



## Extension

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### EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 29, 2018

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- a. September 25, 2018 Minutes were approved by Ben, Seconded by Barb
- b. One guest attendee, Emma Kuhns from Altamont 4-H

#### 2. EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

##### a. VANDALIA ONE

- i. Fayette County 4-H have completed cooking classes at the Vandalia YMCA. Ben said the kids had a great time and zero injuries. Michelle Alstat and Dana have been discussing the Be Safe curriculum including bullying and other issues as a transition from the cooking classes.
- ii. Vandalia YMCA, Vandalia Superintendent, and Vandalia Police are partnering to roll something out during the 2019-2020 school year targeting bullying.
- iii. 30+ kids are attending a sewing class hosted at the YMCA implemented by U of I Extension. Dana asked if Vandalia has any sewing machines. U of I Extension currently has ten. Emma asked if Vandalia has a Family and Consumer class because Altamont FCS class has 15 sewing machines. Ben was not sure but thought it would be a great place to check.

##### b. TEUOTOPOLIS AFTER SCHOOL COOKING

- i. Thirty-one kids enrolled, 100% attendance at all three sessions. The kids really love the classes and asking “what are we going to make next time?” They are extremely creative with their recipes and demonstrating teamwork.

##### c. HEALTH JAMS

- i. Katie has one going right now in Jasper County Schools. It is a 9 week program encouraging 30 minutes of physical activity a day, reducing screen time, and introducing unique fruits and vegetables. The last session is more a field trip including guest health professionals and why nutrition is important. The schools enjoy it and appreciate the opportunity for physical activity and nutrition needs within the school system.

##### d. OTHER PROGRAMMING



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- i. Jasper County School District Poverty Simulation on October 19, -140 educators attended. Superintendent and attendees were complimentary of the program.
- ii. Jennifer hosted a cover crop field day in Altamont with local farmers. She received great feedback. She had 59 people, mostly men, attend.
- iii. She is a part of a team who recently received funding to address lawn care and nutrient loss.
- iv. She currently does a lot of watershed plan writing. She covers two watersheds and they touch on 18 counties
- v. She recently spoke with sixth graders at Conservation Field day in Jasper County.
- vi. Deena mentioned she is currently partnering with a natural resources teacher at Flora schools. They were awarded a grant from National Geographic. She is going to connect Jennifer with Kat.
- vii. Carl said U of I Extension will be offering Annie's Project again in 2019. Dates to be set soon.

#### 3. HORTICULTURE EDUCATION POSITION UPDATE

- a. Two candidates were interviewed on 11/20/2018. We hope to have a horticulture educator starting by January 2019. The chosen candidate is very excited about starting Junior Master Gardeners in all four counties.

#### 4. EXTENSION COUNCIL VACANCIES

- a. CLAY – 2 OPEN SEATS
  - i. Carl has reached out to the new Farm Bureau representative and Clay County Hospital to speak with potential candidates for extension council.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Carl is looking at a new space opportunity in Flora for the U of I Extension office. He is currently looking at Vaughn's furniture.

#### 6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- a. JANUARY 29, 2019
- b. MARCH 26, 2019
- c. MAY 30, 2019

#### 7. ADJOURN

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