

## **University of Illinois Extension Unit 3**

Council Meeting/Zoom Meeting

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6:30 p.m.

### **Minutes from April 7th Meeting**

#### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the University of Illinois Extension Unit 3 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 7th on a Zoom meeting platform by Linda Sharken.

#### **Present:**

Linda Sharken, Dawn Scichowski, Gina Scichowski, Simeon Viltz, and Patricia Warren, and Tyler Wilke. Staff: Michele Aavang, Brenda Dahlfors, and James Reaves

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dawn Scichowski. Patricia Warren made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Simeon Viltz seconded the motion. The minutes were voted on and approved.

#### **Staff Presentations:**

Brenda Dahlfors from the Master Gardner program stated that due to the current ongoing pandemic, Gardenfest for April 2020 has been cancelled, the plant sale has been postponed until September 2020, and the 2020 Garden walk and Farm stroll are still going ahead as planned currently. The Gardenfest 2019 had 177 paid admissions while the Farm stroll 2019 brought in 400 participant per farm.

Michele Aavang from the McHenry County 4-H program stated that 379 members exhibited their projects in 2019. She also said that 4-H was recently promoted in the Woodstock Square, Peterson Farm in McHenry, and in the Harvard school with the Just Wing it Pollinator garden. She also mentioned that McHenry county 4-H had also completed International Night, Project day and is currently spotlighting 4-H members and Alumni on Facebook.

#### **4-H Update:**

Dawn Scichowski stated that her 4-H club was completing blankets for Project Linus. Gina Scichowski stated that the Ambassadors were collecting Pop-Top Tabs for the Children's Hospital.

**Director's Update:**

James Reaves updated everyone on how proud he was of all the staff and the university for pulling together the tools and knowledge to be able to work at home during the Pandemic. He also stated that interviews for a Local Food/Small Farm Educator position is being conducted and a Snap Ed Position in McHenry County is still open but is currently on hold. Mr. Reaves did inform us that we did receive the 2019 state county board funds and half of the 2020 money. However, due to Covid-19 this may impact our budget going forward. He also stated that the University was also collecting loss revenue from Covid -19 each Unit.

**State Council Update:**

Carolina Schottland was not available to give us this update at this meeting.

**Old Business:**

The 2020 Mystery and Masquerade Ball is currently being planned for October 2020.

**New Business:**

Mr. Reaves stated that 2020 New Member recruitment is underway. He also stated that on March 9, 2020 the Equal Employment Opportunity Program Plan Document was sent to us for review. A few members didn't receive this email and it will be re-sent out. Simeon Viltz spoke of his work within the schools helping with food distribution and E-learning during the Pandemic.

**Adjournment**

Simeon Viltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Warren seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and the meeting was adjourned by Linda Sharken. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Lake County Extension Aud., Grayslake, IL.

Minutes submitted by: Dawn and Gina Scichowski 04/15/2020