

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

Minutes of March 17, 2009 Meeting

1. Cynthia Alexander called meeting to order at 6:00
Attending: Jim Ross, Marie Caviness, Deborah Pointer, Molli Larson, Brian Neal, Merleanne Rampale, John Snow, Gayle Florian, Usha Agarwal, Annette Schafer, Jeannie Trampe, Cynthia Alexander

Absent: Maria Padilla-Ramos, Kruti Patel, Todd Price, Lourdes Mordini, Adrienne Fosberg, Nada Finn, Newton Finn, Nancy Clifton

Staff Attending: James Reaves, Cheryl Pytlarz, Sharon Yiesla, Dianne Glozier, Julie Jarmusz, Sabrina Huley

Cynthia thanked the homemakers for the lovely meal.
2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2009. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Snow and seconded by Molli Larson.
3. Council Members Sharing-Issues Extension could/should address
~John Snow – Extension is relatively unknown, John recommends a name change so we are better known and understood in the county. Jim Reaves responds that having lived in 3 states, it's the same everywhere. More work and diligence is needed by everyone. Molli recommends Public Service Announcements on local radio stations.

~Congrats to Gayle Florian for starting her Masters in Social Work degree at Loyola.

~Annette Schafer is looking for a part time position in the area in Human Resources.
4. Lake County Web Site & Video Conferencing demo – Julie Jarmusz
Please take a few minutes to complete the survey on the Extension website
<http://tellus.extension.uiuc.edu>
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Extension Foundation
Chair: John Snow
Income generator may be a Continuing Education credit seminar for teachers in Lake County.
Fair income is up in the air until we get closer.
Anxious to add members to Foundation board, actively seeking volunteers
 - b. Volunteer Committee:
Chair: Deb Pointer
Volunteer Committee will wait to see if volunteers are needed for the Fair.

Also seeking council members to replace members who will be going off the council at the end of the year.

c. Marketing and Public Relations

Chair: Merleanne Rampale

Marketing Committee is working to get the word out on the survey and will deliver survey reminder cards to libraries.

d. 4-H Expansion and Review

Chair: Sabrina Huley

Still working hard to get at least one new club in the county.

6. Fiscal budget up date- James E. Reaves

On track for budget, but still uncertain about the receipt of monies budgeted from the State of Illinois

7. Old Business, none

8. New Business, none

a. Staff reports on educational programs

Agriculture & Natural Resources: Sharon Yiesla & Cheryl Pytlarz

- Marketing piece starting April 1st in Wauconda Public Library
- Master Gardeners reaching out to Habitat for Humanity homeowners to care for their yards.
- Edible Harvest Festival could be a fundraiser for Extension as it is for Prairie Crossing Charter School, stay tuned for opportunities to volunteer

4-H Youth Development: Sabrina Huley

- Looking for judges for the Fair, take a form and share with people you know.

Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences: James Reaves

- Lee and Dale are both food certified. They are increasing work with WIC.

Community & Economic Development: James E. Reaves

- Dale and James are working with the City of Mundelein's economic development committee.

b. Fund Raisers – James Reaves

- Start your own business, May 20th 2009. Looking for donations for raffle and giveaways

- Extension Hall of Fame Banquet – September 11, 2009. 10 people will be inducted. Committees need volunteers, please sign up to help.

- Golf Event, Fall 2009. stay tuned for more information

c. Recommendations needing to fill vacant positions.

9. At 7:50 a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Ross and seconded by John Snow, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Trampe
Extension Council Member
Secretary