Wayne County Extension Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017, 6-8pm

Attendance: Julie Walker, Lolita Haley, Dennis Standford, Michelle Varran, Aba Holmes, Deirdre Hope, Lisa Tams, Laurie Rivetto, Richard Wooten, Tyler Guenette

Updates from the DC:

- District 11 has been restructured.
  - Two District Coordinators
    - Ed Scott – Oakland and Macomb Counties
    - Richard Wooten – Wayne County
- Each ELC Meeting will have two MSUE Educators presenting program information
- Richard will be attending the Wayne County ELC meetings from now on
  - Richard can be contacted via cell phone or email at anytime
  - wooten@anr.msu.edu; cell# 734-674-0071
- District Coordinators to give 12 presentations a year
  - Any clubs or groups you want Richard to give a presentation to, let Aba know
- Lisa Kelley replaced Glenda Weiss for Wayne County 4-H Program Coordinator

MSUE Presentations

- Lisa Tams – Social, Emotional, Well Being Educator
  - Covers Wayne & Oakland, with staff in Macomb
  - Licensed Social Worker
  - Programs focused on alleviating stressors
    - Anger Management, Divorce and Parenting classes
    - Mindfulness – Working with Parents, Caregivers and Teachers (Training)
    - Parenting Classes
      - Nurturing Parenting
      - Evidence based curriculum
      - Focused on parents with children ages birth to 10 years old
  - New Contract in Wayne County
    - $1 Million Dollar Grant
    - General Co-Parenting Programs and Kids First Programs (Children going through divorce)
    - Focused on those going through the Wayne County Court
- Laurie Rivetto – 4-H Educator
  - Hands on activities with youth
  - Focuses on Career Exploration, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, and Workforce Prep
Does programming statewide and locally (Wayne County)
Activities that focus on the curriculum are in the Career Exploration and Entrepreneurship Program
Highland Park and Vista Maria
  - Hiring youth to do various programs
  - Laurie teaches educational component
Also does short term programming and series

Fall Extension Conference:

- October 25 & 26th at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel
- 1 day paid registration by MSUE for council members
- Warren Evans and Mayor Duggan to make opening remarks on 1st day
- RSVP to Aba if you want to attend
- Celebration Event will be held at Ford Field on Tuesday evening
- Richard will follow up to see if spouses or significant others can attend

Wayne County Fair:

- ELC would like to have a booth at the fair
- Need table with MSUE cloth and literature/handouts

Houghton Elementary – Urban Experiment Station:

- MSU Creating – MSU Food and Forestry Systems
- MSU Food Innovation Center will be the new name
- 4 acres, will be used for research
- National grants are used to support research activities
- The focus will be on urban agriculture and forestry
- 1 acre to be used for community gardening
- Richard will keep council posted on the ground breaking ceremony

Other Business:

- Pumpkinstfest – Volunteer opportunity at Tollgate
  - October 7-8
  - Aba will send out link to sign-up
- History of MSU Books for council – Richard will follow up
- Facebook page to be created and to add MSUE logo – Richard tro
- T-shirts with MSU Branding for council members – Richard to follow up
- Letter mailed to Wayne County
  - Did they get sent out?
  - Any responses
- MSU Emails for council members – Richard to follow up
- Master Gardening and Conservation Steward Program for Wayne County – Richard to follow up
Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Next meeting – September 13th, 6-8pm.