

## Extension Council Meeting Minutes

5/30/23

1606 Eastport Plaza, Collinsville IL 62234

- Waytt, Amy, Sarah, Nathan, Laquisha, and Elizabeth
- Meeting Called to order at 6:40 pm
- ANR updates
  - Elizabeth – 30% of time spent on local programming, 70 % state responsibilities
  - Sarah- Horticulture and Natural Resources EPC, supports Master Garden and Master Naturalist Volunteers in addition to the Homeowner program
  - Nathan- Commercial Agriculture Educator, handles specialty crops
  - Address Issues within the Unit
    - IL Horseradish Growers' Conference, financial partner, the majority in the state are from our Unit
    - Gateway Green Conference: recovery cost program, offers education units, 273 in attendance, and netted \$9,000 to go back into the program for future Conferences.
    - 125- 150 Master Gardener Volunteers, 60-75 Mater Naturalist Volunteers, approximately 9,000 Master Gardener volunteer hours annually, 5,000 Master Naturalist Volunteer hours
    - Horticulture Hotline
    - Weekend Gardener Program 70 people
    - Color of Spring 40 registered
    - Alternative MG and MN training
    - Ag Round UP- Waterloo Office 20 in attendance this past year.
    - Specialty Groups-Goats and Livestock Educators presented with 40 in attendance.
    - Pastor Management and Pond Management (IL Dept. of IL) we receive a lot of calls.
    - Weed Management discussion late March would like to do similar programs at least 3-4 programs annually with different topics.
    - 60 people attended Cover Crops Event on April 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Ag-Tech Science Group (USDA Grant), JJK FAN Collaboration, 2 weeks long Drones, observation one week in June and one in July at JJK FAN Innovation and Babler Education Farm.
- Recruitment
  - All counties represented and attended meetings.
  - Marketing, Orientation, and Membership Roles
  - Enjoy the change of venue at each meeting.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

