

**Lake County Extension Council
University of Illinois Extension
100 S Highway 45, Grayslake, IL 60030**

Minutes of January 20th Meeting

1. Cynthia Alexander called meeting to order at 6:03 pm after photo was taken
Attending: John Snow, Deborah Pointer, Merleanne Rampale, Brian Neal, Molli Larson, Cynthia Alexander, Marie Caviness, Gayle Florian, Annette, Schafer, Kruti Patel, Brian Neal, Todd Price, Usha Agarwal, Martha Padilla-Ramos, Nada Finn, Newton Finn

Absent: Lourdes Mordini, Jim Ross, Adrienne Fosberg

Staff Attending: James Reaves, Margaret Hoppe, Cheryl Pytlarz, Julie Jarmusz, Dianne Glozier, Sharon Yiesla, Dale Kehr, Thessie Armstrong, Sabrina Huley

Guest: Avni Patel

Cynthia thanked the Homemakers for the fantastic meal.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of Nov 18, 2008. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Molli Larson and seconded by Marie Caviness. The motion passed.
3. Introduction of new University of Illinois Extension, County Director, Mr. James E. Reaves. Mr. Reaves reviewed his work experience with Extension in Tennessee and Georgia and talked about the short term goals for Lake County Extension.
4. Public Participation
 - a. Guest: Mike Richards, Lake County Fair Association. Update progress on the new Lake County Fairgrounds on Peterson Road. Expo Building is complete and outbuildings are in progress or will be starting soon. Everything is behind schedule, financing has been complicated. Fair 2009 will be operational, but there will be temporary structures. Bear with us! Parking issue and pop sales are still under discussion. Final decisions have not been made. Pat Oaks will meet with the Fair Board to discuss these two issues.
 - b. Guest: Patricia Oaks, Lake County Foundation. Working on financing for 2009 and doing campaign for donations. \$840 raised so far.
 - i. 3 Day conference for Lake County Educator training looking for volunteers for summer conference. Contact James Reaves if you are interested.
5. Council Members Sharing: Martha Padilla-Ramos uses Yahoo Community to post upcoming events. Suggests we have more publicity and articles for our activities.

Todd Price suggests having upcoming meeting at the fairgrounds so we can see what has been done and what things will look like.

6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Extension Foundation
Chair: Kruti Patel
Don't forget the direct mail piece for fundraising
 - b. Volunteer Committee:
Chair: Deb Pointer
No meeting yet, Deb Pointer volunteered as chair
 - c. Marketing and Public Relations
Chair: Merleanne Rampale
Marketing and PR group willing to help with Teacher conference
 - d. 4-H Expansion and Review
Chair: Todd Price
Goal is to increase by 3 traditional clubs in 2009
7. Fiscal Updates –Margaret Hoppe
 - a. On track for expenditures year to date
 - b. Budget Report will be retooled and be easier to understand
8. Old Business
 - c. Recap of See Your Soldier of January 12-13 - Julie Jarmusz
Connection problems in Iraq prevented local family from seeing their soldier. *Meeting Place* program will be available for use for a fee to be determined.
 - d. Council resignation accepted from Larry Leafblad. Marie Caviness asked if we have approached County Board member Melinda Bush and Terry Wilke
9. New Business
 - a. Staff reports on educational programs
 - ~*Agriculture & Natural Resources*: Sharon Yiesla and Cheryl Pytlarz
Master Gardeners are working in the community at nursing homes and libraries and presenting gardening programs.
Edible Harvest planning has begun for 2009.
Grass Roots effort Green Town Waukegan to train unemployed or underemployed people to work at *green* collar jobs.
 - ~*4-H Youth Development*: Sabrina Huley
International Night is Friday February 20th at the new fairground. 6:30 – 9:00pm. This is a new date, mark your calendars!
Sabrina is in need of judges for fair.
 - ~*Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences*: Dale Kehr
Many great programs upcoming. More information is on the Extension website. <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/lake/>
 - ~*Community & Economic Development*: Dale Kehr & James E. Reaves
Working to do cooking schools in the County for WIC families. Newton Finn suggested First Baptist Church who has a terrific kitchen.

~James Reaves has two major fundraisers and needs our help. Details to follow.

10. Executive Session – No Executive Session

11. At 7:50 a motion to adjourn was made by Kruti Patel and seconded by John Snow, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Trampe
Extension Council Member
Secretary