



Extension

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL, CONSUMER  
& ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 26, 2019

7:00 – 8:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Dana Homann, Michelle Fombelle, Gretchen Simpson, Julie Healy, Lisa Hoelscher, Lindsey Vogt, Ben Frazier, Mary McCullough, Barb McGrew, Jo Stine, Jason, Erin Maxwell, Pam Heiser, Jennifer Woodyard
2. Open Public Comment Period
  - a. Carl spoke at Mary's group, Clay County Board meeting, and they appreciated it.
3. Education Program Updates
  - a. Teutopolis After School Cooking had 31 participants, almost 100% attendance at every program. Hope to continue and offer to other schools as well.
  - b. Health Jams – 9-week program currently going on in Jasper County. Offered to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, hoping to do it in Effingham County next year. Teaching healthy eating and activities.
  - c. Sewing workshops and STEM project in Vandalia for the after-school program. 31 kids involved. We had 10 sewing machines and we borrowed 8 more, so the group of kids was broken in half to work on the sewing and STEM projects
  - d. MyPI – completed in Flora, felt that 13-year-olds were not quite at the right maturity level. Tried to run it in Vandalia, but only had 1 registrant so they were not able to offer it at that time. It is an intensive, 10-12 week program. Dana said they try to have at least 2 hours to run the program and the kids have to come. If they miss a class they have to make it up. Supplies are given to build an emergency preparedness kit. As part of the program, the kids have to go out and speak to 6 other households. Then that family has to build an emergency preparedness kit. The kids walk away from the program with a completed kit after the first training session.
  - e. Illini 4-H Summer Academies – youth can spend a week on campus during the summer in various camps (i.e. engineering, MyPI will be a summer academy this year)
4. Horticulture Educator Position – Now open again, has not been advertised yet. Dana is on the search committee, and the applications will be reviewed May 3. Michelle encouraged the council that if they know of anybody local who may be interested, please tell them to apply. A Master's degree is required.
5. Extension Council Vacancies – Clay County still has 1 empty seat. Please have them contact Carl for more information.
6. New Business
  - a. 2018 Unit 21 Impact Report – We try to spotlight the unique or “wow” programs we do in this report. We could not cover all of our activities in this booklet.
  - b. Legislation House Bill 2264 – Our funding comes from multiple sources. We get federal money as well as money from the State. This bill will change the wording from “may” to “shall” within the bill. We ask if you run into a legislator, you talk to them about this bill and encourage they vote for it. If money comes into Extension as a donation and is not

earmarked, it can be matched. This bill will say they “shall” give us the match each year instead of “may”.

7. Next meeting is May 30<sup>th</sup> and will be the last meeting for this year. Our meetings will resume sometime in September. We will serve dinner in May as a thank you for your time.
8. SNAP Spotlight – Fayette received continuation of funding for the community garden. They donated a ton of produce to food pantry last year and do a GREAT job! Pam, Jo, and Erin gave examples of what they do in the community. Pam talked about Color Me Healthy curriculum. Jo walked us by a MyPlate food pantry display she does, and Erin put us through physical activity.
9. Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Woodyard