

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Nancy Barker, Tom Widener, Koby Schellenger, Ron Hardy,

**UW-Extension Staff:** Kim Miller, Matt Welter, Chris Kniep

**Others Present:** Tom Egan

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00a.m. by Chair Tom Widener.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Koby moved to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes. Barker seconded. Motion carried 4-0 to approve the minutes as corrected.

**Program Reports:**

**Fair Association:** Tom Egan shared copies of the 2014 Fair Association final accounting. Due to lower entertainment costs and favorable weather, the 2014 fair showed a profit. Egan is working with the 4-H Goat and Meat animal projects to secure new pens for the animals. He is awaiting the five year contract from the Parks Department. Egan explained scheduling of carnivals and entertainment. The 2015 Fair is August 4-9. Committee suggested that in the future, the financial report be posted electronically for the county board and hard copy/presentation be given to the Extension Committee.

**4-H Youth Development:** Matt Welter shared an overview of the work he has been doing the past three months. Work includes helping with trip interviews, developing an on-going 4-H Calendar, working with the Summer Camp committee, with community groups and other counties to jointly sponsor events and working with scholarship applications. Welter is surveying newsletter readers regarding changes he has made and future changes. Face book is a tool Welter has been using to connect with members.

**Family Living Education:** Chris Kniep shared copies of the HCE "Reach and Teach" booklet, describing some of the activities of the Home and Community Education group. Kniep noted much of her time has been spent on administrative tasks this past month.

**Committee Chair Report:**

**Horticulture-Emerald Ash Borer:** Kim Miller shared she is working with the Facilities and Parks departments on the tree planting plans. The plan will include a timeline and recommendations for movement, treatment and take-out. The plan is limited to county trees. Miller shared avenues for securing funds to replant trees including the American Transmission Company and CNN Railroads.

**Garage Up-date:** The construction contract is being drafted with building construction scheduled for spring 2015.

**UW-Extension – Administration**

**Staff updates:** Kniep shared Melody Piper's retirement gathering, Tuesday January 6, 2015 was attended by about 50 people. Both Melody and Kristi Cutts' positions have been posted with interviews scheduled later this month.

**UWEX Up-dates:** The equipment has arrived for the video conferencing system with Chad Cook providing the lead for the system. Retired Agriculture Agent Garry Blomberg passed earlier this month. Cutts and Kniep will be honored with a Governor's Financial Literacy Award 1/28/15 for the Rent Smart program. Cutts and Kniep have been asked to provide a Rent Smart training for professionals in Maine.

**County Board Scholarship:** Sarah Thompson has the scholarship materials ready for county board

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member distribution at the January Board meeting. They will be sent to schools attended by Winnebago county youth and posted on a number of websites.

**Comments by Committee Members:** none

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held February 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourned:** Barker moved to adjourn; seconded by Schellenger. Motion carried 4-0.  
10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Chris Kniep