

**University of Illinois Extension - Unit 18**  
**Extension Council Notes (no quorum)**  
**Macoupin County Extension office (CORRECTION)**  
**March 22, 2018**

Call to Order

Kate Niemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Those in attendance from Extension Council: Jack Stork, Cheryl Canavan, Greg Behme, Veryl Reiher, Barb Grabner-Kerns, and Kate Niemeier. Extension staff in attendance: Amanda Cole, Ashley Belle and Lisa Peterson.

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes

Jack moved to approve the December minutes. Cheryl seconded the motion. Vote will be moved to June's meeting.

Fiscal Report

February Trust and Revolving account reports were presented. Amanda explained we have yet to receive any funding from the State of Illinois for FY18 in regards to County Board match.

Each Unit was giving \$325,000 in Smith-Lever funds to help bridge the shortfall gap. Those funds are being used to pay rent, travel, professional development and the salary of staff members not on other grant funds.

OLD Business

Staffing discussion:

- Macoupin County Office Support Assistant Search is almost done.
- Jersey County 4-H Program Coordinator invitees are complete and the new hire tentatively starts Monday, April 9, 2018.
- Montgomery County Community Worker opening resulted in a failed search.
- The 4-H/Youth Development Educator position will be opened during the summer of 2018.
- We will start working to fill summer extra-help ASAP.

Underserved Audiences discussion took place, ideas included the following:

- Low income
- Jersey County Juvenile Detention Center
- Kemmerer Village in Christian County
- Chris-Mont School in Nokomis

## NEW Business

Amanda shared with the group that the Dean of ACES will be visiting on Friday, April 6. A proposed agenda for the day was shared as well.

### Staff Program Reports:

Ashley Belle shared with the group information on her programs held in February in both Carlinville and Taylorville. She also discussed her focus areas and the program that is being planned for this summer with Dudley Smith farms.

Lisa Peterson shared programming that has occurred since December and upcoming plans for April – June 2018.

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 21, Jersey County, UI Jerseyville.

**APPROVED June 21, 2018**