

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, July 15, 2010
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Tom Widener, Susan Locke, Nancy Barker, John Reinert, and Guy Hegg (joined at 9:10a.m.)

UW-Extension Staff: Dan Teuteberg, Chris Kniep, Kristi Cutts, and René Mehlberg

Meeting called to order at 9:06a.m. By Chair Tom Widener.

Comments from the Public related to items on the Agenda: None

Motion to approve June 17, 2010 meeting minutes by Reinert/Barker. Motion carried 4-0.

Program Reports:

4-H Youth Development – René Mehlberg & Dan Teuteberg: Mehlberg reported on 4-H Friends 4-H Club taking part in a statewide water conservation grant in which they received \$1000. Their focus is to make and sell rain barrels. So far about 20 rain barrels have been sold. This fall the 4-H program is working to start a 4-H Family Mentoring program. The idea is to identify 5-10 individuals or families who will serve as mentors to new families in the 4-H program to help answer questions and connect with them throughout the 4-H year. It's hoped that the extra support will help new families better understand 4-H youth development and feel more welcomed into the Winnebago County 4-H youth development program. Winnebago County Fair preparations with various 4-H events are happening. Mehlberg is working with volunteers to run the new fair exhibitor orientation, 4-H Dipper (the 4-H food stand at the fair), and the 4-H basket raffle. Mehlberg is coordinating youth and adult volunteers on judging days and finding Cloverbud judges. Other 4-H fair events to note are the 4-H cup stacking event and the Sunday, 1:00p.m. award ceremony.

Teuteberg reported on the 4-H traditional camp that sent 148 people to Camp Upham Woods out of a possible 150 maximum. There were 33 staff all from throughout Winnebago County. Weather was good. Youth staff had to write lesson plans and goals before camp. Teuteberg met with them during camp about how they met their goals. There was a difference of 47 campers in 2009 vs. 120 campers in 2010. Scholarships are available to both 4-H and non 4-H youth. Once again partnered with the Christine Ann Center who sent 5 youth; Christine Anne does a training with the staff.

4-H Cloverbud Camp for youth who just finished grades K5-2nd has between 44-48 youth at camp. The camp is at Oshkosh Town Hall. There are 11 staff that prepared lesson planning for the event. Tonight is the family potluck and optional overnight sleepover.

Committee Chair Report with UW-Fox Valley Update – Tom Widener: UW Fox Valley will have a booth at the Winnebago County Fair. At the trustees meeting they went over the budget which was given a 2% increase for a target. Question regarding when the architecture building is to be done for a Spring 2012 target.

Question about a Haunted House at UW Fox Valley and whose and what insurance is covering that event will be looked into.

WACEC Report – Nancy Barker, Susan Locke, Chris Kniep: WACEC Conference was June 22-23 in Milwaukee. Barker reported on a program, "We're not our parent's 4-H" that emphasized we need to remind people that 4-H/Extension is not mandated and people have to be reminded of the benefits. Barker said it was an overall good WACEC program. Locke shared about the beekeeping program and the aging program Kniep helped present.

Kniep passed out the 2011 State WACEC flyer to be in Madison March 28-30 which will include legislation visits.

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UW-Extension – Administration, Chris Kniep:

2010 Budget up date: Kniep shared the 2010 Budget up date. She commented on expenses will be coming in under on wages and fringes due to the medical leave of Linda Block. Other categories are on track.

2011 Budget Proposal: The proposal sent to County Executive was shared by Kniep with the committee. Ninety percent of the budget is salary and fringes.

UWEX Staff/Office Updates:

- Linda Block on leave until August 2, back a couple of weeks, and then on leave for surgery.
- Jamie Paulson, temporary secretary, extended until first of September.
- Connected to one capital building project with the garage that parks is building.
- Neiswender will be doing a presentation Tuesday, July 27 with Department Heads on sustainability and the possibility of forming a “green committee.” Neiswender will report back to the committee on the results of the meeting.

Civil Rights Review- Action Plan: The county submitted their report in June but hasn’t received a report back from the visiting team.

Comments by Committee Members: Barker complimented Teuteberg on the work in Menasha that was highlighted by Superintendent Dr. Hasse during a recent tour she had conducted; Barker also complimented Kniep on her well put together budgets over the years. Hegg shared about Mission of Mercy (MOM), event in which his company is a major sponsor. It can be checked at the Wisconsin Dental Association website at www.wda.org. It is an annual, traveling event, completely privately run. Discussion was had on how to bring the event to Winnebago County.

Next meeting is Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 9:00a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Widener at 10:56a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary