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University of Illinois Extension Council Meeting for
Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph, Williamson
Randolph County Farm Bureau
1403 N. Hillcrest, Sparta IL
November 13, 2023
11:30 a.m.

Theme: 4-H Youth Development

Minutes:

Staff members present: Lynn Heins, Becky Needham, Rhonda Shubert, Cindy Bauman, Carrie Eldridge, Reed Capps

Extension council members present: Jennifer Watson, Jennifer Barbour, Gail Johnston, Michelle Cross

CALL TO ORDER – Jennifer Barbour called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS – Everyone provided introductions

MINUTES – The minutes were reviewed. No approval was needed since there was no quorum.

FINANCIAL REPORT – The financial report was reviewed. No approval was needed since there was no quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

4-H team verbal reports – Reed Capps, Becky Needham, Cindy Bauman, Rhonda Shubert and Carrie Eldridge provided verbal reports of their recent activities.

Multi-county unit updates - Lynn Heins, County Extension Director provided a staffing update, and recognized three staff for receiving Extension Excellence awards. They will be recognized during annual conference.

Review plan of work timeline – Lynn reviewed the plan of work timeline. She explained that the needs assessment process as recently wrapped up and educators are working on plans of work now. This plan will cover a span of two years.

Review needs assessment topics – Lynn provided an overview of the needs assessment themes that emerged at the top for our unit’s needs assessment. She highlighted workforce prep, food access and literacy, mental health and youth engagement as topics that 4-H can address through the youth development lens.

4-H priority areas for 2024 – Carrie shared the unit’s signature program plan, which includes Your Thoughts Matter, Health Rocks, Mindful Me, 4-H Cooking 101 and Food, Family, Fun.

4-H Expansion and Review - Carrie Eldridge, 4-H Youth Development Educator asked the council members to complete the 4-H Expansion and Review survey. She provided an overview of how the 4-H team works to address some of our area’s most pressing issues. She asked for feedback from the council and they agreed the program plan is in alignment with the community needs assessment.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting is January 9 in Williamson County with a theme of SNAP Education.

ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.