

University of Illinois Extension
Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Meeting
January 29-7:30

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Joyce McCready. Those present were Joyce Schubert, Shirley Turnbaugh, Ray Massingill, Kerrie Archer, Sheila Alexander, Drew Hendricker, and Mike Lorig. Chairman Steve Hidalgo joined in later. Staff members present included Mark Maidak and John Swiech.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION: John Swiech reported on the co-actions that currently are happening with the Mt. Carroll Community Development Corporation and the People for Progress Committee. Current projects include a 26.5 acre project at the intersection of Rt. 64 and Benton St., the purchase of the former Kraft building (cleaning and renovating has been occurring), the Stone Spring House, a new website and newsletter. Volunteers associated with the People for Progress Committee also completed a community swap this past summer with John and Mark's assistance.

MEETING MINUTES: Will be approved at next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Report was presented by Mark Maidak and approved by a motion from Ray Massingill. The motion was passed.

NW REGION ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE: Joyce Schubert reported on the meeting. Officers were elected. There will be a major money reduction therefore creating the idea of making a charge for 4-H membership and/or participation in activities. The concept of applying for more grants was recommended. There was a report on the Senate Bill. Grundy County is holding fundraisers to assist with the finances. This raised thousands of dollars. The next NW Region meeting will be June 12.

COUNCIL and STAFF SHARING: Mark reported that the Beef Co-Products Seminar was postponed and the Dairy Modernization Summit was held Dec. 11. There were approximately 75 attendees. The weather conditions seemed to have a negative effect on attendance. Sheila Alexander mentioned that the 4-H held a multi-county dance that was great success with about 53 attendees.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Youth Development Funding
 - A letter was sent to Legislators.
 - Senate Bill 1921 and the current House bill were review by Mark.
 - The county situations on funding were also reviewed. Carroll County raised their funding by about \$14,000 to \$15,000 to accommodate their fair share of the youth development position. These funds do fall under the matching funds from the state.
- Mount Carroll Office Space
 - This idea was revisited. Staff have been invited to serve on the committee. These members include Susan, Sara, Bev and Leanne. They

Respectfully submitted by: Sheila M. Alexander

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are looking at rearranging or moving to another location. There are 5-8 people in the office at one time.

- Unit Plans of Work –Issue Developing
 - Mark stated that surveys would be sent out in packets. The areas addressed included Character Education, Healthy Lifestyles, and Community Service. Sheila recommended placing these surveys on-line rather than having hard copies.

- Extension Staff Alternative for County Administrator
 - Carroll County Board has created a committee. On Jan. 23, three proposals were drafted and brought to Mark for information on how extension could fill-in areas or not.
- Check signing
 - Joyce Schubert moved to make Steve Hidalgo as a check signer. Ray seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- IPLAN-
 - The office will assist with the Carroll County Health Dept. to complete a needs assessment. They are looking for members to assist with this process.
- Flagship Programming
 - This is a state-created program and counties can participate by choice. Our unit will participate in all 3 new programs: Chronic Disease Self Management, Illinois Master Naturalist, and Community Assessment and Development Services. Most units will not be completing these.
- Mega Dairy in Lena
 - There has been some basic discussion heard.

ADJOURNMENT: Joyce McCready moved to adjourned the meeting. Motion was seconded by Kerrie Archer. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Steve Hidalgo.