

University of Illinois Extension
Jo-Carroll Unit Advisory Council Meeting @ Elizabeth
March 31, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joyce McCready at 7:32. Council members present included: Ray Massingill, Jane Adolph, Fred Mehl, Mike Lorig, Joyce McCready, Chuck Wemstrom, Steve Stockton, and Sheila Alexander. Staff members present were: Sara Hankemeier and Mark Maidak. Others present were: Dan Schoeninger from the Carroll County 4-H Federation.

Secretary minutes were reviewed for additions and corrections. A motion was made by Steve Stockton to approve the minutes as read. Fred Mehl seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Financial Report was presented by Mark Maidak and reviewed. Questions were answered. A motion was made by Chuck Wemstrom to approve the report. Steve Stockton seconded the motion. Financial Report was approved as presented.

Chairman Joyce McCready requested to make an addition to the agenda: A Thank You to Sara Hankemeier and congratulated her on her retirement. This was approved as an addition with no objections. A sincere thank you was extended to Sara and commended on a job well done. Mark Maidak also commented on her outstanding performance and addition of unique programs since her joining the staff in 2001.

A presentation by Mark Maidak, Unit Director, was viewed by the board. This presentation summarized the many programs the Extension Unit provides our counties. It also included a Plan of Work for the Unit.

There was no report from the Northwest Region Advisory as there has not been a meeting at this time.

Council Member and Staff Sharings were presented. Dan Schoeninger made a presentation on 4-H activities throughout the year. Sara Hankemeier made an addition of the current program the Jr. Ambassadors have embarked on.

Old business was a review of the Extension System Funding. Mark stated that the matching money funds are still on the state budget at this time. He also clarified that the current proposal has the same funding for next year. The replacement of council members was also revisited. The idea of including the Federation representatives was encouraged with the possibility of one member of the location of the board meeting could attend the meeting. The search for a JoDaviess County member continues.

New business began with an introduction to the University of Illinois Extension Survey: "Together We Can... Tell Us How?" Website. Bookmarks were passed around with the Web address: <http://TellUS.extension.uiuc.edu>. The next business item was the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant application. An update on the grant was made by Mark. He stated that the application has been turned in. The purpose of this grant is to continue the current programs. This will also help financially support Carol Geary's position. The results of the grant will be released in August.

Next meeting will be May 26 in Elizabeth. The other summer meeting will be on July 28 in Mt. Carroll. Jane Adolph moved to adjourn the meeting. Ray Massingill seconded the motion. Chairman Joyce McCready adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: Sheila M. Alexander