

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, August 15th, 2019
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Tom Snider, Steve Binder, Mike Brunn, and Karen D. Powers.

Members Absent: Tom Borchart.

UW-Extension Staff: Chris Viau, Todd Wenzel, Mandi Dornfeld, Sarah Thompson, Jack Loken, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Winnefox Library representatives: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Holly Selwitchka, and Gretchen Raab.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Tom Snider.

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Powers moved to approve the 7/18/2019 minutes; seconded by Binder. Motion carried 4-0.

Safety: Members mentioned being aware of tripping hazards.

Program Reports:

Winnefox Library – Winnebago County Long Range Plan of Library Service 2020-2024 & Agreement:

Gilderson - Duwe introduced the annual agreement and five-year plan of service to the committee. Gilderson-Duwe reviewed the funding formula used to determine the funding request based on operating budgets and circulation usage. He also reviewed the capital projects request and its historical support in Winnebago County. Binder inquired into the possibility of a referendum to build a library near the frontage road. Gilderson-Duwe recognized the suggestion. Gilderson-Duwe pointed out and corrected some typos in the agreement, then requested approval as amended. Brunn moved to approve the agreement as amended, seconded by Powers.

Motion carried 4-0.

4-H Youth & Science: Thompson reviewed 4-H activities at the 2019 Winnebago County Fair and thanked the committee members who assisted with judging. Cloverbud Camp was held at the J.P. Coughlin Center this year and has been coordinated by 4-H volunteers. Cloverbud Blast will celebrate the graduation of Cloverbuds to Explorers, date yet to be announced for this fall. Thompson reviewed the activities she and Loken have been involved in within urban areas with the hopes of beginning some 4-H SPIN Clubs. Lego Camps have been highly requested and popular. Binder suggested setting up a booth promoting 4-H at the upcoming Hmong festival. Snider strongly encouraged all committee members to participate in Cloverbud judging at the 2020 Winnebago County Fair.

Human Development & Relationships: Dornfeld distributed and reviewed the August-September 2019 HCE Newsletter. Dornfeld highlighted the mental health training opportunities that are being offered free of charge to professionals and members of the public this fall. Dornfeld identified themes arising from the data gathered from the Youth Behavioral Risk Survey study: LGBTQ youth and youth that aren't performing well in school are at increased risk for depression, self-harm and attempted suicide. She will be co-chairing a team conducting the first qualitative study in this area to survey youth through dialogue instead of surveys. Sources of Strength trainings have begun. By 2021, 17 public high schools and 3 middle schools in the tri-county area will be enrolled in this program.

Committee Chair Report: Snider heard on Public Radio that Outagamie County led the state with 45,000 acres for preventative planting, and that there is a possibility of sturgeon spearing coming to an end in the area. Viau expanded on the difficult circumstances and decisions that farmers in our area have been experiencing.

UW-Extension – Administration:

2020 Budget Proposal: Hendrickson distributed the 2020 Budget Proposal presented at the Budget Hearing last week. Viau reviewed the budget proposal as updated at the hearing. The temporary employee pay line will be reduced by \$1,200: a \$4,800 reduction due to the decision not to approve a temporary hire for FMLA coverage ahead of time and an increase of \$3,600 due to a transfer of funds from Professional Services to fund the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Coordinator position differently. Overall, Extension did hit their targets with the 2020 Budget Proposal and will now come in under budget after the changes from the hearing.

Action Items:

2019 Budget Transfers: Viau and Hendrickson presented and explained the two budget transfers. Binder moved to approve the \$13,500 Budget Transfer, seconded by Powers. **Motion carried 4-0.** Powers moved to approve the \$0 Budget Transfer, seconded by Brunn. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Contracted Services Agreement for UW-Madison Division of Extension Staff for 2020: Hendrickson distributed and Viau reviewed the contracted services agreement. Viau explained the fringe rate, salary increase, and position cost estimates that determine the funding request. Brunn moved to approve, seconded by Binder. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Staff Updates/Area Updates: Viau recognized Loken for his service this summer as a paid 4-H Intern. Loken's programming assistance allowed Extension to reach an additional 600 youth this summer. Loken's last day before leaving for UW-Madison is Friday, August 16. They are seeking candidates for the open FoodWise position(s) in Waupaca and Outagamie Counties. Wenzel and John Thompson are involved in a cohort training, which Viau will also be attending. The Extension office is still in the process of filling a temporary help position for during Ashley Rolph's FMLA, which has already begun. Extension is also in the process of correcting the GRG Coordinator position in terms of funding.

Department Activities: Preparations for the new Community Garden site are underway. Technology updates at JPCC are in progress: licensing is being updated for users and devices, laptops are being updated, and Extension staff are working with the technology department to identify and correct connectivity issues with projector/tv displays in the meeting rooms.

State Activities: None mentioned.

Comments by Extension Staff: Dornfeld and Viau expressed their appreciation for the committee's support of Extension's programming at the budget hearing.

Comments by Committee Members: Brunn requested the colored version of the Budget Proposal be presented to the committee prior to being submitted next year.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 19th, 2019.

Adjourned: Brunn moved to adjourn; seconded by Binder. Motion carried 4-0, 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson