

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee

Thursday, January 20, 2011

James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Tom Widener, Susan Locke, Nancy Barker, James Englebert, and Guy Hegg (at 9:05)
UW-Extension Staff: Catherine Neiswender, Dan Teuteberg, Kristi Cutts, Chris Kniep, and René Mehlberg
Others Present: Debbie & Larry Last, citizens

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

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

Widener welcomed the new Committee Member, James (Jim) Englebert, who introduced himself.

Motion to approve December 16th, 2010 meeting minutes by Barker/Locke. Motion carried 4-0. (Hegg arrived after minutes were approved).

UW-Extension Department Overview – All Staff: Chris Kniep provided an overview of the information UWEX staff will be sharing at the first three meetings of 2011. The sessions will provide background on UWEX, Winnebago County UWEX programs and develop a framework for meetings that helps committee members fulfill their county board roles. Extension staff provided an overview of UW-Extension including:

- Introductions – committee members and staff members
- UWEX – Wisconsin Idea
- UWEX 4 Divisions and the Cooperative Extension program areas
- Funding Sources
- Purpose – Vision – Values
- WACEC
 - Organization Overview
 - 2011 Conference Registrations, Capital Visits, Preliminary Plans

The February and March meetings will include in-depth reports on the four programs areas as background for attending the state WACEC meeting.

Committee Chair Report, Tom Widener:

UW Fox Valley Update: Modification for the monies for the 1655 Building was approved at the January County Board meeting.

County Board Scholarship: Money coming out of the reserves was approved by the Personal & Finance Committee so there will be 9 County Board Scholarships for 2011. Scholarship material was distributed at the January County Board meeting and has been posted on the county website.

Libraries: The director of Menasha Public Library has resigned. Widener noted discussions are occurring regarding current funding practices such as maintenance of effort. Neenah Library is looking into purchasing of e-readers and books for the future.

UW-Extension – Administration, Chris Kniep:

Reports by Staff: Teuteberg highlighted the “World Showcase” that is being done through 4-H Youth Development and the Menasha Community Learning Center tonight at Maplewood Middle School in Menasha from 3:30-5:00p.m. with presentations starting at 4:00 He also highlighted the upcoming February 3 Legopalooza at Menasha’s Gegan Elementary School from 3:30-5:00p.m.

Cutts shared her work with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program that will start on Saturday, February 5 and run ten Saturdays through April 9.

2010 Budget up-date: Kniep shared the 2010 final budget report and the 2011 budget-to-date.

2011 Extension Committee Meeting Calendar was distributed.

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Budget Transfer Request - \$3,595 to purchase cutter: This request needs to have committee and Personal & Finance approval. Motion by Barker/Hegg to approve the budget transfer request. Motion carried 5-0.

County Board Scholarship Materials: Additional copies were available for members to take.

Comments by Committee Members: Hegg promoted a play that his daughter will be in at Appleton East; Barker promoted the March 26 urban chicken raising seminar at the Expo Center.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 9:00a.m.

Meeting adjourned by Barker/Locke 10:55a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary