

University of Illinois Extension

Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Meeting

May 27, 2008 • 7:30 p.m. • Mt. Carroll, Illinois

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Hidalgo. Council members present included: Jane Adolph, Sue Kruse, Steve Stockton, Fred Mehl, Mike Lorig, and Joyce Schubert. Staff members present included Mark Maidak and Sara Hankemeier.

Meeting Minutes: Steve Stockton moved to approve the minutes from the March meeting and Joyce Schubert seconded the motion.

Financial Report: Steve Stockton moved to approve the financial report with a second by Sue Kruse. Mark noted that state matching monies had been received.

Special Guest Talk: Terry Feinberg, Extension Educator Community and Economic Development updated Council members on the programs she offers from the Rockford office. Such programs include: Parliamentary Procedure, Election Judge Training, 101 Alternative Enterprises for your Farm, Local Government Curriculum and Youth Leadership Academics, What to do when the Superstore Comes to Town, Changing Face of Illinois. She also introduced Council to a new program she is working on entitled Engaging Generations, Culture and Communication. We then discussed local issues of concern with her.

Northwest Region Advisory Council Update: Joyce Schubert reported there was no upcoming meeting scheduled as of yet.

Council Member and Staff Sharing: Fred Mehl reported that his church is offering a family night where parents can come and discuss issues in their lives and while the families are meeting, the family car is taken to NAPA for a free oil change.

Old Business:

- Budget Issues – Discussed priority funding requests for FY09 and learned that the state had put a hiring freeze on all units.
- Youth Development Educator Campaign – Steve, Ray, Mike and Mark met to focus on Jo Daviess County Board members and a letter writing campaign. They will create a Power Point Presentation to present to the county board. This committee will meet again in June. Steve handed out a letter for us to review and/or approve written to Dr. Ahmed Elahmady. Several suggestions were made to improve the letter. Council approved that the corrected letter be sent.
- 2009 & 2010 Budgeting – Learned that our 2010 budget can't be worked on until the state approves its budget for 2009. Extension Executive Board Meeting will be planned for work to be done on our 2010 budget.

New Business:

Council Member Recruitment – One to two new members from each county are needed on Council each year. Current members were urged to think about/recruit new members to replace the following four members who will be leaving council in September: Boyd Cox, Shirley Turnbaugh, Bob Revenaugh and Joyce Schubert.

Extension Board Meeting – Due to personal issues, Mark can't attend the regularly scheduled Council meeting for July. Mark suggested canceling the July Council meeting, but having the Extension Executive Board meet in August to discuss the 2010 budget. Council also discussed holding quarterly meetings in the future due to the high price of gas.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Stockton and seconded by Fred Mehl.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Adolph.