

**University of Illinois Extension
Unit #9 – Grundy, Kankakee & Will
Counties Extension Meeting Minutes**

Will County Office

January 14, 2020

Call to Order

In the absence of the chair and late arrival of the vice chair, Jennifer Wick chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

In attendance: Cathy Breek, Jamila Brown, Sasha Graben Stetter, Johari Kwela, Shannon Range, Lin Scharnhorst Sally Skoff, James Theuri, Doug Tweeten, and Megan Walsh.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cathy Breek and seconded by Lin Scharnhorst. The motion carried

Financial Reports

Megan reported that Will County will receive substantially smaller contribution from United Way due to a change in priorities and reduced funding for United Way.

The state has released \$5,000,000 in county match funds to Illinois Extension. The Extension is due additional payments totaling 25 million.

All Federation funds have been transferred to the 4-H Foundation.

Business

Civil Rights

The state of Illinois performs a Civil Rights Review of each unit once every three years. This has been completed for Unit#9.

Staffing Update

A part time 4H worker for Will County has been appointed.

Two full time 4-H personnel have been hired.

Three SNAP-ED employees have been hired.

There is still one opening for a SNAP-ED position.

Open Meetings Act

Megan reminded everyone of the mandatory on-line training by the Open Meetings Act.

Impact Report

This report for 2018 was distributed and included a pictorial representation of the multitude of activities and services provided in our tri county Unit.

New Council Members

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Sally Skoff and Lin Scharnhorst to the Council.

Plan of Work.

The Educators have met and identified major areas for programming in their areas. They identified a need to be more focused in their approach.

Educator Reports

Unit Educator reports were submitted to Council members in the meeting packet for their perusal.

Megan divided the Council into three groups for discussion of marketing strategies to promote Unit activities.

A brief discussion followed and shall be continued at a future Council meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Grundy County Extension Office on April 15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.