

## **MCLEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COMPACT**

### **Minutes**

**September 28, 2011**

The September 28, 2011 COMPACT Council Meeting was called to order by Bob Keller and Bob Dean, Co-chairs. Carolyn Schulte, Stevenson Center Intern, and Aimee Ingalls, CED Educator, were introduced to the Council. The minutes of the May 25, 2011 Council Meeting were approved. Gordon Ropp gave the treasurer's report. It was reviewed and approved.

John Freese gave a report on new membership. At this time, there are several inquiries for new membership, but the Council will wait during the reorganization and the MOU. There was approval of the Bob Dean and Bob Keller as co-chairs for an additional year and Becky Hines will be serving on the Executive Committee for another year.

Donna Moravec gave a short program report. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expo will be held Nov. 3 at the Interstate Center. Approximately 1700 students from 12 schools will be participating. There are currently 42 businesses attending the day and/or the night sessions. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Business/Education Partnership is scheduled for LeRoy and the Children's Discovery Museum for the fall. COMPACT is currently looking for a business partner for Tri-Valley. Barb Stuart reported for Peaceful Schools. The anti bullying program will be implemented in the middle schools using Unit 5 as a pilot. She is planning on purchasing 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Step kits for the program. 1 kit is available, so the 3 additional kits would enable the program to be in all 4 middle schools in Unit 5.

The remainder of the meeting was led by Bob Dean and Bob Keller as they explained how the reorganization and MOU will impact COMPACT. They gave a brief history of COMPACT from the beginning in 1989, the affiliation with University of Illinois Extension in the mid 90's and the changes with the 2010-2011 reorganization of University of Illinois Extension. They gave alternatives that COMPACT could consider. One would be to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the relationship between the COMPACT and University of Illinois Extension. A second would be to abandon COMPACT's 501c(3) status and become an administrative group under the University of Illinois Extension umbrella. This would be much like 4-H.

In the MOU, the Extension will support 6 current programs offered by COMPACT. They are Job Shadowing, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Business/Education Partnership, Youth Leads, Student Government Day, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Expo and Peaceful Schools. Extension staff will be able to spend time on these six programs. Other programs that COMPACT is active with will need to be reevaluated and possibly organized by volunteers. It was noted that programs such as WYSE, TIPS and Principal For A Day are no longer included, although WYSE will continue to be organized by COMPACT this year.

Questions were raised regarding the financial status of COMPACT and how Extension would pay for the programs that it supports. The Commerce Bank account would remain as it is and any monies from donations for specific programs or grants would go to the Commerce Bank account. There were also questions regarding the possibility of new programs being added to COMPACT and how investigation of new programs could be handled if COMPACT staff was limited to working on only the six programs approved in the MOU. There would be an annual review with the University of Illinois and the current programs would be discussed at that time. It was pointed out that the partnership with Extension and COMPACT could be terminated at any time in writing by either organization.

After discussion, the motion was made, seconded and there was approval on moving forward with Extension in the development of the MOU.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting of the McLean County Community COMPACT Council will be November 16, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.