

University of Illinois Extension
Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Meeting
Nov. 27, 2007 -7:30

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joyce McCready at the Elizabeth office. Those present were Jane Adolph, Codee Miller, Fred Mehl, Sheila Alexander, Kerrie Archer and Ray Massingill. Staff members present included: Mark Maidak, Sara Hankemeier and Virginia Hill.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes were amended and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Report was presented by Mark Maidak and approved.

NW REGION ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE: No meeting date currently set.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION: Virginia Hill, Community Worker, Family and Consumer Science/Family Nutrition Programming, presented pumpkin pudding. She shared handouts and reviewed her current program. She currently presents programs to WIC on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wed. of each month. She also visits the Jo Daviess Workshop and adult daycare programs in Galena. In addition, she made a presentation at the S.O.S. in Stockton this fall. She continues to work with the HCE and is working on the Heritage Arts program in March.

COUNCIL and STAFF SHARING: Sarah mentioned the new creation of the CBL (Character Building) Committee. Mark reviewed the plot harvest and introduced new program planning committees including entrepreneur program and Green Fair group.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Staff reported that the Youth Dev. Educator Funding bill passed in the House but was not even discussed in the State Senate. Agriculture funding fell through therefore causing a short fall in our funding. Joyce Shubert made a successful motion at the Carroll County Board to increase Extension funding. However, in Jo Daviess County, a concurrent attempt was not as successful. The issue was placed on the wish list and then later cut again. The plan is to continue with Carroll Counties funding and keep working with Jo Daviess County.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mt. Carroll office space was discussed. It was recommended to reconfigure or look at moving the Unit.
- The Unit Plan of Work was discussed. Survey work is to be completed shortly. A core area of development is to be created. A board member survey will try to be created before the Jan. meeting.
- Mark presented the standing proposal of investigating a position as an Extension Staff Alternative for the County Administrator in Carroll County in connection with the Carroll County Board. The position would be a \$75,000 item in the budget. The idea was discussed.
- Discussion on financial ideas on staff issues was reviewed.

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- Recommendation was made to have more publicity of events to encourage funding. Mark commented that free media space needs to be used wisely toward the program announcements side verses general information articles.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chair Joyce McCready adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

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