

**Unit 22 Extension Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 (Virtual)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Brian Mueller – President

Members Present: Wilbon Anthony, Amy Kolweier, Adam Mestemacher, Brian Mueller, Raeleen Neary, Emelie Nilges, David Ammann, and Chelsey Ammann.

Staff Member Present: Amy Cope

The September meeting minutes were reviewed by all. Emelie N. made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amy K.. Motion carried, a vote was taken, all ayes.

- Staffing / Facilities Report
 - Amy C. discussed the staff positions available for ESL EFNEP and also a Collinsville 4-H Educator.

- Facilities Report
 - Amy C. is currently working on a 3 year lease extension for both the Collinsville and Waterloo offices. She is not expecting any major changes for either of those locations.
 - Offices are open currently by appointment only due to Covid-19 and will be this way thru January 1st.

- Programming Report
 - All programming has become virtual and using pre-recorded videos.
 - The JJK was the only in person programming but also has now stopped all activities till after January.
 - Many 4-H groups are delivering projects to kids homes to keep some activities going.
 - There are no updated enrollment numbers for Madison or St. Clair just yet but Monroe had approximately 10 new signups already.
 - Brian M. asked if Amy C. felt there was real learning happening over Zoom.
 - Amy C. responded and said that the programming done through schools has really been impacted. Teachers say it is 100x more challenging to keep kids involved in activities. Parents don't want to keep their kids on the computer after they finish their school work, so getting them to stay online for another hour is becoming difficult. Amy C. thought programming is running at about 20% of what it would normally be right now.
 - David A. asked if Amy C. could give any advice to parents who will be asking if they should be buying show animals for next year.
 - Amy C. said they are doing their best to think outside of the box to have fairs, either by Zoom or in person. She said it is just really hard to plan because you don't know what tomorrow's rule package will be from the Governor.

- Brian M. asked Amy C. to check with campus and see what they say about Livestock shows for 2021.
- Financial
 - 2019's 4-H Premiums were received.
 - Amy C. said everything seems to be on track as expected.
 - Smith-Lever dollars for 21' will only be \$75,000
 - Because of this, most of that money will be spend on Rent
 - It's better for the unit to have salaries go under the Trust because campus will pay benefits then.
 - Brian M. stated that campus is looking at Unit's Trust account balances and now deciding who is in the most need. They are not taking into account if you have been financially responsible with your budget.
 - Amy C. says she will see lower travels/food/meal expenses this year due to Covid-19.
 - For FY 22' Monroe County did increase their amount from \$175k to \$185K.
 - Brian M. asked about sending Thank-You's to County board members so they know we appreciated every dollar they give.
 - Amy C. will be sending address information to Council members.
 - Amy C. informed us about a project they worked on recently in St. Clair that netted the SNAP-ED fund \$6k.
- Business
 - A reminder was given about finishing the Open Meeting Act training if you haven't completed it already.
 - Most fundraising is just beginning but Monroe County has already raised almost \$10k.
 - Amy C. asked the Council to keep brainstorming for ideas to increase awareness.
 - She is considering hiring a social media / marketing coordinator. Almost 50% of other Units have this position on staff.
 - The council discussed full time vs part time vs internship position.
 - Many pro's and con's to each so no decisions made yet.
 - Amy C. said there is roughly a 3-4 week turnaround time through campus to have graphics made right now.
 - Amy C. asked the Council to fill out the Civil Rights information that she needs to turn into campus. Each member will be receiving an email with a google link.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th, 2020 at 6:30p.m. Location: TBD

Amy K. made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Wilbon A.. Motion carried, vote was taken, all ayes.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.