

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, October 20, 2022
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Binder, Karen D. Powers, Tom Borchart, and Doug Zellmer

Members Absent: Kay Horan.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Todd Wenzel, and Madisen Potratz.

Others Present: Mike Norton (Winnebago County Board Supervisor) via Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:07 a.m. by Steve Binder.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Zellmer moved to approve the 9/15/2022 minutes, second by Powers. Motion carried 4-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Committee members reminded everyone to watch out for trick-or-treaters, especially as it gets darker outside.

Committee Chair Report: Binder shared that all appointed committee/commission members can receive payment for their service, effective January 1, 2023.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates: Viau introduced Potratz as the new Horticulture Educator for Extension Winnebago County. Potratz shared her background and some future work plans with the committee.

- **Financial Education** – Wenzel distributed and reviewed his October 2022 Winnebago County Extension Committee Update. Discussion ensued regarding eviction data and resources. Wenzel summarized Rent Smart activities. The Encouraging Financial Conversations program is ongoing. Wenzel is involved with Youth Forward Wisconsin, a program encouraging parents to start educational savings accounts. Wenzel was part of a pilot program for financial education specifically for audiences impacted by the legal system; this program will roll out to all Extension Financial Educators within the coming weeks. Wenzel has continued his involvement with Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), financial education outreach at Head Start, Financial Coaching, and Focus on Fathers. Wenzel is completing training through Illinois Extension to deliver the Strong Couples relationship coaching program. He will be delivering wellness programming for Winnebago County staff and Veterans Services in the upcoming months.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **2023 Budget Proposal/Update:** Viau distributed and reviewed the 2023 Budget Colored Categories document. Viau distributed and reviewed a breakdown of Extension Winnebago County staffing in the contracted services line. Discussion ensued regarding the Health & Well-Being Educator position's involvement with the Diversity Affairs Commission.
- **Facility Updates:** None.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** None.
- **Area/Region/State Updates:** Tiffany Iliadis began her role as Lifespan and Financial Security Educator for Waupaca County.

Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion: No events will be announced at the upcoming Winnebago County Board meeting.

Scholarship Task Force Updates: Powers shared that the task force will be meeting next week and will provide a report at the next Extension Committee meeting.

Comments by Committee Members: None.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Adjourned: Borchart moved to adjourn at 10:52 a.m.; seconded by Powers. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson