

Minutes
Extension Council Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2021; Noon to 1:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm. Present were Earl Allen, Kim Dunnigan, Paul Gottemoller, Maria Gottemoller, Kate Mueller, and Patty Wiegers. Holly Koch.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by consensus.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year.

- Chair – Kim Dunnigan
- Vice-Chair – Erica Eigenbrod
- Secretary – Sunita Shastry
- Financial Reporter – Holly Koch
- Kim Dunnigan moved to accept this panel of officers, Paul Gottemoller 2nd. Voted & approved.

New Business:

Appointment of county extension board representatives. Maria moved, Kate 2nd. Voted & approved.

Approval of signatories for local account signature cards.

Fulton/Mason – Earl Allen, Christine Belless, Joli Pierson, Tara Heath, Emily Schoenfelder, Skye Mibbs, Krista Gray

Peoria/Tazewell – Earl Allen, Kaitlyn Streitmatter, Judy Schmidt, Emily Schoenfelder, Katherine Girone, Anita Wilkinson, Rebecca Crumrine

This list of signatories was approved by consensus.

FY2021 Holiday Office closing (Dec 24, 21 – Jan 3, 2022) schedule was approved by consensus.

Fiscal & Administration Updates:

FY 22 – Progressing as expected.

FY23 Levy – Fulton, Mason, Tazewell are at level funding. Working to restore Peoria funding to FY2021 amount.

Staffing Updates:

7 staff members have retired.

New staff have been hired – 2 new SNAP-Ed . Elexus Hampton for Fulton and Kaytlin Beekman for Tazewell.

Advertising for 4H coordinator in Peoria Co is in progress. Searches for a part-time secretary for Peoria and Tazewell offices are underway. Searches for two Educators (Community and Economic Development; and Agriculture Business) will be launched in the next couple months.

Civil Rights Update:

The next review will be in 2023. New census data is expected out in the next 6 months for use in evaluating program needs and priorities. Earl will review those new demographics with Extension Council members after they are received.

Programming Updates:

Programming Theme – Restructure, Retool, Rebuild

Restructure – EFNEP & SnapEd team have been consolidated and are being reviewed to determine if this will become permanent. SnapEd covers rural and urban audiences while EFNEP is mostly an urban emphasis. Other unit teams are restructuring given employee retirements and replacements.

Retool – Discussion with council members provided these ideas. 4H – highlight non-animal activities, online social media challenges among current 4H, Master Naturalist & Master Gardener members to share information about their experiences.

Rebuild – Ideas from council members included to use existing resources for marketing materials (flyers, posters) to connect with students and public. 4H, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalist. Reconnect with Master Volunteers who have been unable to participate recently. Is there a way to help them acquire needed hours – activities?, technology help?.

Volunteer Awards 4H Hall of Fame recipients were announced. Marilyn Blakeley, Bob & Wilma Spangler, Bob Forney, Kathy Meier.

Other Business:

2022 Extension Council meeting schedule (either a Zoom mtg or in-person at the Pekin office):

Monday, February 7, 2022

Monday, April 4, 2022

Monday, October 3, 2022

Also a summer 2022 County Extension Board meeting in each county, date and time to be determined.

Paul Gottemoller moved to accept this schedule, Kate Mueller 2nd. Voted and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm