Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
9/13/07 Minutes

The dinner meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Regional Director, Dan Nelson.

Those in attendance Jackie Eddleman (AJMU State), Dave Raterman (Clinton), Keith Krapf (Franklin), Tena Karcher (H/W/W), Robert Koehn (Jackson), Donnie Laird (Jefferson), Paul Guse (Madison/St.Clair), Loyd Maxey (Marion), Carole Shaffer (Marion-State), Paul Straub (Monroe), Rita Crowder (Randolph), Diane Taborn (SGPH-State), and Mike Swayne (Perry), and Dan Nelson, Regional Director.

Those counties not represented were Bond, Edwards/Wabash, and Washington.

Introductions were made by Dan Nelson for the new Council members:
   Tena Karcher, H/W/W
   Carole Shaffer, Marion - State Extension Advisory Committee
   Elden Neimeyer Monroe - State Extension Advisory Committee

Professional Staffing Update
- Rachelle Hollinshead, formerly a Community & Economic Development Educator in the Effingham Center, was hired as the Marion County Extension Director
- Doug Jones began August 6 as the new Extension Specialist, Integrated Pest Management at the Mt. Vernon Center
- Interviews were held September 12 for the Williamson County Extension Director position.
- The Animal Systems - Beef Specialist position deadline was extended through August 29.

Budget Cuts
The Unit Educator/Youth Development positions were eliminated statewide by action of the governor. This included the five positions in the Southern Region. However, these educators will continue to work through September 15, 2008.

Extension Partners Report
Extension Partners is coordinating representation at each of the hearings being hosted throughout the state to identify impacts resulting from the governor’s budget veto. Hopefully, they will be able to get the funding restored to support the Youth Development educators statewide.

State Advisory Council Update – This was Diane Taborn’s last meeting as a State member. Carole Shaffer and Elden Niemeyer have been appointed as new State members beginning this year. Jacque Eddleman remains on until 2008. Next State meeting is October 8-9.

Sharing Session – See attached sheet.

Next Meeting Date – Thursday, March 13, 2008

Adjourned