

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2013**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Tom Widener, Nancy Barker, Susan Locke, Guy Hegg, and Tom Snider.

**UW-Extension Staff:** Kristi Cutts, Chris Kniep, Katie Roen, Leonard Polzin, Paula Hella, Kayla Oberstadt, and Nick Schneider.

**Others Present:** Mike Norton

**Meeting called to order:** 1:30 p.m. by Chair Nancy Barker.

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

**Motion to approve January 17, 2013 meeting minutes** by Tom Widener. Motion carried 5-0

**Program Reports:**

**Family Living- Kristi Cutts and Chris Kniep**

Kristi highlighted segments of the state Family Living Program Report “Working together to meet family needs” which focuses on forming community partnerships to deliver programs. Sharing examples of local partnerships, Kristi highlighted work being done related to housing and family finances, including Train the Trainer workshops, Rent Smart, and the Oshkosh Money Conference. Chris Kniep shared examples of community partnerships that she is involved with, including the Oshkosh Senior Center Strategic Planning, Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, and League of Women Voters. The Family Living’s main goal is to facilitate, teach, and help others to establish their goals. The second part of their presentation focused on the state report regarding work with incarcerated audiences. Kristi and Chris talked about the workshops that they provide at the county jail, state prison and DACC. Chris also reviewed the family living programs fact sheet on scholarship.

**Youth & Science- Leonard Polzin & Kayla Oberstadt**

Recent program work included preparation for June Dairy Breakfast that will actually be held on a farm this year and the WPS Farm Show. Leonard reported that 13 youth participated in the Tractor Safety Training. The focus of this year’s MAQA training is feed and water. Leonard and Kayla organized and led Teen Winter Camp at Upham Woods in WI Dells. Seventeen teenagers participated and the theme was: “I will be me”. Both have met and continue working with Robotics, including partnering with Martin Rudd at UW-Fox. Martin will be attending an Extension Committee meeting in the future to talk about the partnership. Lego Club is still occurring with an average of 30 kids each month, VEX Demo coming. UW Fox is having a Lego event April 19-20; Dairy program- Dairy Quiz Bowl has 4 participants and they placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition and there is also dairy judging and Badger Dairy Camp coming up.

Kayla’s term as a VISTA is ending. Her last day will be April 19<sup>th</sup>- she thanked the committee for their support!

**WNEP- Paula Hella**

Paula provided an overview of current activity in the WNEP program. Paula shared a fact sheet on the Foodshare/Snap/Quest program. She then went over the benefits of the program. Highlighting information from the FY12 SNAP-Ed/WNEP report for Calumet/Winnebago/Outagamie Counties, Paula noted that in FY 12, the program saw over 11,000+ people contacted. Paula discussed the partners that the program works with and some of the challenges that they face. Paula explained the income guidelines and other qualifications for SNAP benefits

**Committee Chair Report – Nancy Barker:** none

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

**Expo Storage Building:**

Chris shared a document that chronicles the history of the building project and past meeting discussions. Chris provided an up-date on the meeting held with Mike Elders, Rob Way and Mark Harris on January 4<sup>th</sup> to review the engineering study of the two garages on the Expo grounds. Discussion points from this meeting were included in the document. Based on that discussion, Way and Elders were asked to provide an estimate of a new construction vs. estimated repair costs. Concerns were raised regarding constructing a new building when existing storage space exists. Committee members shared that they do not want to be affiliated with the Parks Committee structure that has been proposed. Hegg proposed to bring forward a resolution that stated we do not need the building on the resolution that was drafted last summer. (NOTE: that resolution went from the Facilities Committee to the County Board in July and was withdrawn) Mike Norton asked that the Extension Committee to talk with Mike Elders to find space that is needed. Nancy Barker asked Tom Widener to talk to the County Executive about storage needs and Chris would talk to Mike Elders about the engineering study.

**UWEX Up-Dates & Department Activities:**

WACEC- discussion of who was going, what time they would be leaving, and who they wanted to have discussions with. Conclusions were leaving the UWEX office April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Copies of the education 2012 success stories were given to committee members for background for the WACEC meetings. A map of the new UWEX regions was distributed.

**Staff Up-Dates:**

Martin Rudd is coming to visit in the near future.  
Kayla will be leaving April 19, 2013.  
Nick and Kim received the Urban Forestry Award.

**2013 Meeting Schedule/Plans:**

Schedule for the 2013 year was distributed. This will be discussed in further detail at the May meeting.

**Comments by Committee Members:** None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:47 pm by Tom Snider/Hegg. Motion passed 5-0

Respectfully Submitted by:

Katie Roen, Secretary