

University of Illinois extension council

Minutes: Jan 31 2021

The regular meeting of the Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren counties extension council was held at the Warren County Extension office on January 31 2022 at 6 pm. Attendees were given the option to attend virtually or in person due to ongoing COVID protocol.

Reports were given first due to only 9 members being present.

In attendance were Gina Long, Patrick King, Carrie McKillip, Lisa Torrance, and Shelby Carlson in person.

Present over Zoom: Devonne Eurales, Ben Olsen, Kelci Foss, Isabel Wohlstadter and Kandace Miller.

There was no public comment

Approval of minutes was postponed due to lack of quorum

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Staffing updates were shared by Lisa Torrance: An office support position is open in the Knox county office with hopes to fill position by mid-march. Extra help was needed full and part time especially in the summer. (ideal candidate would have some experience with 4-H)

During council updates, Devonne shared positive interaction of extension personnel with middle school students. Kelci Foss shared opening of a teen center at eagle view and hopes to add extension staff interaction.

Tessa and Chris were not present however their staff reports were presented on paper, and followed provided 5 things document. Carrie followed the 5 things document and added that she and a colleague have facilitated discussions with ACES professors on building disaster prep plans around the state. The Knox county broadband application was selected for the next go around and she will sit on the committee. Shelby followed her 5 things document as well adding that the teen leadership conference has been postponed for 2022 due to COVID variables, adding that she will start welcome to the real world trainings this spring with warren/Henderson. Lisa stated constant changes within extension due to COVID, events are being limited to 200 people with lots of questions about COVID issues, but otherwise followed her directors report.

Old Business: The open meetings act training is still not working and Lisa would welcome any ideas on additions to our meetings.

New Business: the march meeting date has a scheduling conflict and will need to be rescheduled. The meeting will be moved to April 25th, with the following meeting scheduled for May 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.