

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

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

UW-Extension Staff: Nick Schneider, Kristi Cutts, Paula Hella, Catherine Neiswender, René Mehlberg, and Chris Kniep via phone

Meeting called to order at 9:00a.m. by Chair Nancy Barker.

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda - none

Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2013

Hegg moved to not approve the August minutes because of the confusion with distribution of minutes. Snider seconded. No vote was taken.

Request for Barker, Hegg, and Kniep to work together and distribute what minutes need to be approved in the November meeting packet.

Storage Up-date and possible action: Widener gave an up-date on the storage building at the Expo Grounds. 4-H food materials have found a home. Still in need of 2000 sq. ft for storage of 4-H and Fair related items. Estimated cost of \$150,000. Widener distributed an amendment he will introduce during the budget review process. Widener is looking for co-signers for the amendment. No action is needed by this committee.

Request for Kniep to connect with the Parks and Facilities departments, and the Winnebago County Fair Association to sign an agreement between the parties that a building be built on the Expo grounds; Extension will manage the building, Parks agree that Facilities will maintain the building, and that the Fair Association is agreeable to this arrangement.

After agreement is in place other committee members will sign onto the budget amendment.

Program Reports:

4-H Youth Development: René Mehlberg reported on the ending of the 2012-2013 4-H year, the beginning and changes to the 2013-2014 4-H year, and upcoming community collaborations and after school staff trainings to expand access of 4-H Youth Development throughout the county.

Family Living Education: Kristi Cutts highlighted the tenet education program, “Rent Smart.” Cutts and Kniep are part of the state “Rent Smart” team which received the 2013 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence. Updating the curriculum and exploring additional partnerships to provide Rent Smart education in the Menasha area are being planned.

Cutts reported on the 2013 Oshkosh Money Conference. Follow-up evaluation was done with participants who set goals. Planning for a 2014 Oshkosh Money Conference is moving forward.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program: Paula Hella finishing year FY2013. Contacted over 10,000 learners in the tri-county area. Exploring additional partnerships for FY2014. Currently understaffed with two open positions.

Committee Chair Report: Nancy Barker wants to get storage situation at the Expo Grounds completed.

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UW-Extension-Administration: Chris Kniep

UWEX Updates – Department Activities: Kniep referenced her written report. Snider requested committee minutes process continue as they have been in the past. Agendas will be compiled, approved by the chair, and distributed as they have been in the past.

Staff Up-dates: Kniep referenced her written report. A schedule for the remainder of the year was distributed. Kniep shared the story of Supervisor Bob Warnke receiving his Bachelor's degree from UW-Oshkosh.

Comments by Committee Members:

Widener attended the WCA conference where there was a presentation on how counties work with Extension programming. He also shared the current WCA President is familiar with Extension programming. Widener will be attending the Library Conference next week and share any information the committee may need to know.

Snider is working with the Wisconsin Town Association's chair to have Kim Miller give a report on the Emerald Ash Borer at the January Wisconsin Town's Association's unit meeting.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Widener motioned to adjourn; seconded by Hegg. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourned: 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
René Mehlberg, Recording Secretary