

Unit 18- Christian, Macoupin, Montgomery & Jersey Counties
Thursday, March 16, 2023
Location: Macoupin County Extension, #60 Carlinville Plaza, Carlinville

Business Meeting Agenda

Call to Order - 7:05pm Alicia Gullidge called the meeting to order

Welcome and Introductions -

Caleb Grover (Christian) , Alicia Gullidge (Christian) , Connie Beck (Montgomery), Moe Bruns (Christian), Connor Ashlock (Jersey), Terry Trader (Montgomery) , Mark Dugger (Macoupin), Vicki Joiner (Macoupin), Tiffany Blasa (Jersey), Amanda Cole (Staff), Lisa Peterson (Staff), Valerie Belusko (Staff), Andrew Holsinger (Staff)

Minutes past meetings

Connor Ashlock moved to accept past meeting minutes, Moe Bruns seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Fiscal Report -FY23, December, January and February Trust and Revolving Reports

Connor Ashlock moved to place fiscal reports on file. Terri Trader seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Old Business Items -

• **Staffing Updates**

- **CED Educator**-Valerie Belusko joined the staff starting Feb. 1, 2023, as a full time CED educator for the four counties. She previously served as the program coordinator for Montgomery County the last six years.
 - **Christian County 4-H Program Coordinator**-End of January there was a great group of candidates and hope to hire soon.
 - **Summer Extra Help**-Has been difficult to hire, and three state holidays are impacting the summer programming and staffing.
 - **Clerical Extra Help**-Two support staff resigned in Christian and Jersey counties. Potentially bringing in a new phone system to make it easier to communicate.
- **Community Partner Awards 2023**- Provided in packet provided. Christian County: WTIM was nominated for the work we do. Jersey County: JCH Wellness Center, Macoupin: Brittany Shooting Park, Cross Church in Carlinville, Macoupin Wild Riders- they assist with the horse show, Montgomery: Litchfield School District and Lincoln Land Community College.

No objections to JCH Wellness Center for Jersey County or WTIM in Christian County

Mark Dugger moved to nominate the Brittany Shooting Park for the Community Partner Award. Vicki Joiner seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed.

Connie Beck moved to nominate Lincoln Land Community College. Terry Trader seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed.

- **Needs Assessment/Plan of Work-** Amanda Cole shared the three-year plan of work with the council. She explained what each priority area means defined by the academic professional staff, measurable goals, and program implementation. The board will provide more feedback when they receive this document in the mail.
 - **Thriving Youth-**Discussion about adding measurable goals such as retention in the clubs potentially in the next three years. Thriving is more focused on clubs. Ag. Literacy can be more focused on Workforce Preparedness and Advancement.
 - **Workforce Preparedness/Advancement-**Trying to find goals we can measure where Extension is the influencer
 - **Chronic Disease Prevention and Management**
 - **Social and Emotion Health-** Alicia Gullidge offered to share resources and contacts about trauma informed care resources

New Business Items -

- **Status/Update of 2022 Unit 18 Impact Report-**Amanda mailed a copy to the board. Every elected official will receive this when it will be released.
- **Review of 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 Program Participant REG Data vs. Parity-**Deferred until June board meeting
- **2023 4-H Fairs-**Amanda shared a calendar with all the fair dates throughout the four counties. Ten cooking programs for SNAP Ed. will be happening across Macoupin and Christian County. There was discussion about consistency and opportunities across 4-H fairs.
- **FY24 Budget Plans**
 - **FY24 Unit 18 Extension Council Agreement-**Amanda would like to raise 8,000 to 10,000 for a higher match. Connie Beck motioned to raise 8,000 to 10,000. Terry Trader seconded. Motion passed. No discussion.

Staff Program Reports –

Valerie Belusko shared her report

Lisa Peterson shared her report

Andrew Holsinger shared his report

Next Meetings -

Thursday, June 15, Jersey

Thursday, October 19, Christian

Thursday, December 14 or 21, Montgomery

Adjourn Meeting – Terry Trader motioned to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Seconded by Connor Ashlock.

APPROVED June 22, 2023