

University of Illinois Extension – Serving Christian, Jersey, Macoupin, and Montgomery Counties
Extension Council Minutes
Hybrid Call due to COVID-19
October 20, 2022

Connie Beck, Amanda Cole, Mark Dugger, Caleb Grover, Venise McWard, Vicki Joiner, Alicia Gullidge,
Jerome Epplin, Moe Bruns, Andrew Holsinger, Tiffany Blasa

7:01-Alicia called the meeting to order

Minutes being prepared. Secretary is not present.

File Financials for report---Motion by Venise and seconded by Tiffany -Motion Carried

Old Business:

Staffing: Amanda and Lisa are still in dual roles. Ends at the end of November. Taylor Pope started in September in SNAP Ed., Alexis McDowell is currently covering two positions in Montgomery and Christian County for 4-H program coordinator, The Montgomery County position opens in November

Summer extra help did an amazing job floating in all four counties through 4-H programming, helping move offices, and assisting in the offices. Thank you to Anthony Joiner, Taylor Pope, and Dayse Valesques

Scheduling and planning extra help, so they do not exceed their 900 hours. New rules and policies are being enforced on campus

Amanda will clarify hours to Vickie Joiner about Anthony's break and continue to work.

Community Partner Award Follow-Up:

Macoupin County MG-The historical society had a long-standing partnership with the MG and had areas with demonstration gardens. 4-H Christian County Northside Vet Clinic has let us use their facility for 4-H, the Peace United Church in Jersey County for their great partnership for Soupfest, and Journal News in Montgomery County in Montgomery County

Purdue University is looking to replicate the awards

4-H Fairs: No major issues, back to normal, moved on to state fair

Venise moved to accept the old business Moe seconded. Motion carried.

DEIA: We will continue to do yearly DEIA goals and finalizing in November—We want to make sure we are reaching individuals. Ag. Literacy staff are working with Royal Lakes and providing them with kits, another site is Kemmer Village, based in Christian County, with 4-H and Horticulture, there are some opportunities with gardens in Pana. Who are we not reaching?

Assumption is working on a mapping program to get a walking trail put in and potentially access to services (Assumption Pride Association)

Pana-Social Economic Need-DEIA need in the schools (homeless population increase)-
Community Mission- *Open Tuesday/Thursday 9am-4pm*

Christian County Farm Bureau adopted a Chicago-area urban legislator for the purpose of building a personal relationship. The goal is to educate them on farming and agricultural and rural issues. It also allows the County Farm Bureau members to serve as a resource for the legislator on agricultural issues and how proposed legislation will impact their farm operations. The Farm Bureau members are also provided an opportunity to learn more about the district the legislator represents and come to understand his or her urban issues better.

Owaneco—Community Garden (Miranda Smith-Emerald)

Jersey-Kids who need the after school program the most are the ones who do not attend, Baptist Church does free lunch program (potentially market there)

Let Amanda know of there are any additions this will be brought to the staff.

Checking Account: Need approval of signatures for the in/out checking account-Right now it's Sara M., Andrew H., Lisa P., and Amanda C. It's required to approve every year. Jerome moved to keep those four as the signatures, and Tiffany seconded. Motion carries. The checking account is audited once a year, then regional office, then campus audited.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Alicia Gullidge

VP: Vicki Joiner

Secretary: Moe Bruns

Treasurer: Mark Dugger

Moe Bruns motioned to approve; Venise seconded. Motion carried

Staff Program Reports:

Andrew Holsinger—Successful rainscaping program in Macoupin, Master Gardeners are doing a showcase in Montgomery county and offering CEUs, has native invasive programs coming up.

Sara Marten—Kicking off new enrollment with the new system (Z-Suite), officer training upcoming, back with in-person workshops and at-home kits will continue, and early November is achievement night, and classroom programming

Lisa Peterson—Intergenerational apples programming, set certified food classes for the next year, waiting to do more planning post needs assessment

Amanda may send a survey on what is the best time to meet.

Alicia officially adjourned the meeting

No other new business

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