

Carroll, Lee & Whiteside Counties

Extension Council

MINUTES

April 17, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Karla Belzer. Council members engaged in group introductions.

Attendance: Mark Ward, Gordon Kelm, Rachel Hill, Deeann Kramer, Karla Belzer, Martha Ebbesmeyer, Sylvia Rivera, Jennifer Lang

Public Comment: None.

Meeting minutes: Mark approved, Gordon seconded.

Reports:

Martha Ebbesmeyer: reported on the Illini Academy event for High Schoolers entering 10-12 grade this fall. The dates are June 25-29, and 15 academies will be offered this year, including molecular cellular biology, health careers, electrical and computer engineering, business, and video game development. Scholarships are available.

Karla Belzer: Reported on the budget. Highlights bulleted below

- Carroll and Whiteside counties have not gotten their full allocation yet (which is typical)
- State sources match not filled in yet for FY23 (also typical)
- HCE/Extension Council YTD not filled in yet either for FY23. Has not been transferred yet.
- Trying to spend down the carryover from two positions being unfilled for 6+ months.
- FY24 budget due June 15th.

Administration: Office support staff was hired. An additional youth development staff will be hired soon. Position for family life will be interviewed within the week.

New Business

Karla Belzer - Signatory changes needed for in/out account. Would like to add Marilyn Kemmerer to replace Janice McCoy. Motion made by Gordon Kelm, seconded by Jennifer Lang. Motion carried.

Currently, there is approximately \$15,000 in the gift fund account. Karla is asking the council to only transfer \$1000 for FY24 due to the influx in funds to help reduce carryover. The remaining money can sit in the gift fund account. Motion made by Emily Zimmerman, seconded by Mark Ward. Motion carried.

Karla brought up the conversation on diversity, equity, and inclusion access and asked the extension council to come up with some fresh ideas on how we can better support that community.

New council year will begin in September. Terms are two years. Two Carroll County, two Whiteside County, and one Lee County council members will need to be recruited onto the advisory council.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. made by Gordon Kelm, seconded by Sylvia Rivera. No further discussion. Motion carried.