

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, May 20, 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, Dan Teuteberg, Kris Soper, Darlene Kramer and Melody Piper  
**Others Present:** Tom Egan, Winnebago County Fair Association.

**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 April 15, 2010 meeting minutes** by Barker/Reinert. Motion carried 5-0.

**Winnebago County Fair Association:** Egan distributed an itemize budget for the 2010 County Fair which included plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Tom Widener moved to approve the release of the \$20,000 previously allocated by the County Board for the centennial event. Seconded by Barker. Motion carried 5-0.

**Program Reports:**

**4-H Youth Development – Dan Teuteberg:** Reported finishing this school year's after school programs and meetings he has scheduled with staff and teachers, to discuss the 2010-2011 programs. The main focus of the planning is the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum and Family Friendly 4-H programs. Dan has interview and selected two VISTA person and they will be starting June 15<sup>th</sup>. The monies for the positions come from State and Federal Grants. Summer camp registration is in progress. We are pairing with Brown County this year at Upham Woods camp in WI Dells. There will also be several mini camps. Camp focus will be the STEM program. Dan addressed the question from John Reinert about an article in the Appleton Post Crescent regarding the tax forms clubs are required to complete. 4-H staff is providing guidance to the clubs.

**Agriculture Programs – Nick Schneider:** Nick reported on the Heart of the Farm workshop that was held March 5<sup>th</sup>. Nick worked with a group to pilot a workshop on the topic "Planning for the Unexpected". This program will be repeated in late summer. Nick shared one of the activities created for the workshop. The intent of the game is to assist farm families in communicating and planning should one or more family members be unable to do their part in running the farm and household. Nick also shared the Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin training manual he put together along with information on the program. On June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Planeview Travel Plaza/Nekimi Town Hall, will be the site of the first Winnebago County Dairy Breakfast. Nick along with the Farm Bureau will have agriculture education displays.

**Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Darlene Kramer, Kris Soper:** Darlene provided an overview of the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP). Darlene shared a fact sheet on how the WNEP is responding to the needs of economically distressed residents in the tri-counties (Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago). The fact sheet included statistics for unemployment, overall poverty, participation in free/reduced lunch and the Food Share caseload. Committee member Hegg questioned why the Menasha School District numbers were much larger than the other area districts for the free/reduced lunch and asked if numbers are related to program promotion. Guy also requested information regarding the impact of WNEP. Darlene will forward the 2009-2010 year end report to Hegg. Next month Darlene will be presenting the 2010/2011 WNEP proposal.

**Kris Soper:** Kris shared with the committee some of the programs she is currently working on. Her latest program is an 8 week class at the Menasha Senior Center. Kris will be co-partnering with the Health Department.

**District WACEC Meeting-** Committee members Tom Widener, Nancy Barker and Susan Locke attended. Tom commented on a couple of the focuses of the conference that were jobs and budgets. He also noted

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that STEM is going to be the jobs of future. Susan attended the Calumet County 4-H program session which focused on the 4 Essential Element of Positive Youth Development. Nancy attended the composting session.

**Committee Chair Report – Tom Widener:** The current 2010-2011 meeting calendar, the third Thursday of the month will continue.

**UW-Fox Valley Update – Tom Widener:** Mentioned work being done to earn a 4-Year degree with the UW-Systems. Guy Hegg inquired where the rental fees go that are generated from the use of the UW-Fox Communications Building.

**UW-Extension – Administration, Nick Schneider:**

**State WACEC Conference:** WACEC Conference is June 21-22 in Milwaukee. David Albrecht OK'd attendance. Early bird registration is due this week. The clerk needs to know what session members plan to attend to complete the on-line registration. Each attendee needs to make their own hotel reservation or have the County Clerk handle.

**2010 Budget to date:** The 2010 budget looks on track. The first half of agent salary is posted.

**UWEX Staff/Office Updates:**

- Linda Block on leave until mid-July
- Jamie Paulson started May 18<sup>th</sup> as a temporary till September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Chris Kniep will be working on the Search and Screen Committee (state committee to aid in the hiring process of Chancellor Wilson's replacement).

**Civil Rights Review- June 9, 2010-** The review is required of all UWEX offices and completed on a rotating basis to assure programs are open and promoted to all citizens regardless of personal characteristics. Central District will be the visiting team for our office.

**Winnebago County Board Scholarship Program – Dan Teuteberg:** Dan reported 9 scholarships will be given out his year. Twenty-five applications were received. Tom questioned why 5 applications were rejected. He also reported complaints that the results were not on time.

**Chancellor Wilson presentation to County Board – June 15, 2010 – Nick Schneider**

- Will be focusing on annual report
- Any questions or topics to address let Chris Kniep know and she will pass the questions on.
- Jim Perry from UW-Fox will also be invited.

**Comments by Committee Members:** Guy Hegg noted the American flag outside the building should be replaced.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 9:00a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Reinert/Hegg at 10:46a.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Melody Piper, Recording Secretary