

## **Southern District Resource Management Team Meeting January 7, 2009**

Present: Peggy Compton, Deb Ivey, Dick Pederson, Mindy Habecker, Lee Cunningham, Peg Reedy, Alissa Grenawalt, Donna Peterson, Patti Herman and Lesly Scott

**Meeting Called to Order:** Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Introductions:** Lesly Scott was just hired as the 4-H Youth Educator in Dane County. Patti Herman was hired in 2007 and is still learning about UW-Extension and her role. Patti serves on the City of Lodi Council and has 4 grandchildren. Donna Peterson has been in her position for 9 years. She will be a grandma in March of this year. Peggy Compton has been a Basin Educator for 10 years. Peggy works out of Platteville and has two children 6 and 9. The elder plays ice hockey. Dick Pederson has worked for Extension since 1975. Was in 4-H and then about 20 years ago become the Southern District Director. He is very proud of the talent we have hired in Southern District. Dick has a wonderful family with 3 children. His oldest daughter is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Ridgeway. His other daughter resides in Milwaukee and plans to become an art teacher. Dick's son loves snowboarding and is currently a snowboard instructor and college student.

**District Updates and Economic:** Basin positions may be at risk for lack of DNR funding. To retain these positions, Extension is currently working on the legislative level trying to reduce the potential cut. Extension may possibly be building back the CNRED position in Walworth County. We will be expanding WNEP in Crawford and Vernon Counties. Alissa Grenawalt is going to San Antonio to the American Farm Bureau National Convention to make a presentation and receive a national award. Jefferson County will take some cuts (33%), but are building relationships. The Jefferson County Administrator is fiscally conservative with a no tax, no spend philosophy. She is a power broker. The Jefferson County Board changed so dramatically that relationships did not have time to be developed to halt this cut. The winter all faculty/staff inservice will be presented by Purdue University on Crucial Conversations.

**Overview of Committee's Roles and Responsibilities:** We generally meet quarterly. We meet both face-to-face and via Wisline. Some of our responsibilities are have been: giving out innovative grants with one time money generally from salary savings. Last year we also gave out professional development grants. We can also use this money for other resource needs in the District. We plan and run the 2 all staff/all faculty Southern District In-services. We also work as the eyes and ears of the District. The composition of the team included 2 department heads, one from each program area, WNEP, and a basin educator. The term begins July 1 of the year for a two-year term.

**Elect New Officers:** The most recent past officers were: Lesly Scott, Chair. Peg Reedy, Vice Chair and Mindy Habecker, Secretary. New officers will be elected at the July 2009 meeting. The current terms are: Term ends June 30, odd years: Department Head (vacant), Basin Educator (Peggy Compton), ANRE (Peg Reedy), and 4-H Youth (Alissa Grenawalt). Term ends June 30, even years: Department Head (Lee Cunningham), CNRED (Mindy Habecker), WNEP (Donna Peterson), FLP (Patti Herman).

**Review Fall All Faculty and Staff District Meeting:** Good reviews from attendees. People stayed the entire day. Our planning team tried to handle very current issues. Lesly Scott did the great share of the inservice logistics by securing presenters for all the

concurrent sessions at the in-service. Yvonne Horton and Rick Klemme were both complementary of the day's program.

**Innovative Grant Reports:** Have received 3 of the 8 reports so far. We will have people report on Southern District Wislines. Can begin scheduling these and will post the reports as PDFs on the Southern District Website. Scott and Pederson will send 2008 recipients a reminder and get them scheduled for the Wislines.

**Grant Recipient Reporting:** For the professional development grants we will give them two options for reporting. Need to follow-up so have similar reporting requirements as the innovative grant program. Scott and Pederson will follow up. We will drop the inservice presentation reporting due to limited time during these programs.

**Southern District Website:** Will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Fall Meeting:** Will plan during the spring meeting.

**One Time District Funds and Its Use for Grants:** Pederson noted that we have currently at least \$25,000 for 2009 grants. We will split the \$25,000 as we did in 2008 with \$17,000 (maximum of \$4000 per grant) for the innovative grants and \$8000 for the professional development (maximum at \$1000 per grant). Need to get the word out on this as soon as possible by e-mail, Wisline and meetings. Will put them both up on the Southern District website with a link.

**Updating Grants:** The group formed two teams to revise the applications forms and review sheet. Habecker will forward changes to Terry Kraft for the Professional Development application and Donna Peterson will forward the changes to Terry Kraft for the Innovative Grant by Monday, January 12, 2009. Lesly will send out an electronic notification of these by January 14, 2009. Alissa will chair the professional development grant wisline review meeting. Donna Peterson will set up the innovative grant wisline review meeting.

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2009 from 9-2:30.

**Adjourned** the meeting at 2:30 p.m.