

University of Illinois Extension – Unit 18
Extension Council Minutes
Skype Call due to COVID-19
June 25, 2020

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by acting chairperson Connie Beck.

Those in attendance from Extension Council: Connie Beck, Jack Stork, James Siebert, Dr. Jerome Epplin, Sandy Hefner, Moe Burns, and Greg Behme. Staff in attendance: Amanda Cole, Lisa Peterson, Ashley Belle, Andrew Holsinger, and Sara Marten.

Past Minutes: October 17, 2019, minutes for review. Connie motioned to approve as presented. Jack seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Fiscal Report: FY20 March and April Trust & Revolving Reports presented by Amanda Cole. Reports filed as presented.

Staff Updates:

- Christian County, 4-H Program Coordinator, position has been put on hold at this point. We had in person interviews scheduled for March and had to cancel due to the stay at home order.
- In general, hiring of both permanent and extra-help positions is on hold at this point.

Underserved Audiences Discussion

Council members took part in a discussion about reaching new audiences. Suggestions, including changing the way we market programs and possibly do door hangers and distributing them at local housing authorities. Promote programming via public transportation, senior citizens food deliveries programs, head start, food panties, and including township food panties.

COVID-19 Updates:

Staff are currently working remotely but plans to return to the office are being worked on. Current programming is offered remotely. And the 4-H shows this summer have transited to an online format.

FY21 Propose Budget

Jack moved to approve as presented. James seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Extension Council Members

-Renewal of the following council members for another two years: Ann Bandy, Connie Beck and Gwen Podeschi. Connie motioned to approve. Jack seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Discussion of future meetings for 2020. It was determined that an online format is preferred with all the uncertainty that exist today. Since we will be moving to online, meetings can return to the evenings since travel will no longer be required.

Jack motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm, James second.

APPROVED December 17, 2020.