

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, November 20th, 2014
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Nancy Barker, Tom Widener, Koby Schellenger, Tom Snider, Ron Hardy

UW-Extension Staff: Kim Miller, Wendy Beyer, Kris Soper, Chris Kniep

Others Present: None

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

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda - none

Approval of Minutes: Snider moved to approve the October 16th, 2014 minutes. Barker seconded. Motion carried 5-0 to approve the minutes.

Program Reports:

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP): Wendy Beyer, Program Coordinator since October 1st 2014 provided an overview of the WNEP program, its funding sources, goals and the change in delivery. The program is targeting seniors, parents and young children. 50% or more of the participants need to be Food Share recipients. Beyer is currently assessing needs and sites in the 3 county project. Based on her findings an additional staff member may be secured. Kris Soper, Nutrition Educator shared information on programs she is doing at St. Joes Food Pantry, the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and classes she teaches. The focus of the program is improving nutrition and using food dollars wisely.

Horticulture-Emerald Ash Borer: Kim Miller provided an up-date on the tree inventory including a GIS analysis of the Facilities property. Miller was asked to present the findings at a County Board Special Orders meeting, focusing on the care for/removal/replacement of ash trees. Miller has focused on county owned property as well as supporting municipalities dealing with Emerald Ash Borer.

Family Living Education: Chris Kniep shared information on her work with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, the Powerful Tools for Caregiver (PTC) program, work with the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry and Hub. Kniep reflected on the changes she has noted with participants in these programs and growing need for family focused education. PTC is one of six evidenced based programs being offered in partnership with the Aging and Disability Resource Center to support older adults and caregivers.

Committee Chair Report:

Budget: Chair Tom Widener did a check-in on the 2015 budget process and provided an up-date on library funding, EAB funding and the approval of the Horticulture position to 100%

Garage Up-date: Construction bids are due in December

UW-Extension – Administration

Staff updates: Kniep shared a copy of a staff directory – currently full staffed after many transitions since May 2013.

UWEX Up-dates: Committee member Tom Snider has been nominated to represent WI at the Public Issues, Leadership Development Conference in Washington D..C. in 2014. Snider has an interview for the role scheduled later this month.

4-H Centennial Celebration: November 15th Wisconsin Celebrated its 100th birthday with a celebration at the Fall Forum Conference. 100 4-H leaders were inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. This included Jim Barthel, Nancy Zieman, and Clarence Westphal from Winnebago County. Kniep and Barthel

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were invited to present the 100 year history of the organization at the celebration.

Comments by Committee Members: none

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held December 18th, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned: Barker moved to adjourn; seconded by Schellenger. Motion carried 5-0.
10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Chris Kniep

Approved 12/18/14