

Madison-St. Clair Advisory Council
September 29, 2009 7:00 pm

1) **Meeting:** was called to order by Anne Nowak at 7:00pm

Attendance:

Pat Harmon Charlene Bandy Anne Nowak Miranda Wilhelm
Eric Lampman Andrew Allan Shelton Peeler Stacy Bohn
Patty Taylor Nancy Shoup Melissa Reinhardt Patti Kenetski

2) **Minutes:** approved with 2 corrections

3) **Member introductions:** all members introduced themselves and told how they got involved in Extension

4) **Financial Review:**

a) Explanation of the accounts:

1. Revolving Account: Goods and Services go into this account

2. Trust Account: like a savings account and we spend out of this account

b) In and Out Account: Madison is fine. St. Clair was not present to report

c) Audit Committee: Madison is fine and also VERY organized. St. Clair is fine.

d) State of Illinois Budget Report: keeping fingers crossed that the money will come like it should.

5) **Regional Advisory Committee:**

a) New Director, Mr. Dale Law. He seems very passionate. Anne likes the direction he wants to go with Extension. He wants to know how we can tell our story.

b) There are a surprising number of counties that do not have a director. What can we do for these counties?

c) We are looking at a committee of 3-5 people that will help with a Unit Configuration Perception by e-mail. Anne N., Patty T., Pat H., Julie C., and Patti K. volunteered to help with this.

6) **Staffing Update:**

a) Hired: Natural Recourse Educator, Oct. 16th, Kathy Chen will start

b) Loss:

1. Master Gardener Coordinator will retire after Thanksgiving. Janet will try to use volunteers to fill this until Feb. or March.

2. Jaleen resigned as After School Program Director. Janet will look for a new director for this program that should start Oct. 19th

c) Reassigned: Dawn Waller will now be the 4H Military Youth Project Club Director because of refocusing 4H

d) Officer Nomination Committee report:

1) Secretary: Patti Kenetski

2) Vice Chairman: Melissa Reinhardt

- 3) Chairman: Anne Nowak
- e) Appointments:
 - 1) Signature 09-10 checks: Edwardsville-Charlene Bandy and Julie Conley; Belleville: Melissa Reinhardt-Andrew Allan
 - 2) In/Out Account: Madison: Nancy Shoup; S. Clair: Janet will ask Mike Pulcher
 - 3) CAREE Committee: Meets four times a year at Madison Farm Bureau: Pat Harmon

7) Announcements:

- a) Set meeting dates for 2009-2010: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00; Nov. 10, Jan. 12, Mar.9, May 11, and July 13
- b) Council Orientation: will meet Nov. 10 at 6:00pm on the Financial and Legal Aspects

8) Reports: Janet:

- a) Request: Chili Cook-Off on Saturday Oct. 3rd. She needs help from 10:30-2:30 Sheldon Peeler can work 10:30-1:30. She reminds people to wear blue, orange, or green.
- b) Coolidge After-School Grant: We did not get the JCPenney Grant, but \$1,000 was left from last year so the program will start up with only 2 nights a week until the money runs out in February
- c) Summer Project with Master Gardeners: In E. St. Louis, they needed someone to help run a program for 17-21 years olds. One of the Master Gardeners volunteered to do this. A fall garden has been set and now the food is going to go to the food pantry. 16 of these youths took the bus to Edwardsville to a poisonous plant workshop. Now they are planning a workshop in cooking.
- d) A lady in Venice named Rae has been working with the youth and now is going to start a 4-H club for her group.

9) Next Meeting: Nov. 10 at 7:00

Drinks: Sheldon Peeler, Food: Patty Taylor

10) Adjourned: 9:02