



**Unit 9 – Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties**

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**January 23, 2024**

**Minutes**

- A. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by Council President Johari Kowali.
  - a. Sally Skoff, Marilu Andon, Johari Kowali, Dale Bowman, Anthony Warmack, Ann Collet, Nathanael Greene, Sara Mitchell, and Kim Yohnka were present.
- B. Minutes from September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Council members approved minutes.
- C. Financial Update – Financial reports were shared and discussed, and paper copies were provided to council members.

**2023 Year in Review – Anthony Warmack**

- “Year of Change”
  - New director- Marilu Andon was hired
  - Updates to offices
  - Revamped 4-H reporting
  - Embryology increases in price due to avian flu
  - Complete rebrand of extension.
  - 5 new hires
    - Renzo
    - Barbara
    - Micaiah
    - Fernanda- Promotion
    - Brooke- Promotion
  - Strategic program planning
    - Better communication with served communities
- “Year of Impact”
  - 7,413 4-h experiences
  - 48 clubs between Will, Kankakee, and Grundy Counties
  - 1,973 fair exhibits
  - Increasing diversity

- \$304,946 = estimated volunteer hours worked
- Community
  - 47 Local Leaders received government education
  - 743 people attended programs
- Economy
  - 7,379 people attended programs
- Environment
  - 4,344 people attended programs
  - 106 education programs were provided
- Food
  - 114 people attended programs
- Health
  - 7,125 people attended programs
  - 454 educational snap ed classes
- Kids in Nature
- Micro Food Pantry

**Program updates- Anthony Warmack**

- Nancy
  - New gardening program with Laraway school
  - New master composter training program
  - New Elwood school garden club in Elwood
  - New expanded garden program at Union School
  - Seedfest is planned for March 2, 2024
- Renzo
  - Beekeeping from scratch workshops
  - Certified livestock manager training
  - Local foods and small farms needs assessment
- Barbara
  - 5 youth attended the Junior Leadership Conference
  - 21 youth received My 4-H Experience Award
  - Follow Kankakee 4-h federation on Facebook
- Laura/Brittany
  - Welcome To The real world
  - 4-H Officer Training
  - 4-H Paint Night
  - Incubation & Embryology Activities
- Anthony
  - All new awareness campaigns
  - New email marketing and event marketing
  - New resident marketing
- Job advertising
  - Jobs are typically posted with a month's notice
  - Jobs are publicized by campus

- Jobs are publicized locally
- Social media advertising
- After a job posting closes
  - Campus selects the interview pool
  - The interview committee interviews and provides feedback
  - The hiring manager makes a selection and starts the onboarding process

**Unit 9 Updates- Marilu Andon**

- Hiring
  - Finished SNAP-ED Interviews
  - Still hiring for
    - 4-H EPC Grundy
    - Educator
- Youth Council Member Roster
  - Looking to have 3 more join council
  - Barbara is setting up an application
- Foundation reports
  - Will Co. fundraiser
    - April 6- Lincoln Way west
  - Grundy Co. fundraiser
    - No fundraiser this year
  - Kankakee Co. fundraiser
    - February 3<sup>rd</sup>- Kankakee fairgrounds
- Civil rights report
  - Recruit for extension council
  - Diversity membership

**Next meeting will be April 15, 2024 at Will County Extension @ 6:30**

- Adjournment
  - Sally Skoff moved, seconded by Dale Bowman