

## **University of Illinois Extension - Unit 18**

### **Extension Council Minutes**

#### **Christian County Extension office**

**October 18, 2018**

#### Call to Order

Jack Stork called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.

Those in attendance from Extension Council: Veryl Reiher, Jack Stork, Greg Behme, Barb Grabner-Kerns and Gwen Podeschi. Extension staff in attendance: Amanda Cole, Cassie O'Connell and Andrew Holsinger.

#### Welcome and Introductions

#### Minutes

Veryl motioned to approve the June 2018 minutes as presented. Greg seconded the motion. A vote will have to take place at a future meeting due to lack of quorum.

#### Fiscal Report

The June and Year-End FY18 Trust and Revolving reports were presented. Then the July, August and September FY19 Trust and Revolving reports were presented. Amanda shared with the group we are entering into year two of three in regards to the extra Smith-Lever funding from campus. In addition, Extension is in the FY19 approved state budget.

Amanda shared with the group that the Extension Board meetings for Montgomery, Christian, and Jersey County have all occurred and that she will work to set the Macoupin meeting in November. The request at those meetings is for funding for FY20.

#### OLD Business

Staffing discussion:

- The 4-H/Youth Development Educator position had a great pool of candidates and she hopes to release a name in the next few weeks. She reminded the group this position serves all four counties.
- Due to an unexpected resignation, a search for a new Macoupin County Office Support Assistant took place recently, and interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, October 30.
- The open Montgomery County SNAP-Ed, Community Worker position is still on hold.
- Due to an unexpected resignation, of the Christian County Ag. Literacy Program Coordinator, the Christian County 4-H Program Coordinator is now covering Ag.

Literacy in addition to their current position. An extra-help employee will start Monday, October 22, to help with both program areas.

Underserved Audiences:

Veryl shared with the group information about Royal Lakes in Macoupin County. And suggested that might be a good place to try some new outreach. Amanda was able to share the fact that the Macoupin County Master Gardeners in partnership with the Macoupin County 4-H program did a gardening program with area youth this past spring. The program was grant funded and the impact will be shared in the 2018 Impact Report.

Jack stated he would contact someone he knows at the Juvenile Detention Center based in Jersey County to see if that site would be an appropriate site to do programming with youth.

NEW Business

Amanda introduced Gwen Podeschi to the group. She will be filing one of the open Christian County Extension Council seats. Christian County is still in need of one new member, Montgomery County two new members and Macoupin County one new member.

Current council members came up with the following names of individuals that should be asked to serve in the open spots: Tim Carlson, CJ Liddell, Mel Repscher, Health Houck and either 4-H Parents/Ag. Teachers.

The following action items have been deferred to a future meeting with quorum: Election of officers, setting the meeting schedule for 2019, holiday schedule for closing, and updating signatures on the Unit 18 In/Out checking account.

Amanda shared with the group the required Open Meeting Acts training. Greg has agreed to complete the training online from home. And Barb started the training today, but will need to finish in the near future. Other members present have already completed the training and are current elected officials in Illinois.

Staff Program Reports:

Amanda shared the handout that Lisa Peterson had prepared for the group.

Andrew shared handouts on the ANR Program Area Updates, and invasive pests information. He then presented a brief program on succulent plants for those in attendance.

Discussion of setting a special meeting to get the deferred items approved was held with those in attendance. The special meeting will be at the Ariston in Litchfield with an optional Route 66 Museum tour following. The two dates proposed are Friday November 16 or Friday, November 30. Amanda will send out a doodle poll to see which one can get more in attendance.

The next scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, December 20, at the Montgomery County Extension office start time 12:15 pm with an optional meal at 11:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

**APPROVED December 18, 2018.**

