## Kansas State Extension Advisory Council Meeting February 11-12, 2008

The Kansas State Extension Advisory Council met on Monday, February 11, 2008, at the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., 600 SW Corporate View, Topeka, Kansas.

The Kansas State Extension Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by Chair Bob Gottlob. Members introduced themselves and told what they had learned at their area partnership meetings last month.

Members Present: Bob Gottlob, Kevin Journagan, Judy Parsons, Jason King, Bryan Brauer, Dan Johnson, Andy Sramek, Dwight McReynolds, Tresa Jones, John Kramer, Jo Ann Murray, Penny Donaldson, Gary Price, Larry Turner, Jay Weseloh, Jerry Dreher, Don Montgomery and John Ericson.

Members Absent: Michele Janson, Donita Sparks, Julia Strnad, Brad Fuller.

KSU Administrators Present: Fred Cholick, Daryl Buchholz, J. Pat Murphy, Paula Peters, Jim Lindquist, Paul Hartman, Dale Fjell, J.D. McNutt and Chris Onstad.

The Agenda was reviewed by Daryl Buchholz. John Ericson moved and Jerry Dreher seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the August 30, 2007 meeting. Motion passed. Jason King reviewed the Financial Status Report. Kevin Journagan moved and John Kramer seconded the motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion passed.

Penny Donaldson gave a presentation on "What Extension Means to Me". She handed out a bag of visual items to each person and we used them as she talked about Extension.

Members were split up into groups to discuss issues that were discussed at the area partnership meetings. After lunch the groups gave reports from their discussions about priorities for 2008 and beyond. The reports included diversity needs, getting the Extension name out and involving PDCs more. There was discussion about the 4-H program, which included structure, leadership and volunteer training. We also discussed the board leadership training and county/district elections. Jo Ann Murray brought up a concern about the need for a Consumer Food Safety Specialist. A faculty member in Human Nutrition department has been providing increased Extension programming and information support for K-State Research and Extension. Also, the Foods and Nutrition Rapid Response Center continues to provide ongoing support to the questions coming in from the Extension agents. An effort is underway to assess programmatic needs beyond the current support for food safety education.

Penny Donaldson gave a report regarding the Center for Engagement and Community Development Advisory Board meeting held on February 1, 2008. She provided a handout and discussed projects that the CECD is supporting and what they are doing to enhance K-State initiatives for community development. Daryl discussed pending legislation focused to strengthen rural communities in Kansas.

J.D. McNutt has agreed to host the Fall SEAC meeting in the Southeast Area on August 21 & 22, 2008. He will announce the location of the meeting at a later date.

John Ericson moved and Jason King seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Additional notes with respect to the SEAC activites: The SEAC was invited to observe the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Hearing held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11 in room 783 Docking Office Building where Drs. Cholick and Buchholz provided testimony to the committee on the 2007 accomplishments of K-State State Research and Extension based upon the publication "An Informal Report to the Kansas Legislature." That evening the group gathered for dinner and a presentation by Dr. Cholick on the appropriate ways to make visits to legislative offices at the statehouse. He emphasized the importance of expressing thanks to the legislators for their work in support of K-State Research and Extension. Tuesday, February 12 activities included office visits to state legislators and participating with the Cats In The Capitol event.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Parsons, secretary