

MINUTES

University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture
StaffLINKS Committee Meeting
November 14, 2012



Attendance:

Chair Christina Tawasha - Plant & Soil Science
Lissa Pohl - Community & Leadership Development
Alicia Landon – Plant Pathology
Lisa Collins - Administrative Advisor
Helen Williams - Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
Cindy Stidham – Animal and Food Sciences
Steve Patton- Ag Communications
Julie Tolliver – Bio Systems & Ag Engineering
Debbie Gutierrez – Forestry
Marilyn Lauer – Campbell Co Extension
Monica Shuler – Horticulture
Debbie Mollett – Veterinary Sciences
Marilyn Hooks- West Kentucky Station Ext.
Sabrina Carter – Fulton Co Extension
Christina Goff - County Extension Programs
Gil Thurman – Franklin Co Extension

Absent:

Kacie Johansen – Entomology
Paul Wilson- Regulatory Services
Patt Thompson – Ag Econ
April Collier- Ag Business Office
Bob Holley- KTRDC

Programs

Stephanie Crouch – County Extension
Kym Pope - County Extension Programs
Diane Warren- Quicksand Extension
Lois Warren- Jackson Extension
Diana Wilson- County Extension
Carolyn Morris- County Extension

Minutes:

Chair Christine Tawasha called the meeting to order at 11:49 AM on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. There was a quorum so the meeting was officially in order.

Parking-

Chair Christine Tawasha opens the issue of recent complaints that big truck beds near the motorpool by the far side of the stadium were blocking passage of cars and busses. She updated us that John Kerrin in Parking has been looking into the issue and has taken surveillance video of the area though he has not been able to find footage in evidence of the problem and therefore a solution is still pending should anyone else receive complaints.

Pending Issues and Suggestions-

Lisa Collins announced that safety updates had been made improving and adding crosswalks to the areas around Garrigus and the parking structure. She proposed a motion that StaffLINKS petition parking with an additional request for safety signage by the crosswalk on Farm Road

between Gluck and Barnhart which was passed with a unanimous vote.

Circle of Love:

Christine Tawasha introduced StaffLINKS' Circle of Love effort at 12:06. Changes in procedure were discussed such as the need to donate additional items like batteries, wrapping paper, tape and gift cards in addition to or instead of shopping for a specific child. Lissa Pohl volunteered to offer van transportation of the gifts to the collection site.

Lissa Pohl made the suggestion that it might be helpful to the effort to get posters up earlier than the second week of November and Christine Tawasha and Lisa Collins presented the challenges StaffLINKS faces to disseminate information early because Circle of Love traditionally distributes its information to StaffLINKS in early to mid-November. The suggestion to move the quarterly meeting traditionally held in Mid-November up to Late October was considered.

Clothing Drive/Other Winter Events-

Chair Christina Tawasha opened discussion of other StaffLINKS' giving opportunities by mentioning the Salvation Army often needs winter coats and other winter clothing and agreed to call them to assess demand upon the suggestion of Steve Patton. Lissa Pohl mentioned refugee organizations as possible recipients of a winter clothing drive as an alternative to the Salvation Army and Monica Shuler suggested the soup kitchen on Elm Tree Lane as another possible recipient. January 2013 was proposed as the time to put out collection bins around various Ag Buildings.

Other Business-

- Uncleanliness in the stairwells of Garrigus were discussed and it was agreed Staff Links would reach out to PPD. Lisa Collins also urged StaffLINKS members to spread the word among employees to be kind and show patience to PPD custodial staff as the new cleaning plan takes effect which may reduce the frequency of certain cleaning services.
- Secretary Alicia Landon and Chair Christine Tawasha agree to provide meeting minutes and agenda digitally to StaffLINKS representatives via email prior to meetings going forward.
- Lissa Pohl suggested sponsoring a violence intervention meeting for future StaffLINKS programming to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm. Respectfully submitted by Alicia Landon, Secretary.