Staff present:** Sarah Jane Lindsey, Marissa Mullett

**Excused absences:** Bob Buxton, John Kehn, Denise King, Belinda Lacy

**Guests:** Steve Mercer, State Extension Advisory Committee

**Handouts:** Weekly Communicue from Bobby Moser

An Open House was held prior to the Extension Advisory Committee meeting to meet new staff members Marissa Mullett (Extension Educator for Ag, Natural Resources and Community Development) and Kim Gress (Program Assistant for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program).

President Overholt called the meeting to order. Larry Stahl made a motion and Larry Endsley seconded that the minutes of the June meeting be approved as submitted. Motion carried.

**State Budget** – Sarah Jane presented a state budget update and gave an overview of Dean Moser’s communiqué. Marissa Mullett noted that in unofficial dialog with Moser, President Gordon Gee has promised assistance for the college, and she is optimistic of support.

**ANR-CD** – Mark Mechling has been meeting with Marissa, and suggested a couple of areas for programming, including estate planning. Mark as well as Chris Zollars from Tuscarawas County and Julia Woodruff from Ashland County will be serving as mentors for Marissa. Sarah Jane said Mark has agreed to continue to work with Marissa for one day a week through September.

**4-H** – Sarah Jane reported a successful camping season, evaluations and state fair. The focus is now turning to the County Fair, Achievement Day and 4-H Advisors Banquet in the fall. She noted an increase in participation this year.

**FCS** – Kim Gress is currently taking the required training for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. Nine counties were accepted for the two-year grants. Sarah Jane said the program is geared to low-income families with children birth through age 18, and certain subject matters will be required to be taught. Kim will be programming in several different locations for easy access.

**Office Assistant Position** – Sarah Jane reported that 96 applications were received for the position. Those were narrowed to 7 applications and interviewed. References are being checked. Sarah Jane said the position will be a big help, as staff has been working extra hours and across program areas to help out.

**Nominating Committee** – President Overholt noted that the present officers had served the two years of their term, and five members of the Advisory Committee will have membership terms ending in 2007. The present officers will serve as a Nominating Committee and recommend officers and new members at the December meeting. Going off the Advisory Committee will be Rhoda Crown, Maureen Pritchard, Bob Buxton, Ken Smailes and Monica Smith. Anyone who knows of someone who should be considered as a member of the Advisory Board can contact the Extension Office.

**Miscellaneous** – President Overholt reported that the 4-H Food Stand at the fair has been moved inside to Hunter Arena, which is expected to make it more useful year-round for other shows and events.

County Commissioner Dane Shryock noted that sales tax revenue in the county is about 8-percent higher than last year, indicative of the millions of dollars of construction projects going on in the community.

To close the meeting: Maureen Pritchard shared for possible identification a massive hairy-like root that had plugged a water line.

Rhoda Crown made a motion and Ray Griffith seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

**The next meeting is planned for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the county services building, Room 145.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Smailes, Secretary