

Southern Region Middle Managers

Conference Call Minutes

July 14th, 2016

Present: Dee Cooper, Lonette Marsh, Doug Steele, Barbara Board, Lonnie Johnson, Greg Price, Gerald Jones, Joan Jacobson, Eric Simonne, Blake Lanford, Fletcher Barber, Jim Stewart

Administrative Advisor Comments – Doug Steele – Texas A&M

Doug talked about two national workgroups:

Innovation in Extension – Kay Smith – Chair

Group will make recommendations to ECOP

Review incentives and resources including

eXtension

I3 Corps

Future

Value of Being a Part of National Extension Network – Chuck Hubbard – Chair

Extension is active in 75 + LG universities with over 3200 local offices.

How best to work effectively together?

Future Opportunities

How best to address future and emerging issues?

Farm Bill –

Farm Bill (FB) focus has changed and will be more focused on consumer food issues. ECOP and Cornerstone say that there will be no new funds. Perhaps opportunities in Health Education. Exploring possibility for separate line item for 4-H, but this could hurt other program areas. Exploring connections between LG universities/ Food Production/ Wellness & Health

Doug Needs Specific Items to take to Directors Meeting by Aug. 5th –

PLN – Greg Price and Gerald Jones

Early Conference Registration by July 15/ Hotel by July 22. Addition hotel rooms should be available soon.

Webinar Training for Committee Chairs was conducted earlier in the summer and IGNITE session have been planned.

Pre-Conference on Monday is planning and ready – 41 have registered

181 have registered for the PLN Conference

There will be transportation shuttles from hotel to downtown attractions.

MM Agenda Items

County Extension Financial Guidelines

FLSA

Managing Relations with County Governments – Jeff Ripley

Funding County Agent Salaries – Who's the boss?

Update – Moving from budget cuts to budget increases – Eric (30 minutes)

Newsletter – Eric (45 minutes)

Words of Wisdom/ MM Best Practices – 23 responses/ one will receive complimentary registration to 2017 MM Conference in Ashville (45 minutes to review draft)

2017 Middle Manager's Conference – 45 minutes

State Reports – Budgets/ Starting Salaries for Agents/ Major Projects and Initiatives (State Contacts)

2017 Middle Manager's Conference – Ashville, N.C./ March 13-16, 2017

Planning Committee: Barbara, Sheri, Lonnie, Blake, Jeff, NC District Directors and Regional Coordinators

Need workshop ideas –

Should have draft agenda by PLN