

University of Illinois Extension

Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Meeting @ Elizabeth

Nov. 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Joyce McCready. Council members present included: Joyce McCready, Fred Mehl, Steve Hidalgo, and Sheila Alexander (arrived later). Staff members present were: Sara Hankemeier and Mark Maidak.

Secretary minutes were reviewed for additions and corrections. Minutes were approved as read. The Financial Report was reviewed. Questions were answered. Financial Report was approved as presented.

The council member recruitment was discussed. Currently there are 8 Carroll County members and 6 Jo Daviess County members. Therefore we are currently looking for a member to serve from Jo Daviess County at this time. Ideas were brainstormed for better attendance as quorum has been a difficulty at recent meetings. It was recommended by President Joyce McCready to have the meeting dates re-listed in the minutes, as well as reminder calls or e-mails should be completed to encourage meeting attendance. It was also recommended to have post-cards in a short time order to help remind council members of upcoming meeting dates.

Mark Madiak's presentation on the unit overview was postponed due to lack of attendance at the meeting.

Currently Northwest Regional Advisory Council has not set a meeting date.

Council Member and Staff Sharings were presented. Sara presented information about the program completed in the Galena school on Ice Cream to Rocks (A comparison) and a Listening Skills program, which is one of the social pillars for the state of Illinois.

Mark Madiak also updated the council on the Plot Harvesting. The financing for future plots was discussed. It was mentioned that there may be a cooperative formed with the EDC to address the financial issues. Mark also reported that the Extension program had received its first installment of 25% for the matching funds from the state. However, we need to continue to monitor the state funding issues in the future.

New business was the rest of the audits. Fred moved to accept the audit of the Jo Daviess County Federation and the Carroll County In and Out Accounts. Joyce seconded the motion. Motion passed. The dates for Holiday Closings were reviewed, they include December 23 through Jan. 5. The Program review was postponed in June and is re-set in June for possibly the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th or 16th.

Next meeting will be March 31 in Mt. Carroll. We will have the overview plan presented then.

Respectfully Submitted: Sheila M. Alexander