



Unit 14 Extension Council

June 4, 2024

Minutes

5:30 pm

- Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Members present were: Barb Casady, Dave Ferrill, Nicole Schaffnit, Julie Cieslecicz, Stuart Korsmeyer, Brandy Kirby, Courtney Kirby, and staff members Shelby Crow, Kristin Huls, Amy Lefringhouse
- Council Member Welcome & Introductions – council members introduced themselves and stated which county they represented and how they were familiar with Illinois Extension.
- Financial Update – Shelby provided a financial update to council members She spent time this spring focused on working with landlords on leases. She explained that Extension does not own building but leases all buildings from local landlords. Leases were submitted in April. Locally, Extension leases office space in Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock and at the JWCC Ag Facility. She also updated that the FY25 Budget will be submitted by June 15. FY24 ends on June 30 so she and staff are working to close out the FY24 budget cycle.
- Marketing
 - 2023 Annual Reports were distributed to council members. This shows highlights of Extension programming for the calendar year of 2023. Council members were encouraged to take copies for their workplaces and to share with their networks.
- Illinois Extension Updates
 - Program Updates – Shelby updated council members on programs staff were working on throughout the unit such as Ag in the Classroom, ABC's of School Nutrition and strategic planning processes for the Schuyler County Board and the New Philadelphia Association. Kristin updated members on 4-H Youth Development programming. 4-H staff are busy preparing for 4-H fairs to be held in June and July. Many are seeking judges for various project areas and Kristin urged council members to consider volunteering to be a judge or assistant for general show projects.
 - Staff Updates
- Civil Rights

- Training Requests for Council Members – Shelby offered that they could offer trainings for council members on a variety of topics such as Age Matters, a Poverty Simulation or Real Colors.
- Vote on Officers – members were asked to consider the slate of officers presented at a previous meeting. The vote had been delayed due to lack of quorum at previous meetings. Dave Ferrill motioned to approve the officers as presented. Julia Cieslewicz seconded. All Approved. Motion Passed.
Chair – Barb Casady
Vice Chair – Amy Whelan
Reporter – Dave Ferrill
Financial Reporter – Laura Dotson
- Open Meetings Act Training – Shelby offered instructions to members who needed access to the Open Meetings Act training. All members present conveyed they had already completed the training.
- Next meeting date and location – the next meeting will be held in mid-September. Shelby will reach out to set a date that works for the majority of the group.
- Adjourn – Stuart Korsmeyer motioned to adjourn and Amy seconded. All Approved, Motion Passed.