

**Unit 22 Extension Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 via Zoom**

The meeting called to order by Raeleen Neary at 6:31 PM.

Members present – Wilbon Anthony, Kevin Green, Scott Loeffler, Wyatt Drewes, Jessica Shevlin, Raeleen Neary, Daniel Alexander and Emelie Nilges

Staff member present - Lynn Heins

Guests present - Andrew Grull, Nathan Johanning and Sarah Ruth

Lynn gave a quick introduction of herself.

Ag & Natural Resources Presentation by Nathan Johanning & Sarah Ruth

- Questions/Comments
  - Daniel – what level of involvement or attendance do you see from non-host counties when an event is held in say, Monroe Co?
  - Wilbon – interested in seeing survey responses from the 3 counties
  - Emilie – any thoughts on incorporating beekeeping into our programming?
  - Kevin – asked about program focus on large vs small farms

The Jan minutes were reviewed by all. Raeleen asked about member terms as Amy C. was going to send those out. Lynn has that info and will send it out. Motion was made by Raeleen and seconded by Wyatt to approve the minutes.

- Staffing Updates – Lynn H.
  - Extension Director position open until Friday, 4 applicants so far; hope to have a new director in place by late May/early June
  - Fiscal Office Support position open due to Paige Brown's resignation, responsibilities currently being spread across current personnel – will wait to post the position until the new director is in place
  - Still have 2 SNAP-ED community worker vacancies – have been open for a while – pay is \$13.38/hour – based in Collinsville
  - 2? EFNEP community worker positions open – pay is \$13.38/hr – based in ESL
  - Nicole Hellon was hired to fill the office support position in Collinsville being vacated by Patty Stanton due to retirement
  - Amanie Abusaid is the new marketing coordinator – branding and image is more consistent with her on board
- Facility Update – Lynn H.
  - EFNEP staff will be moving to new office space next month in ESL

- Financial Report – Lynn H.
  - Local support continues to drive our ability to offer programs in our counties – be sure to take advantage of connections you might have with local stakeholders to make them aware of what extension is doing
    - Wyatt suggested inviting stakeholders to extension events, especially those being held in St. Clair & Madison counties
  
- Open Meetings Act – Lynn H.
  - Website is FINALLY working! Will email out the link so new members can complete the training.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

Motion was made by Amy K. and seconded by Daniel A. to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.