

**University of Illinois Extension - Unit 18**

**Extension Council Minutes**

**Macoupin County Extension office**

**June 13, 2017**

Call to Order

Charlie Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Those in attendance from Extension Council: Charlie Peterson (also ESAC representative), Sandra Bechtold, Cheryl Canavan; Katie Paulek, Kenny Schafer, Alice Tebbe, Pamela Weber and Robert Wiese. Extension staff in attendance: Amanda Cole, Andrew Holsinger and Lisa Peterson, and guest Barb Schafer.

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes

Minutes from the March 2017 meeting were presented. Sandra Bechtold motioned to approve as presented. Kenny Schafer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Fiscal Report

Amanda Cole presented the April 2017 Trust and Revolving report. She then discussed the game plan for FY18, FY19 and FY20, with the special allocation from campus of Smith-Lever funds. Charlie Peterson moved to file as presented.

OLD Business

Staffing discussion: Rebecca Livingston has accepted the role of the Christian County, Extension Program Coordinator. We are still in the process of doing interviews for the Christian County, Office Support Assistant position. We are still in the process of searching for the ANR Educator, in Environmental and Energy Stewardship. The summer positions all got filled: Morgan Cauble and Erika Conrady for SNAP-Ed; Jersey County 4-H Rachel Meisner, Macoupin County 4-H Meghan Wolff, Montgomery County 4-H Lacey Knodle, and former Christian County 4-H was Rebecca Livingston. Also, Cassie O'Connell is the joining the team to work under Terri Miller in an extra-help position.

We discussed underserved and new audiences: The group shared contacting the Jerseyville Manor to reach more seniors, and Mrs. Schafer would contact the Southern Jersey County Homeschool Group. Pamela is the contact for the lunch program at the First Baptist Church in Jerseyville.

Eat Local Initiative: Lisa Peterson gave the group an update on the projects taking place this summer.

## NEW Business

Reappointment of Members: 09/2017 – 08/2019: Sandra Bechtold, Todd Buesinger, Barb Grabner-Kerns, Charlene Modla, Kate Niemeier and Pamela Weber. Kenny Schafer motioned to approve the list provided. Sandra Bechtold seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Appointment of New Members: 09/2017 – 08/2019: Greg Behme, Crystal Wiese, James Siebert, Jack Stork, Cindy Pryor, Jay Martin and Veryl Reiher. Sandra Bechtold motioned to approve the list provided. Pamela Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion of officers for 09/2017 – 08/2018, Mike Brokaw for Chair, Sandra Bechtold for Vice Chair, Cheryl Canavan for Treasurer and Charlene Modla for Secretary.

### Staff Program Reports:

Andrew Holsinger and Lisa Peterson provided handouts on current programming.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, Montgomery County, UI, Hillsboro.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra Bechtold.

**APPROVED October 10, 2017**