

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, January 17, 2013
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Tom Widener, Nancy Barker, Guy Hegg, Susan Locke and Jim Englebert.

UW-Extension Staff: Catherine Neiswender, Katie Roen, Nick Schneider, Leonard Polzin, and Kimberly Miller.

Others Present: Tom Egan

Meeting called to order: 9:00 am by Chair Nancy Barker.

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

Motion to approve October 18, 2012 meeting minutes by Widener/Locke. Motion carried. 4-0

Program Reports:

Agriculture/Horticulture Programs-

Nick Schneider handed out an overview of programs that the Agriculture/Horticulture department carries out and which educator was in charge of each one, along with ones that they would like to start doing. In that discussion questions arose regarding Nutrient Management and how many farmers use the program and why farmers do not use the program. Roughly 35% of the land is in compliance. The annual Dairy Breakfast will be on an actual farm in Omro, WI on June 8, 2013 at 8am-12:30 pm. On average 500 individuals participate; they would like the number to be around 1500-2000. WPS Farm Show will be on the EAA grounds and Nick is covering growing cover crops.

Kimberly Miller is working on the Tree Pruning Workshop this fall, tree health concerns, the community value of trees in the area, and much more indicated on the overview of programs that was distributed.

Leonard Polzin discussed Dairy Quiz Bowl and that it is teaching 4-H members about dairy anatomy and the industry as a whole. There are two teams and next year they hope for more. In the afterschool programs they are working with AG in the classroom. One program they are focusing on is Got Dirt?, which is a curriculum for teachers and daycares that educates students on fruits and vegetables.

Fair Association-

Tom Egan went over the budget from 2012 and gave a handout of the costs. In general it stated that they were -\$2,240.46 and that did not include bills that came after that. Questions arose about what bills were not paid and what they told those companies. Tom stated that they had to wait until January 1, 2013 to pay bills. Main cause of deficit was the rain on the day of the rodeo that cost them between \$15k-17k. They did not take a loan out this year but they did borrow money from the Directors fund. Next year there will not be any big name entertainment and they will continue to sell calendar books.

Questions arose regarding if the services that the Fair association received from the Parks Committee were more or less given the amount they now have to pay them.

Tom Egan would prefer not to submit the full report to the County Board until he knows that the figures are final. The Committee agreed to wait. Tom will provide a final draft before submitting to the board.

Committee Chair Report – Nancy Barker:

UW- Fox Valley-

The Board of Trustee was very pleased to know that Miller Electric, UW-Extension, UW-Platteville, and UW-Fox Valley worked in collaboration with Robotics. They are holding VEX programs and currently there are 80 teams that participate. Dates for these are February 2, and February 16, 2013. Lego Club is on February 5, 2013 from 6-7:30 pm at JPCC.

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World Showcase-

It is on January 24, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the Butte Des Morts School. Nancy thought this was a great event to attend and gain knowledge from.

Jim Englebert is transferring to the Aviation Committee.
Tom Snider will be joining the UW-Extension Committee.

UW-Extension – Administration:

UWEX Up-Dates & Department Activities:

Catherine highlighted the following information-

- HCE program book that was handed out
- Ag and 4-H Newsletters
- World Showcase
- Teen Winter Camp: Upham Woods February 15-17, 2013
- Kristi is working on Money Smart Week for April and VITA
- Catherine will be presenting on the Airport data in February
- WACEC conference is April 8-10, 2013
- 2012 Coughlin Building room usage report was handed out
- UWEX committee meeting schedule was discussed.

Motion for the UW-Extension Committee to not meet in February- Widener/Hegg
Motion approved 5-0

Staff Up-Dates:

Kimberly Miller will now be 50% Horticulturist.
Susan Bongert has retired effective 12-15-12.

Comments by Committee Members:

Jim thought that being on UW-Extension Committee was very educational and he thanked everyone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am Englebert. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Katie Roen, Secretary