

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Wednesday, July 13th, 2011
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

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

UW-Extension Staff: Dan Teuteberg, Chris Kniep, René Mehlberg, Catherine Neiswender.

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 May 26, 2011 meeting minutes by Barker/Englebert. Motion carried 4-0. (Locke out of the room at time of the vote.)

Program Reports:

Winnebago County Fair Association, Tom Egan: Showed the poster advertising for the Winnebago County Fair and highlighted the key acts. There will not be any racing this year, but is working with SpeedZone for 2 days of demolition derbies. Also showed the Fair Yard Signs which is one of the best marketing techniques. The Fair Yard Sign has the website that has a wealth of information. Egan shared there will not be an opening ceremonies this year. Instead each County Board member and their spouse will be invited to attend one day of the County Fair.

4-H Youth Development, René Mehlberg & Dan Teuteberg:

Teuteberg shared that Cloverbud Camp is currently going on at the JPCC with 25 Cloverbuds (members grades K5-2) whose theme is "Dr. Seuss is on the Loose." Committee members are encouraged to stop in and check it out.

LEGO® camp was held a couple of weeks ago with 25 youth participated. Many camp activities were done in pairs and teams so there was a focus on communication, and teamwork. Participants ranged from grades 3-8 with most members being in grades 3-5. 80% of the group was non 4-H members. There was a waiting list for this program.

He invited committee members to attend "The Magic of Hogwarts" camp on July 26 & 27 at the JPCC from 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. The camp focuses on science exploration.

4-H Camp ran from July 5-8 where 90 youth and 25 youth counselors were involved. He highlighted the roles the youth staff has to prepare and implement camp. He read a letter a 4-H counselor wrote to herself illustrating the impact the 4-H camp counseling experience has on a young person. He also showed part of the camp slide show.

Mehlberg highlighted the mission of 4-H in which youth are to learn and practice skills to be productive citizens. One main way this is done is through the 4-H Community Club Program. A new 4-H club, Huskies Helping Hands, has started through interest in 4-H from the outreach programs Teuteberg has done at Hoover School in Neenah.

Mehlberg then talked about 4-H's involvement in the upcoming Winnebago County Fair. She invited the Committee Members to serve as Cloverbud judges on Tuesday, August 2 and encouraged them to attend the 4-H Awards Program at 1:00p.m. on Sunday, August 7.

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She also shared that preparations are already being made for the new 4-H year that starts in October, with materials available at the end of August.

UWEX 2012 Budget Proposal – Review & Action, Chris Kniep:

Highlighted a couple of items as she talked through the UWEX 2012 Budget Proposal. The proposals is approximately \$4,000 over the department target. This action was done in consultation with Human Resources and the Finance Departments. Kniep answered questions that were raised by committee members.

Committee Chair Report, Tom Widener:

UW Fox Valley Update: Received report from the construction company for the engineering building which came in under budget and will go forward with the bidding process. Total enrollment of UW Fox Valley is about 1,800 students and is looking at how to expand student enrollment with looking at how the buildings are used (which days the buildings are used). In the process of hiring a new CEO/Dean.

Library: Maintenance of effort was not put back in the state budget.

UW-Extension – Administration:

2011 Budget: Kniep shared an estimate of the current 2011 budget with everything looking on target.

Staff Update: Julie Grundy is back after being out for about 2 months on medical leave. Sarah Thompson is a temporary employee through September. Allison Thomson will be starting on Monday, July 18 as the third Extension Secretary. Status of WNEP Coordinator: the position is posted with hopefully an October hire date. One of the WNEP educators resigned and that position will remain open until the WNEP Coordinator is hired.

Department Activities: Kniep shared that the county is implementing a new financial accounting software package that will help streamline work in the department.

Federal & State Budget – impact on UWEX: Kniep shared there were no updates that affect the UWEX office.

Comments by Committee Members: Hegg shared that he was at Lifest and that Sunnyview Expo Grounds looks in good condition.

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Hegg/Barker at 10:34a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary