

University of Illinois Extension
DuPage-Kane-Kendall Unit Council
April 18, 2019 ~ Kane Co., St. Charles Office
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order

Kristyn Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Council members present: Steven Gustis, Colleen Haas, Madison Solomon, David Pileski, Donna Williams, Steve Wolf, Tahiti Weaver, Dave Klussendorf, Kristyn Briggs, Christina Heidrich, Julian Heidrich, and Evelyn Moy.

Excused Council Members: Jeff Bornemann, Crystal Cavey, and Xen Briggs.

Extension Staff in attendance: Donna Nuger, Rosie Ralston, Deanna Roby-Vorgias, and Laura Barr Walker.

Sept. Minutes

Dave Klussendorf motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and David Pileski seconded the motion. Minutes from the November 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

Deanna Roby-Vorgias shared the Unit fiscal report. Deanna reported on the renewing of office leases for the Kane and Kendall County offices for the next three years with a 2% increase. Deanna also shared there will be a fiscal audit on April 29 & 30 due to the change in county director. A majority of the FY19 grants have agreed to continue their support. The final budget for FY20 will be presented at the June meeting.

2018 Impact Report - Rosie Ralston (publicity and marketing)

Rosie Ralston shared the 2018 Impact Report for Kane/Kendal/DuPage which was formatted with the state provided template. Many of the goals this year were met including scaling the report down to 12 pages out of the 16 page recommended limit. The goal next year will be 10 pages. We have asked for a country specific template and we will soon be receiving social media templates. The Impact Report will be shared with county board officials as well as state legislators.

Staff Reports

Written staff reports were shared through email and were read before members came to the meeting. The new paperless system is working well and is saving time and money. Questions about the staff reports were taken. Steve Gustis asked about the life skills

program. Deanna shared this program is for the court system used as part of the pre-trial diversion program.

Old Business

None

New Business

Staff Updates- Deanna started her new position February 1st and her former position was in the process of being filled (hopefully, by June 1st). A position in DuPage for horticulture is also being filled soon.

May 13th- Civil Rights Compliance Review

Membership- Second year members were asked to re-new and fourth year members will be leaving. Members were asked to look for representatives from all around unit 5. The member transition date will be in September.

September 6th- The Chancellor and Provost from the University of Illinois will come. The council is also hoping to get state legislators to come to this event.

Emerging Local Community Needs:

Deanna Roby-Vorgias encouraged members to share ideas with staff relating to the support programs.

The first idea brought up was children's first aid preparedness classes. Tahiti Weaver also brought up the possible need for refugee or human trafficking awareness in the community.

David Pileski asked about youth government education and it was discussed that there will be some changes in the 4-H government activities because of staff changes. Steve Wolf brought up the possible need for measles or vaccine education for mothers in the community. It was then decided that this would be better left to the local health departments.

Future Meetings:

The June 2019 meeting date will be decided by a poll by email and it will take place in the Kendall County Office.

Adjournment

David Pileski motioned to adjourn the meeting and Steve Wolf seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.