

MINUTES

University of Illinois Extension Council Meeting – Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Stark Counties Tuesday, October 19, 2021, via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Present: Catherine Bass, Barb Chiles, Dave Dyer, Logan Goerks, Kyle McEwen, Jill Milroy, Bob Mueller, Anna Taylor, Dawn Temple

Others Present: Kristin Bogdonas, Rachel Curry, Jenny Garner, Russell Medley, Emily Swihart

Public Comments: Not Applicable.

Previous Minutes:

- The minutes of the last meeting on August 17, 2021 were approved as read on a motion by Dave Dyer and a seconded by Barb Chiles. Motion carried.

Guest Presentation:

Mark Jeffrey and Mark Marchard with the Regional Office of Education Atkinson Alternatives were guest speakers at the October 19, 2021 meeting. They shared information about the The ExCEL Alternative Academy that included the following:

- Stop for a second and think about the worst thing you ever did between the ages of 14-18. Now pretend the lights are turned on and everyone can see you. There goes your future. Everyone has a WHY.
- **Stop** following traditions; using practices that do not work for students; listening to your fears; refusing to pivot; letting kids be smarter than us; living in your comfort zone.
- **Collab Fab** Collaborate with local agencies; local businesses; local schools and ed tech; local educators and boomers; anyone who will listen and put up with you!
- **Listen, Linda!** Listen with more than your ears; how your students are G.O.O.D.; to where your students are; to what is real, relevant, and relatable to your students; listen to your gut!
- CHART-6 categories, open book document to chart kids' behavior. 6 levels to earn incentives.
- WWRP, Fast Track for freshman and sophomores; Step Program; Behind the Wheel; gamification of some classes; atomic habits; daily small wins; SMART goals; assess; Project based learning=Modeled Lifelong Learning.
- We must go beyond impossible pedagogy-to mission impossible pedagogy-to visioning our students unbridled success. Their gifts will make room for them.

Fiscal Report:

- The Unit 7 Trust and Self-Supporting accounts ending September 30, 2021 were provided in the packet for review. Funding is coming in regularly and expenses are under budget.
- In-and-out accounts for Henry/Stark, Mercer, and Rock Island counties were provided.

Council Report:

- Jill Milroy reported that Kewanee has many healthy activities to celebrate Halloween: YMCA hosting a Pumpkin Patch in the Pool; United Way is holding a Halloween on October 30, and there are plenty of trunk or treat opportunities at local churches. Extension SNAP-Ed community workers provide Eat.Move.Save booths at some of these trunk or treats.

- Dave Dyer shared flu shot information from OSF Saint Luke Medical Center: 896 flu shots as of 10/12/21.
- Kyle McEwen offered information on Mercer Better Together's *Get Wired* program that is supported by Russell Medley, Extension community and economic development educator. They are recruiting for the fellowship program position, which is a 21-month commitment focusing on broadband.
- Dawn Temple reported on the bioreactor installation field day that featured presentations by Reid Christiansen, and Brian Maxwell, University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences faculty, along with Rachel Curry, Extension Watershed Quality Outreach Associate, presented. Additionally, a local workgroup is meeting with Henry, Mercer and Rock Island Counties.
- Bob Mueller added a committee was begun working to stop the outflow of people from Stark County. Several banks and entities are providing video and opportunities for the group, and a school-work option are also in the works.

Staff Programming Information:

- Kyle McEwen invited the Council to review staff reports that covers the broad spectrum of working being done by Extension unit staff.
- Photos were shared from September 14 bioreactor day, the vermicomposting workshop also held in September, and the nutrition team award for their food preservation series.

Announcements:

- None.

New Business:

- Jenny Garner informed the council that in-and-out account reports were reviewed and signed off by the audit committee. Bob Mueller made a motion for a consent agenda approval of the Henry/Stark, Mercer, and Rock Island in-and-out accounts. Dawn Temple seconded. Motion carried.
- Bank signatories for the Mercer County Bank Orion in-and-out account and Black Hawk Bank & Trust in-and-out account were approved on a motion made by Barb Chiles and seconded by Dawn Temple. Motion carried to approve these bank signatories for:
 - Mercer County Bank Orion account: delete Martha Smith and add Jennifer Peterson.
 - Rock Island County Black Hawk Bank & Trust: delete Martha Smith and add Jennifer Peterson, Emily Swihart, and Tayler Wheatley Louscher.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Barbara Chiles and seconded by Dawn Temple that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Milroy