Cass County Advisory Council Minutes
November 7, 2018
3:00 pm
Cass County Annex – Bison Room

Attendance
Eloise Carter, Leola Daul, Kim Lipetzky, Mary Scherling, Julie Sorby, Bryan Strom, Cassie Wiste, Jack Wood, Kim Ruliffson, Megan Myrdal, Maxine Nordick, Rita Ussatis

Welcome & Introductions
Megan Myrdal, Family Nutrition Program Agent welcomed the Advisory Council members and Extension staff. Maxine Nordick, 4-H Agent led an icebreaker game, “The Big Question” to help start conversations and learn more about one another.

Office Updates, SBARE Recommendations & Legislative Update
Rita Ussatis, Family & Community Wellness Agent
- The Agriculture & Natural Resources (ANR) and 4-H job positions are now open and advertised.
- The Horticulture and Parent Educator positions will be opening up within the next few months, upon NDSU’s approval.
- SBARE Report: NDSU Extension Snapshot Handout:
  - direct contacts, strengths and strategic plan, collaboration – not duplication
  - Why Extension: Private Value & Public Value
- Shared info card: “Talking Points on Extension”
- Commissioner Mary Scherling shared that a Legislators’ Visit will be held on December 3 in the Cass County Commissioners’ Chambers. Mary recommended an info card / handout be created specifically targeted to them.

Kim Ruliffson, NDSU Extension East District Director
- Kim and Rita recommended the Advisory Council, constituents and clientele write a letter / email directly to legislators sharing their value and appreciation of Extension. Bullet points, short one or two paragraph messages are recommended.
- Horticulture and Parent & Family Resource Center (PFRC) positions waiting for NDSU approval
- Urban Extension position can move ahead – a new and redirected position

Urban Extension in Cass County
Kim Ruliffson, NDSU Extension East District Director
- Explained the possible content of the new job description in focus areas
- Broke into two groups, “World Café”. Each group shared their ideas and suggestions for the question they received. (Feedback attached.)

Bush Foundation Ecosystem Grant & Cass County - Megan Myrdal, Family Nutrition Program Agent

Maxine Nordick Retirement

Round Table & Recap
Megan Myrdal: Family Nutrition Program
Maxine Nordick: 4-H Youth
Rita Ussatis: Family and Community Wellness

2019 Meetings:
February 6, May 2, August 7 & November 6 from 3-5 p.m. at the Cass County Annex – Bison Room