The Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Extension Council met January 30, 2018 at the Fulton and Tazewell County Extension Offices. Council members present were Meghan Curless, Kim Dunnigan, Erika Eigenbrod, Nicole Forsberg, Carla Murray, Rosemary Palmer, Kelvin Sampson, Sunita Shastry, and Steve Waterworth. Also in attendance were County Director Earl Allen, Judy Schmidt Metro 4-H program educator and Jason Haupt, Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator. Absent council members were Sally Bair, Shundell Broomfield, Cindy Chaffin, and Tyson Walters.

Sunita called the meeting to order 6:33pm

A motion to approve the amended September 28, 2017 minutes was made by Rosemary, seconded by Steve. The motion carried.

**Programming updates:** Updates were provided by educators Judy Schmidt and Jason Haupt

**Judy Schmidt - Metro 4-H program educator**

- Judy reviewed her three year strategic programming plan
- Wants to make Extension more visible and valuable
- Teen teaching programs, Teacher Tuesdays, STEM, Hoophouse
- Programs focusing on several areas such as economy, environment, health
- Explained areas for growth

**Jason Haupt - Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator**

- Jason reviewed his three year strategic programming plan

**Fiscal and Administrative Updates** – Earl

- Budget meeting will be held in April
- Half-way through the budget year – expenditures reside at about 46%
- Smith lever money in account for three years
- States funds are unknown, they were budgeted by the state but have not released any for Extension matching funds for 2.5 years now.

**Staff Updates** – Earl

- New SNAP-Ed staff – Krista Gray in Fulton and Rebecca Crumrine in Peoria/Tazewell
- Ian Goslin – Master Gardener Program Coordinator
- Extra help secretary substitute for Tazewell still in the works

Annual Report – Earl
2017 Annual Reports were distributed to Council members. They are in the process of being distributed to stakeholders and volunteers. Earl played a video of Extension highlights from 2017 developed by Anita Wilkinson, unit communications coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Next meeting will be the annual budget meeting on April 30, 2018.