

University of Illinois Extension Dupage-Kane-Kendall Unit Council November 8, 2018 ~ Naperville Office Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present:

Steven Gustis, Colleen Haas, Madison Solomon, David Pileski, Donna Williams, Steve Wolf, Tahiti Weaver, Dave Klusendorf, Kristyn Briggs, Xen Briggs, Christina Heidrich, and Julian Heidrich.

Excused Council Members:

Jeff Bornemann, Crystal Cavey, and Evelyn Moy.

Extension Staff in Attendance:

Donna Nuger, Richard Hentschel, Deanna Roby-Vorgias, and Joe Toman (Region 1 Director).

Meeting Called to Order

Kristyn Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

Sept. Minutes

David Pileski motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Steven Wolf seconded the motion. Minutes from the September 27th meeting were approved.

Financial Reports

Deanna Roby-Vorgias reported income and expenditures of the unit from the month of September.

Joe Toman discussed the state budget and announced that they have received money for FY18 and it will be distributed to the offices soon.

Staff Reports

Written staff reports were reviewed from SNAP Ed and Publicity and Promotions.

4-H

Deanna Roby-Vorgias reported on the new 4-H year that started September 1st. She discussed National 4-H week in all three counties, enrollment, shooting sports, robotics and the upcoming winter workshops.

Donna Nuger reported on the success of the Family Focus Program and the partnership with the Yorkville Public Library.

Horticulture

Richard Hentschel reported on the Master Gardener training, the Master Gardeners appreciation dinner, Oak-awareness month, and promotional opportunities.

Old Business

Kristyn Briggs will continue as Council Chairman until the next election.

New Business

Extension, State, and Regional Reports:

Since his last report in April, Joe Toman reported on the new members to the staff at the state level. Currently people are being interviewed for the position of Extension Director and the Director of Communications.

He also reported on regional positions that have recently been filled and shared that interviews for Sandra Davis's position will most likely be held in January to make the transition as smooth as possible after her retirement.

Deanna Roby-Vorgias reported on a new member starting on staff this upcoming week and a couple position shifts in the DuPage County office.

Emerging Local Community Needs:

Deanna Roby-Vorgias encouraged members to share ideas with staff relating to emerging local community needs. Tahiti Weaver mentioned emergency preparedness for youth.

Joe Toman then shared and explained the plan of work process, the 5 focus areas, and the priority issues under each focus area. Deanna Roby-Vorgias will share the document Joe discussed via email with everyone.

Additional Check Signatory:

In preparation of Sandra Davis' upcoming retirement, Richard Hentschel will be added as a staff signatory on all local checking accounts.

Riverboat Funds Authorization:

David Pileski motioned to authorize the application to the Kane County Riverboat Funds. Amount to request is \$100,000. David Klussendorf seconded the motion and it was approved. Deanna Roby-Vorgias will submit the application and provide any signatures required for the application/funds.

Future Meetings:

The April and June 2019 meeting dates will be decided by a Doodle poll. Information will be emailed.

Adjournment

Steven Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting and Colleen Hass seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Madison Solomon