

Carter County Extension Agricultural Committee Minutes
University of Tennessee Carter County Extension Office
Monday, August 14, 2017
4:00p.m.

Present: Chairman, Ross Garland, Charles Von Cannon, Dawn Winters, Bobby Blevins, Vickie Clark, Shirley Buckles, Emilee Barton, Kathleen Wilson, and Melissa Shelton, Randall Jenkins

Ross Garland called the meeting to order. Roll was called; quorum was present. Randall Jenkins made a motion to approve agenda. Shirley Buckles seconded, all in favor.

Minutes from May 1, 2017 meeting were approved motion was made by Bobby Blevins and seconded by Charles VonCannon, all in favor.

Old Business:

- Painting finished
- Floor still needs improvements
- Need Air Conditioning unit update – investigating the possibility of a split system, money is in the budget for the Air Conditioning unit and hopefully some new office furniture.
- Vickie is working on a list of Master Gardeners – per Ross Garland’s request

New Business:

UT Extension Program Updates:

Kathleen Wilson, Agriculture Agent:

- Working with other counties to see what programs can be implemented.
- Pesticide program September 7, 2017
- Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program training September 19, 2017
- Cattlemen’s Tour October 5 - 6 to Wytheville, VA.
- Nursery Tour October 24, 25, 26
- Tennessee Master Horse February 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, March 1

- Ag Safety Day October 2018 – Mike Nidiffer has offered his farm.

Vickie Clark – FCS Agent/County Director reported:

- Jolie Scalf – summer Intern helped with signing churches up for Healthier TN
- \$5000.00 grant is now available because the local churches have signed up
- Water bottle refill stations in schools
- Story trail with story books along the trail
- Two part time program assistants were hired with Federal funds for the Farmers Markets, Sherry Freeman in Roan Mountain and Aaliyah Shelton in Elizabethton
- November 14 lighting of the Fraser Fir Tree

Carter County Extension Agricultural Committee Minutes
University of Tennessee Carter County Extension Office
Monday, August 14, 2017
4:00p.m.

Emily Barton – 4-H Agent reported:

- Seniors participated in Portfolio Competition
- School Clubs 5th – 7th grades will participate in In-School 4-H clubs
- 5th grade program will be Just “4-H Sample/Communications”, 6th grade program will be “Nutrition Education” and 7th grade program will be “Personal Communication”
- Elizabethton after school program at Harold McCormick will participate in 4-H Club meeting
- Carter Cares/ T.A. Dugger after school will use On My Own program for 7th-8th graders; 4th- 6th graders will have traditional 4-H club activities
- Added approximately 20 new 4-H clubs to current roster
- Wildlife Competition participants placed 6th in the state
- Forestry and Land Judging currently training
- Poultry and Livestock – will begin soon

Melissa – 4-H Program Assistant reported:

- Poultry show held in Washington County. Eight students returned with pullets and two students placed. Hopefully next year the Poultry show will be held in Carter County.
- Bread baking will be held August 25th 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Meat Cookery will be held August 26th

Committee Comments:

- Ross commended all of the agents for their hard work!
- Randall comments that 4-H students excel in the work place
- Vickie stated the Habitat House now has walls up, Quilt of Valor will be presented to the house recipient because he is a veteran
- 4-H Service Learning Project is questioned by Charles Von Cannon – He requests ETCHA (East Tennessee Christian Home & Academy) – to receive help from the Honor Club
- Charles VonCannon visited Hydroponic farms where the Tomatoes roots clogged the drains. Charles also commented - In Roan Mountain the flood and drain program works because they use earthworms to eat the dead roots and leaf debris
- Ross Garland appreciates the Extension bulletin to present to County Commission. Ross also commented the social media presence is great!
- Kathleen comments that one of our 3 dairies are installing a robotic milker

**The next Agriculture Committee meeting will be November 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Extension office.

Adjourn:

Randall Jenkins motioned to adjourn, all were in favor