

University of Illinois Extension, Unit 18
Jersey County Extension Office
7:00 p.m.
Minutes of March 12, 2015 Meeting

Call to Order

Charlie Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance from Extension Council: Charles Peterson (also ESAC representative), John Schlafer, Veryl Reiher, Kenneth Schafer, Thomas Marten, and Evan Young; Absent: Jen Bell, Kim Carney-Rhodes, Merandia Jack, Catherine Milner, Myles Repscher, Dale Schaffenacker, and Robert Wiese.

Extension Council Attending via Phone: Alice Tebbe, Mike Brokaw; Extension staff in attendance: Amanda Cole, Chris Casey and Donna Renken; Extension staff via phone: Andrew Holsinger and Lisa Peterson.

Welcome and Introductions

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Motion to approve October 2014 Extension Council meeting minutes as presented, made by Veryl Reiher, seconded by John Schlafer, all in favor. Motion passed.

Fiscal Report

Amanda Cole presented Unit 18 Fiscal Report, FY15 Trust & Revolving Account. Next Ms. Cole presented FY16 Budget Proposal, will have ready by May. Motion to approve reports as presented made by Evan Young, seconded by Thomas Marten, all in favor. Motion passed.

Old Business Items

Charlie Peterson presented Extension State Advisory Council Report. ESAC currently has 20 members. They will be sending one from each region (7) on April 12, 2015. Chris Casey will be attending.

Amanda Cole presented staff update for Unit 18:

CED Program Coordinator

Macoupin Office Support Assistant retiring – hiring for this position in June

Summer Intern/Help

Program Planning:

This is the year extension will mail out surveys, targeting April, looking for relevant growth opportunities.

Advisory Groups will be established in Core Areas.

New Business

Open Meeting Acts Discussion: Must be certified on rules and regulations. If you need the link, let Amanda know.

Nominating Committee Formed: Charlie Peterson, Montgomery; Veryl Reiher, Macoupin; Kenny Schafer, Jersey County; Mike Brokaw, Christian County. Terms end August 31, 2015. (Council can have 16 – 20 members). Possible nominations are Jen Bell, Merle Imler, Catherine Milner, Veryl Reiher and John Schlafer. Amanda to confirm reappointments. Veryl made a motion, John seconded. Motion passed.

Underserved Audiences: Open discussion, if anyone has a suggestion please share. Talked about adult males / Hispanic Migrant workers.

Con Agra Grant: Snap Ed / Youth: Kids in the Kitchen. May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016. Serve a minimum of 275 kids, reaching out to all 4 counties.

Teens as Teachers (15-30 teens to train kids) for supplemental programming, Possibly offer *Ag in the Classroom*

Extension Partners: A group that share's an awareness of Extension's benefits and helps link community needs to resources. Mike (original formation) Pam Weber lobbyist. Looking for volunteers / organizations that lobby for extension because we cannot. Need a voice in Springfield and focus on outreach and education.

Christian Leadership Academy (Linda Smith, Chair)

Staff Program Reports

Chris Casey, Extension CED Educator, gave report.

Andrew Holsinger, Horticulture Educator, gave report.

Lisa Peterson, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, gave report.

Next Extension Council Meetings

June 4, 2015, Macoupin County Extension; October 8, Montgomery County;

December TBD, Christian County.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. made by Merle Imler, seconded by John Schlafer, all in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes are respectfully prepared by Amanda Cole, County Extension Director, Unit 18