

Unit 14 Extension Council

March 2023

Minutes

5:30 pm

- Call to Order – Andrea Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. She welcomed staff and council members to the meeting.
- Council Member Introductions – council members and staff introduced themselves, stating their work function with Extension and all stated the county they represented. Present: Shelby Crow, Kristin Huls, Amy Lefringhouse, Andrea Hanson, Dan Stupavsky, Sean Park, Nicole Schaffnit, Jake Foy, Brandy Kirby, Courtney Kirby, Patsy Davis
- Approval of Minutes – minutes from the November meeting were provided to council members. Dan motioned to approve minutes as presented. Jake seconded. All Approved. Motion Passed.
- Financial Report – Shelby provided financial updates to council members. She stated that the biggest fiscal news is that all payments for FY23 have been received on campus. This is the latest update adding to a positive trend of receiving state money on a timely basis. Extension Director, Harry Clore has been very positive about the process the past year between Illinois Extension and the Illinois Department of Agriculture.
- Illinois Extension Updates
 - Program Updates – staff in attendance presented program updates for the council.

Amy Lefringhouse shared that her second JWCC course would finish at the end of March. It has been a successful partnership with JWCC. Amy is excited about the registration numbers for the Master Naturalist training. She has scheduled two field trips for the spring by request from local schools.

Kristin shared several 4-H activities that have or will be taking place this spring including the Rabbit Clinic, the Livestock Judging clinic, Super Saturday, the Fishing Expo and a new Livestock SPIN Club in Hancock county. Staff are working hard to offer a variety of programs and classes for 4-H members in our region.
 - Staff Updates – Madeline Davis began in February as a 4-H Program Coordinator. She will be working in Hancock as well as assisting Kristin with the school-based programming.

- Program Highlight – Welcome to the Real World. Kristin received the new curriculum from the State 4-H office and has scheduled the first classroom in April. Madeline and Kristin will present this to three 7th grade classes at Camp Point Central Middle School. Kristin walked council members through the program and shared program materials with them to give them a good overview. This is available for junior high classrooms in our five-county region.

- Civil Rights

- Professional Development for staff – Shelby asked council members to share professional development opportunities they are aware of for staff to participate in. Dan recommended contacting WCICIL to request a Disability Etiquette training for staff. Shelby will follow-up.
- Program Planning – staff continue to work towards inclusion with program planning. Shelby and Kristin are working with staff and a board member from Bella Ease on a Poverty Simulation for staff and board members with potential programming as well.

- Open Meetings Act Training reminder – Shelby reminded council members to complete the OMA training if they haven't done so. A PDF of the certificate can be emailed to Shelby for the files.

- Other Business

- Next meeting to be held in June 2023 at the JWCC Ag Center. Shelby will secure date options for the group.

- Adjourn