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Building Effective Community Board Leadership Skills

K-State Research and Extension is conducting a series of Community Board Leadership workshops designed to provide basic training for members of community-based boards across the state on February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2019.

“Informed and committed board members are the key to healthy, effective boards and committees in our Kansas communities. K-State Research and Extension’s Board Leadership Series will provide an opportunity for board members to learn the basics of being a good board member,” said Trudy Rice, extension community development specialist. “Whether you are a member of a church board, a township board, a United Way agency board, or a rural water board, this training is appropriate for you.”

The series will kick-off on February 5 with Conducting Effective Meetings. During this session, participants will learn about their roles and responsibilities as a board member, basics of parliamentary procedure, and strategies to make meetings more productive and effective.

On February 12, the topic will be Fundraising, Fund Management, Legalities and Ethics. This session will explore a board’s options for raising and managing money, understanding such things as articles of incorporation, bylaws, and policies.

The February 19 session will cover Understanding Fellow Board Members and Conflict Management. Participants will explore how personalities and generational differences affect the decision-making process, and learn how to manage conflict in a way that is productive, not destructive, to the board.

Strategic Planning will be the final topic on February 26. Participants will learn about establishing a common mission and vision for the board, and how to plan priorities for the future.

All sessions will be conducted from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Workshop participants will meet at host sites throughout the state to take part in web-based instruction and locally facilitated discussion. K-State Research & Extension – Shawnee County will host a site at Glaciers Edge Winery, 1636 SE 85th Street, Wakarusa.

Pre-registration for the event is required by Thursday, January 10. A \$40 registration buys a seat for all four sessions. Individuals may choose to attend on their own or boards may buy a seat and send a different board member to each session. Boards sending multiple members may negotiate a group rate. Obtain a registration form at www.shawnee.ksu.edu or call K-State Research & Extension – Shawnee County at 785.232.0062 ext 100. Contact Cindy Evans, Director for K-State Research & Extension – Shawnee County for more information or to negotiate group rates. Registration fees are due with registration and includes a light meal, four educational sessions, and Board Basics materials.

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