

University of Illinois Extension Council
Minutes of May 31, 2018

Members Present: Kim Macke, Laura Collier, Ron George, Angella Zellers, BJ Titus
Staff present: Stacy Woodyard, Jesse Soule, Jessie Crews

Chairman BJ Titus called the meeting to order.

Kim Macke made a motion to approve the March 27, 2018 minutes as presented. Ron George Seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Unit Update:

Fiscal- Stacy provided a current worksheet showing the financial status of the unit and that state funds were expected to be released soon as a result of Dean Kidwell and Director Richardson making noise in Springfield. She also shared a proposed budget for the next year, starting July 1, 2018.

Staffing- Stacy provided members with a copy of the Impact report highlighting programs from the previous year. She said printing was paid for on campus for the majority of the booklets. The unit had a Civil Rights evaluation and had areas to improve in their documentation efforts more than anything else. Staff reach a diverse audience even though ethnic/race diversity is minimal in our counties.

Facilities- Details are still being finalized to get the Crawford office moved. There are issues with getting internet and phones transferred and several folks are trying to solve the problems to make it happen. Stacy hopes the move can take place before July 1 due to not having a lease in place for the Commercium building.

Members continued discussion on potential new council members. We looked at the current list and brainstormed potential members to represent areas of the unit that is not currently represented. Several suggestions were made. Staff will make contacts and reach out to council members if follow up is needed. Stacy thanked BJ and Angela for their service and dedication to Extension Council since this will be their last meeting for at least a year.

Upcoming events- Jessie Crews talked about the summer events planned with youth audiences. Jesse Soule talked about her advisory board and what they would be doing to help her with program ideas for the unit and even for the state.

Future meeting dates: Stacy asked members if they would rather have the minimum of 4 meetings per year or hold them every other month like in the past, with taking the month of June off. Members stated 4 meetings would be best and if something required attention, we could add another meeting to address any business items.

Additional Business: Stacy asked Laura Collier to talk about her experience with the Dean's visit to the unit. Laura state that she was thrilled with how the kids were able to show their robotics skills and that the Dean and Dr. Richardson were very interested and interacted with the kids. The kids were excited to have met with her. Stacy gave additional information about the other events that were part of the visit. Even though few council and other folks attended, the Dean had a great visit and had additional time to interact with staff which was appreciated by everyone.

Member Sharing: BJ Titus reported on the activity at the Martinsville fairgrounds. By fair time, there will be all new electrical service in the swine barn as well as other improvements made. Most of the labor is

volunteer and most of the products are donated or provided at cost. The Martinsville fairboard and the 4-H families are excited about the improvements.

No Public Coments.

Angela Zellers made a motion to adjourn. Laura Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.