



EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2022
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
3. REVIEW MINUTES
 - a. Minutes were approved
4. UPDATE ON PROGRAMS
 - a. 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
 - i. Expansion and Review Committee met prior to our council meeting.
 - ii. County
 1. Jasper
 - a. 223 members, 32 leaders
 - b. Continued – after school adventures, ambassadors, Health Jam, Safety Day, awards program, Welcome to the Real World
 - c. New – Horse Judging Team, multiple workshops
 - d. Goals – bring back Live Line, Basic Life Skills, county horse judging competition, Little Free Library
 2. Fayette
 - a. 112 members, 28 leaders
 - b. Continued – Welcome to the Real World, Conservation Day, awards program
 - c. New – 4-H Kickoff event, new workshops, Cloverbud Activity Book
 - d. Goals – Vandalia Afterschool program & YMCA, project ready workshops, livestock clinics, Ramsey Cooking School
 3. Effingham
 - a. 362 members, 65 leaders
 - b. Continued – Awards, cooking challenges, club kits, Federation, clinics, STEM
 - c. New – make and take workshops, working with Effingham Library, long term school programs, sewing club restarted
 - d. Goals – retention, Welcome to the Real World, summer programs in diverse communities throughout Effingham County
 4. Clay
 - a. 162 members, 34 leaders



- b. Continued – Beyond the Bell, camps, Dog Obedience, awards
 - c. New – make and take workshops, STEM activities
 - d. Goals – continue with Beyond the Bell, Conservation Day, Cake Decorating workshop, Shopping in Style workshop
 - b. SNAP-ED
 - i. COMMUNITY WORKER POSITION – TESTING COMPLETE
 - 1. UIE is currently seeking applicants for Fayette County Community Worker position. Jo Stine is retiring after serving with the SNAP-Ed program for 23 years.
 - ii. HEAT GRANT – VENISON DONATION PROGRAM
 - 1. The Illinois Deer Donation Program is wrapping up the needs assessment portion of the project completing 22 focus groups. The SNAP-Ed program will be launching a survey within area food pantries regarding preparing venison in food pantry clients' homes. The program is actively meeting trying to locate funding for meat processor reimbursement in hopes of launching in Fall 2022.
 - iii. ABCs of SCHOOL NUTRITION
 - 1. Michelle Fombelle will be offering training for area school food service professionals in partnership with ISBE and ROE #3 on Friday, June 3rd.
 - iv. ENDURING FREEDOM MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY
 - 1. Michelle Fombelle located funding from Purdue University targeting rural veterans. She worked with Vickie Kight to utilize the funding within her food pantry launching monthly Veterans Fair events.
 - c. HORTICULTURE
 - i. STEM kits out to the rural counties
 - ii. Tower gardens
 - iii. Discovery Christian school-grow plants using a tower gardens-growing inside their school
 - d. WATERSHED OUTREACH – APPLICANT REVIEWS APRIL 1
 - i. Jennifer Jones has moved on to another position. New applicants are being reviewed tomorrow by the hiring committee.
- 5. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION – THREE CIVIL RIGHTS AUDIT REVIEW (REG)
 - a. Civil Rights Review/Audit happens every 3 years due to receiving federal funding. Our demographics show a high number of Caucasian individuals. Our unit hopes to focus on children with special needs or a current IEP. Any suggestions of groups that may fall under our target categories are appreciated.



6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. PROSPECTIVE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023
 - i. If you have anyone in mind, please send them Carl's way to serve on Extension Council.
- b. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT INTERVIEWS CLAY COUNTY – APRIL 13
 - i. Interviews in Clay County are April 13th. We hope to have the position filled asap.
- c. PLANS OF WORK
 - i. Carl sent out our Plans of Work. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Carl. The Plans of Work are guiding documents for our future program planning of the upcoming year.

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- a. MAY 31, 2022-Our May 31st meeting will be in person at McCallisters in the back room at 6pm. This is our way of thanking you for your time serving on Extension Council this past year.

8. OPEN FLOOR

- a. Norbert Soltwedel mentioned how important it is to work together without duplicating community programs.
- b. Carl will be attending the community mapping program for Effingham County. Newton, Dieterich, and Teutopolis currently have active programs.

9. ADJOURN

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Fombelle