

Ag in the Classroom—St. Clair County
Minutes of Meeting
August 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Mike Pulcher. Also present were Janet Burnett, Jan Tribbett, and Susan Kehrt.

The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed by email.

With no quorum present, the approval of the revised Bylaws was tabled until next meeting.

The July Coordinator's Report had been distributed by email. Jan gave an explanation of the Dudley Smith Initiative proposal, which will fund Career Fairs if approved. She is forming a plan to do programming for eighth graders—many of whom would have had the fourth grade program. Topics could be explored in greater depth with this older group. This plan would be on a trial basis.

Jan discussed the five units for the 2007-08 comprehensive program. New this year is a unit on simple and complex machines in ag. The committee suggested replacing the unit on beneficial insects with a repeat of *George Washington Carver and Market Forces*. Students are already likely to study insects, and would have missed an opportunity to learn about supply and demand—one of the Illinois Learning Standards.

Mike Pulcher and Susan Kehrt will be contacting banks and others with a proposal for a donation-matching program. With a bank committing to matching individual donations, a direct mail campaign can be begun. The committee also discussed working with local grocery stores to raise funds for the program. Jan will put together information packets to give to prospective sponsors.

Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are:

Tuesday, December 4, 2007	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 6, 2008	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.

All meetings will be at the Extension office.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Tribbett
Coordinator