

U of I Extension: Fulton-Mason-Peoria-Tazewell Unit
Extension Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2019
Noon
Tazewell County Extension Office, Pekin

The meeting was held February 4, 2019 at the Tazewell County Extension office. Council members present were Nicole Forsberg, Shundell Broomfield, Paul Gottemoller, Kim Dunnigan, Meghan Curless, Maria Gottemoller, Mark Gottemoller, Katherine Gottemoller, Tyson Walters, and Sunita Shastry. Others present included county director Earl Allen and visitor James Forsberg.

In the absence of Sunita Shastry, Kim Dunnigan called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Sunita arrived at 12:10 p.m. and assumed the chair role. Kim assumed role of secretary in absence of Erica Eigenbrod.

The roster and council grid were passed around.

The minutes from the December 3, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted by consensus with no additions or corrections.

New Business:

The Year in Review reports were passed out along with extra copies to distribute at appropriate places we might visit. 1500 hard copies of the report have been produced to be mailed or handed out to the general public. It has also been distributed electronically and posted on the website. Kudos to the staff for producing a fine report. Also shown was the video created by Anita Wilkinson. This is the 3rd year for a video production. The focus this year was "A Call to Action – Learn, Serve, Support". A big shout out was expressed to Anita for her efforts.

A staffing update was given by Earl regarding 2 openings – new horticulture educator and a SNAP-Ed community worker as well as the hiring of SNAP-ED program coordinator Rebecca Crumrine. SNAP was not affected by the Government shutdown. There has been a failed search for a Hort Ed position. Salary was a stumbling block. That issue will be revisited and the position should be reposted.

Earl reminded the group that the Civil Rights Update 3 year review will be on May 8, 2019.

Information was provided regarding training for Open Meetings Act. We must open an account then complete the training.

Information and dates were shared regarding unit visits by campus administration.

A discussion of educator replacements was held. Members discussed in small groups then to the entire group a Commercial Ag Crops educator vs a Farm business and management educator. As well as a STEM educator vs a Community and Economic Development educator. Members had various views for each of the positions that hopefully will assist the process.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.