ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 13, 2014

7pm-8: 30pm

Present: Al Spruill, Herbert Fritz, Buck Jones, Derek Potter, Sheri Hale, Daniel Simpson, Sarah Delap & Audrey Potter

Absent: Johanne Pryor, Pete Anderson, Katherine Clowers & Phillip Prescott Jr.

Meeting opened by Al Spruill, Minutes from previous meeting were handed out. Al Spruill asked had everyone gotten a copy and reviewed previous minutes and everyone confirmed yes. No comments or corrections needed. Motion approved (Buck Jones) and accepted. (Derek Potter)

**Agent Update**

**Daniel – Interim Director – Horticulture Update & Ag Update**

- Success of Open House – We had a good turn out with good support from the county and advisory council.

- Farm Tour – Received a lot of positive feed back. (Again confirmed by Buck, Derek and Al)

- Test Plots – spoke about results from test plots and some things they might do different next year

- Turf Classes – classes already completed and will have some coming up in the near future.

**Sarah – 4-H Update**

- Sarah went over summer fest Schedule and how it was mostly covered with volunteers. Sarah did return from maternity leave in July and covered the later part of summer fest.

- Had 11 4-H kids participating with and 3 Showing in Chick Chain, teaches showmanship.

- Two of the homeschool kid showed Turkey's at the state fair.

- New curriculum starting at the Charter School (Stress Management and The Power of Wind with the 7th grade)

- Planning December’s programs

- Went over Holiday Wreath Sale Fundraiser and explained that all proceeds go to fund a camper.

**Meeting**

**New Business**

* Daniel went over hand out and information on Extension Restructuring Plan. He explained that basic format for staff that has been given to each county. He also explained exactly what was offered to Pamlico County and how the State/County portions will change over the next two budget years. Eventually going to 50% State and 50% County.
* Daniel asked the Advisory Council to work on a survey to give us information on what they feel we need to be doing here in the county, a sort of needs assessment. He sent them home with copies of the survey to take their time and complete them and send them back to us.
* The Council discussed the possibility of forming some specialized committees. For an example a specialized committee for Field Crops. We currently have an Advisory Council for 4-H and a Horticulture Committee.
* Daniel brought up the subject of how long terms should be for the Advisory Council Members and everyone agreed three years is a good length of time. Everyone agreed we would start fresh with the three year cycle and Daniel let the committee know to just contact him at any point that they needed to rotate off and asked that they be thinking of people we could recruit to fill vacant spots as people rotate off of the committee. Committee discussed trying to get some younger people involved.
* Daniel told the members about Constant Contact and explained some of its benefits verses standard email and told them he would be sending out some information. We will also be emailing next years Advisory Council Meeting Schedule and the minutes.

-**Questions and Comments**

None

**Schedule for future meetings**

-To be sent out on a later date.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned 8:00pm