

University of Illinois Extension - Unit 18

Extension Council Minutes

Jersey County Extension office

June 21, 2018

Call to Order

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

Those in attendance from Extension Council: Veryl Reiher, James Siebert, Jack Stork, Sandra Bechtold, Connie Beck, Pamela Weber, Cheryl Canavan, Todd Buesinger, Greg Behme, Crystal Wiese and Kate Niemeier. Extension staff in attendance: Amanda Cole and Ashley Belle.

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes

Jack motioned to approve December 2017 minutes as presented. James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Veryl motioned to approve the March 2018 notes with correction. James seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fiscal Report

The March and April 2018 Unit 18 Trust and Revolving reports were presented. Kate stated to file for audit.

Amanda presented the proposed FY19 Unit 18 Budget. Jack motioned to approve as presented. Veryl seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. A copy is on file at the Montgomery County office.

OLD Business

Staffing discussion:

- Sarah Boente joined the team on April 16 as the new Macoupin County Office Support Assistant.
- Jessica Jaffry joined the team on April 9 as the new Jersey County 4-H Program Coordinator.
- Montgomery County Community Worker search is being postponed until the fall of 2018.
- The 4-H/Youth Development Educator position will be opened during the summer of 2018. It will be a national search.
- As of July, Jennifer Russell will be providing Community and Economic Development programming in Unit 18 on a 10% appointment. This work will be

focused primarily in Jersey and Macoupin Counties, but she will provide leadership to the program coordinator based in Montgomery County as well.

- We have six summer extra-help in Unit 18. One in each county helping with the 4-H program and two with the SNAP-Ed, Junior Chef cooking schools.

NEW Business

Amanda shared with the group the Unit 18 Civil Rights Audit Findings report. They discussed reaching new audiences. Cheryl offered that in her previous position she would work with the local radio stations to share service information to a broader audience. Another member identified the school in Nokomis – Chris/Mont as a new site to reach new audiences.

Amanda confirmed which members have already completed the Illinois Open Meetings Act training: Jack Stork, Veryl Reiher and Connie Beck. An in person training will be offered at the October meeting.

Amanda discussed open seats and opportunities to recruit new members to the council. There are two open seats for both Christian and Montgomery Counties starting in September and one open seat for Macoupin County.

Cheryl's first term on Extension Council is up August 31, 2018. She has agreed to serve another two-year term on Extension Council.

Staff Program Reports:

Ashley Belle shared upcoming programming information and past successes.

Amanda passed out handouts from Andrew Holsinger and Lisa Peterson about upcoming programs.

Discussion of trying a daytime meeting was held. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 18, Christian County, UI Taylorville. A lunchtime meeting will be held and if that works the December meeting will be during the day too.

Amanda also shared we are in need of extra-help support staff in Christian, Jersey and Montgomery Counties. And that if Council members knew of individual interested to please have them contact Amanda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

APPROVED December 18, 2018.