

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**

**Thursday, October 15, 2009**

**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Tom Widener, Susan Locke, Paul Eisen, Nancy Barker, and John Reinert  
**UW-Extension Staff:** Chris Kniep, Dan Teuteberg, Catherine Neiswender, Nick Schneider, Susan Bongert, and René Mehlberg

**Meeting called to order** at 9:01a.m. By Chair Tom Widener.

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

**Motion to approve September 17, 2009 meeting minutes** by Reinert/Locke. Motion carried 5-0.

**Program Report: 4-H Youth Development, René Mehlberg & Dan Teuteberg:** Mehlberg reported that October is the beginning of the 4-H Youth Development year. Since last year a 4-H leader from each club has to go through a state training in order to keep their 4-H charter to be authorized to use the 4-H name and emblem. This year's theme is "4-H Meetings that Shake, Rattle, & Roll" which focuses on a Welcoming Environment, Three Parts of a Meeting, and Club Assessments. This session was taught locally, and at the North Central Region Leaders Forum in Lincoln, NE by 2 4-H youth leaders and Mehlberg.

Teuteberg is in 3 elementary Menasha schools where once every two weeks, he brings in supplemental science programs to enhance the existing curriculum. He is working with teachers who are willing to form 4-H clubs during the noon hour of the school day.

Teuteberg is also working with the Neenah & Oshkosh School Districts to outreach with Lego Robotics, especially at the elementary level.

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program, Susan Bongert:** Bongert shared the program regarding the New WIC Way with the specific topic of "What can \$6.00 buy?" The goal of the program is to get more nutritious fruits, vegetables, and grains to the individuals. WIC is giving out a lot of new foods, especially fruits & vegetables which include canned, fresh or frozen vegetables and healthier whole grains.

Bongert also reported on the beginning of offering cooking classes at the Oshkosh Pantry which had three people including children participating.

Committee member discussed eligibility requirements for WIC, their use of the Farmers Market and the role WNEP plays with WIC.

**Family Living Programs, Chris Kniep:** Kniep shared a brief update on current Money Smart week programming which started on Friday, October 9 with a kick-off at the Oshkosh Boys & Girls club. The kick-off included games and activities, a visit from Penny the Pig and Ben Franklin.

Kniep provided an overview of two Money Smart programs she is presenting. Monday's program for agency staff focused on financial literacy training for their clients. The program was well received with 47 agency staff attending. She'll be teaching this Saturday on financial record keeping.

This first year Money Smart Week was coordinated by Kristi Cutts, Janice Dibble and various other Winnebago County library directors. A total of 20-30 events offered. Cutts will report next month on Money Smart week.

**Committee Chair Report – Tom Widener:**

**Library Audit – Forwarded by Jeff Gilderson-Duwe:** Each member should have received a letter from Gilderson-Duwe which Widener addressed.

**UW-Fox Valley Update – Tom Widener:** No report as Widener did not attend the last meeting.

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**UW-Extension – Administration, Chris Kniep:**

**Kniep commended and thanked** the County Board members for the respect showed to the Numrich girls from Ridgeway 4-H who shared their record books at the September Special Orders meeting.

**2009 Budget Up-date:** Shared 2009 budget-to-date. An area of most concern was wages & fringes, but with new information the budget will be coming in on track. There was a significant decrease in the Supplies & Equipment line this past month due to the second payment for agents/educators.

**UWEX Staff/Office Updates:**

- Kniep commented on finishing of County Rd Y, and the increase in requests for meeting room use in JPCC.

**Comments by Committee Members:** None

Next meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Eisen/Reinert at 10:12a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary