

**University of Illinois Extension Unit 3**  
**Council Meeting/Zoom Meeting**  
September 22, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

**Minutes from September 22, 2020 Meeting**

**Opening:**

The regular meeting of the University of Illinois Extension Unit 3 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 22nd, 2020 on a Zoom meeting platform by Tyler Wilke.

**Present:**

Dawn & Gina Scichowski, Addison Gjelsten, Megan & Denise Eppel, Sandra Prez, Dale Kehr, Sarah Farley, Brenda Dahlfors, Kim Isaacson, Patricia Warren, Simeon Viltz, Linda Sharken, Tyler Wilke, Carolina Schottland, Sarah Zack and Patricia Warren, Dr. Michelle Cox and James Reaves

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**4-H Update:**

Gina Scichowski stated that her 4-H club participated in online judging like the rest of McHenry County 4-H clubs and participation was down compared to other years.

Addison Gjelsten stated that Lake County 4-H had 23 4-H members that were eligible for State Fair this year and that clubs are trying to meet again in person.

Megan Eppel represented 4-H at the State level and stated that the Youth Leadership Conference will now be a 1-day event online on 11/7/2020.

**Staff Update:**

Dr Cox updated us on Multi-District Club updates. She talked about thinking outside the box and to keep our members engaged and excited about all 4-H has to offer through community programming.

Sandy Prez talked about Spin Clubs, 4-H Juntos, 4-H Robotics and 4-H Military Youth Programming and Cultural Competency Training.

Dale Kehr introduced her Snap Ed Team and talked about how her team is adapting to virtual programming and also the growing school garden projects.

Sarah Farley is new to Unit 3 Extension as of August 15th. She introduced herself and gave us an overview of the plans she has for her programming this year.

Brenda Dahlfors from McHenry Master Gardeners updated us on growing adequate food to prevent hunger with gardening for good as well as home and community projects.

Kim Isaacson from Lake County Master Gardeners talked about the community gardens and online training. She also stated that applications are now available.

**Director's Update:**

Mr. Reaves stated that by October 5th all staff will be in the office on a hybrid schedule and gave his staff kudos for adapting to working from home. He also stated that funding all state 18 and 19 funding is currently secured by the university, waiting on state 20-21 funding. James also stated that he is looking for sponsors in Lake and McHenry County to sponsor COVID Lab testing sites and Saliva tests. He will e-mail all of us with this information.

**State Council Update:**

Carolina Schottland has stated that the next State Extension Council meeting will be in October. Local Extension 20/21 funding will be up in the air because of the Lake County Plant sales and Extension Foundation fundraisers that normally would be held have been cancelled due to COVID-19 and right now they are setting up Facebook fundraisers. Other funders like Townships and Villages may not give either because of its local budget being affected by COVID.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Election of Officers for the 2020-2021 year. Tyler Wilke has moved from Vice President to President. Simeon Viltz will be the Vice President. Dawn and Gina Scichowski have agreed to stay Secretaries for the upcoming year. Patricia Warren made the motion to accept the new board. Sarah Zack seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

The following are our Zoom meeting dates for the upcoming year. November 24th 2020, February 23, 2021 and April 27th, 2021.

**Adjournment**

Linda Sharken made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Simeon Viltz seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and the meeting was adjourned by Tyler Wilke. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on November 24th, 2020 as a Zoom meeting instead of a in person meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Dawn and Gina Scichowski

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