

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, January 21, 2010
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Tom Widener, Susan Locke, Nancy Barker, and John Reinert , Paul Eisen
UW-Extension Staff: Chris Kniep, Dan Teuteberg, and René Mehlberg
Others Present: Deborah & Larry Last.

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

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

Motion to approve December 17, 2009 meeting minutes by Reinert/Eisen . Motion carried 5-0.

Program Report: 4-H Youth Development, René Mehlberg & Dan Teuteberg: Teuteberg reported that tonight from 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. is the World Showcase at Jefferson Elementary in Menasha, which is part of the After School Matters program. Each grade picked a country to study for 6 weeks and tonight is the culmination event of displays, performances, and having food from the countries that were chosen. He shared that the after school program in Neenah has a World Showcase tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. at Hoover Elementary in Neenah.

In addition to the after school programs, Teuteberg does a does a science activity every other week at Butte Des Morts Elementary school with all 3rd graders and will be starting shortly with 2nd graders. There is currently the start of a 3rd grade 4-H club. The school has a courtyard that he's working with staff and other partners to revitalize.

Teuteberg also shared the new 4-H promotional packet that was designed by a graphic artist.

Mehlberg shared that Kniep facilitated a planning session with the 4-H Board of Directors January 3rd. Mehlberg shared some of the headlines the members wrote for the end of the 2010 4-H year. Positive feedback was received regarding the session.

Mehlberg stated that her two focuses for the upcoming year are Growing and Strengthening 4-H Community Clubs and Volunteers for the 21st Century.

Winnebago County is hosting the "Leaders around the Lake" conference on Saturday, January 23 with Outagamie, Calumet, and Fond du Lac counties participating. There are about 75 older youth and adults registered from the 4 counties. Winnebago has 17 registered with 10 being youth. Six youth and one adult are helping present sessions that day.

Family Living Education, Chris Kniep: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group had 53 individuals celebrating the 10th anniversary of the program on January 14. Mrs. Claus (Nancy Barker) came and visited the group that evening. There is funding to continue for 2010. Kniep shared that there are some of the same participants, some move on, and some are getting new grandchildren. Grandparents now can be Foster Parents.

Kniep will be teaching, "Who gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" with the UW-Oshkosh Learning in Retirement on Tuesday, January 26 at 1:30p.m. and invited the committee to attend. Kniep shared the resources from the program which discuss considerations to keep in mind when distributing untitled property. Chris highlighted the concepts of the program of the distribution of property.

Kniep shared that her governance role as Chair of University Committee has expanded with the Chancellor leaving and its part of her responsibility to help establish a search and screen committee.

Winnebago County Board Scholarship Program – René Mehlberg: Materials for 2010 were distributed at the January 19, 2010 County Board meeting with extra brochures available from the County Clerks Office. By February 1, materials will be sent to the appropriate schools, the Oshkosh Community Foundation to post

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on their Winnebago County Scholarship site, a press release will be sent, and materials will be posted on the main Winnebago County webpage and the UW-Extension webpage. Materials are very similar to last year, with the addition of a critique sheet. This sheet was developed and endorsed by the reviewers at UW Fox Valley. It was decided to share this information so applicants know how they are being evaluated. Deadline is April 1 with a May 1 announcement date.

Recommendation by Reinert to get information out in December to Town officials to include in their quarterly Town Newsletter. The recommendation was to encourage schools to promote the scholarship to the "second tier" of students who might not otherwise apply. Materials would continue to be distributed to schools at the beginning of second semester.

Committee Chair Report – Tom Widener: Reminded people to vote in the February 16 primary election.

UW Fox Valley Update – Tom Widener: Nothing as the committee did not meet.

UW-Extension – Administration, Chris Kniep:

Letter to David Wilson: Kniep passed around the congratulations letter for the committee members to sign.

2009 Budget to date: Shared 2009 almost final budget-to-date; may need to transfer money into travel line item. Not all expenditure show up until March. Were within overall budget. Highlighted the key points. Money left over goes into the general fund.

2010 Budget: Shared the budget and the numbers to be working with. Questions of how furloughs affect the budget which Kniep explained. Educators' salaries & fringes are under Supplies and Equipment, as it's a contracted expense.

Meeting Room Report: In 2009, over 800 meetings help with over 14,000 people coming through the James P. Coughlin Center.

UWEX Staff/Office Updates: Nick's tenure document is proceeding to the next levels for approval. Neiswender is in Colorado for her first National Leadership program session.

Spring WACEC meeting May 7 in Manitowoc and State WACEC meeting June 22-23, 2010 in Milwaukee.

Passed out the 2010 Extension Committee reporting schedule.

Comments by Committee Members: Eisen reported on his trip to Madison for the Wisconsin County Association Ambassador program to solicit legislators on programs important to the counties. Emphasized the important position that the educators have in economic stress over the last year. Reaction of perception is competition of education function and human services function.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 9:00a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Reinert/Locke at 10:09a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary