

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, September 16, 2010**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

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

**Others Present:** David Albrecht, Winnebago County Board Chair

**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 August 19, 2010 meeting minutes** by Reinert/Hegg. Motion carried 5-0.

**Reports: 4-H Youth Development – Dan Teuteberg:** Provided an update on the after school and school day work in the Neenah, Menasha, and Oshkosh school districts. Six staff developments done throughout all districts. He is doing school day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs with hands-on enhancement activities in both Neenah and Menasha to their science curriculum.

Teuteberg shared the following upcoming events:

- January 20, 2011 World Showcase at Maplewood Middle School in Menasha. Youth choose a country to learn about and do a public presentation about their country to the community.
- February 3, 2011 Lego Event at Gegan Elementary, Menasha
- May 12, 2011 at Butte des Morts Elementary, Menasha, a school activity fair similar to the County Fair feel with judging, exhibits, etc.

Another major effort is the Youth Council, an after school governance council at Maplewood Middle School with the focus on community service and job skill development. Leadership is provided by an AmeriCorps Vista (Volunteers in Service to America). Work has started with Neenah after school program to duplicate the program there.

**Agriculture – Nick Schneider:** Schneider is receiving a Chancellor's Award for the work of the Manure Hauler Team. He shared the example of a recent county manure spill in which the responsible parties were trained and prepared to appropriately treat and deal with the spill, which is a result of the effort of this team.

A recent major focus has been dairy modernization, working on updating dairy facilities in the county. The program started last fall with educational farm visits. One family completed the dairy modernization that was visited last fall. Recently completed four farm visits with a state specialist. Shared a Dairy Modernization Survey and highlighted some of the results. One family joined the grow Wisconsin Dairy initiative where the farm family forms a formal team which includes the UWEX agriculture agent and other professionals to receive a \$2000 grant to help improve the farm.

**Community Resource Development – Catherine Neiswender:** Neiswender highlighted the work of the Local Government Education Center which offers teleconferences, available for listening at the Extension Office, once a month related to variety of relevant local government issues. Neiswender highlighted a couple of additional resources that she has access to through the UW-Extension Local Government Center to assist at the County, Town or Village government level.

Nine departments were represented at the September 15 meeting on internal county operations for sustainability. Short term goals include raising awareness to employees on how to conserve energy and waste reduction. The initial focus for the sustainability group is items of no cost.

Neiswender shared impact from past work: 1) Neiswender and Kniep facilitated the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Program) process, and Neiswender is taking the lead on a Social Marketing campaign for public health agency members and community members. 2) Shared an article from the Northwestern on the "Harvest Helpers" program that is an outcome from the Oshkosh Study Circles on Sustainability where the "Harvest Helpers" will come to pick fruit from people's trees who usually don't harvest the fruit and donate the food to a local pantry.

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**Family Living Education – Kristi Cutts:** One of Cutts' focuses is Family Financial Education and she highlighted her work with Money Smart Week Wisconsin, October 2-9, in which Cutts' brought the planning committee together. Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign to highlight local financial education, designed to be a springboard to future financial education resources year round. This is the second year of the program and has expanded to Neenah, Menasha and Winneconne. One featured event is an author coming to Oshkosh to share her book, "Wealth Watchers" and her financial management experience. There is also a youth event, "The Big Read" where a book will be given to youth that focuses on financial management. This event will take place throughout the Fox Valley from Brown to Fond du Lac Counties. All events free and open to the public.

**Committee Chair Report, Tom Widener:**

**UW Fox Valley Update:** Registration is up at UW Fox Valley. Parking lot work is progressing.

**October Committee Meeting:** A meeting will not be held in October unless requested by committee members.

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

**Committee Responsibilities:** Shared a handout of the Committee Responsibilities as a reference piece for committee members.

**2010 Budget up date:** Kniep reviewed September 2010 budget report Not many changes from August. Contracted service item invoice should be coming shortly. Kniep anticipated going over budget in the Winnebago County Internal line item – primary cost is the printing and duplicating. Dollars in Supply and Equipment line will cover any overages. The overall UWEX budget will come in at budget.

**UWEX Staff/Office Updates: Chris Kniep**

- Schneider will be recognized at the State Level at the Chancellor Award Banquet next week.
- Teuteberg received a National Communicator award from his professional association, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, for the Winnebago County Family Interest Info packet. He will be honored in Phoenix in October at the National Meeting.
- Kniep and Cutts will be presenting a seminar at their professional association, National Extension Association of Family Consumer Sciences, next week on "Rent Smart."
- Kniep shared about the "Living in 2010" program which she is co-chairing. This is a partnership between Winnebago County, City of Oshkosh of Senior Center, and other community partners. Full-day workshop at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Hoping to get 500 senior citizens.
- Kniep gave an update on her role as chair of the UW-Extension/UW Colleges Chancellor's Search and Screen Committee.

**Comments by Committee Members:** Reinert questioned on how Winnefox Library system is done with recovering missing fines and Widener answered. Widener also shared some observational differences from the Cheyenne, Wyoming library he recently visited to the Wisconsin library system. Barker shared her thoughts about charging of meeting rooms at both libraries and at the JPCC building. Hegg requested update on UW-Fox Haunted House.

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

Meeting adjourned by Hegg/Barker at 10:46a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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