

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, February 16th, 2017
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Tom Snider, Julie Gordon, Al Long, and George Scherck.

UW-Extension Staff: Chris Kniep, Darrell McCauley, Sarah Thompson, Courtney Gross, and Amy Timm.

Others Present: None.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Tom Snider.

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Gordon moved to approve the 1/19/2017 minutes; seconded by Scherck. Motion carried **4-0**.

Program Reports:

Agriculture: McCauley distributed a *2016 Annual Accomplishment Report* reviewing his agricultural activities. The majority of his work falls into two categories: *Managing Soil and Water Resources* and/or *Farm Management*. McCauley reviewed the objectives and results of his work in both areas, highlighting a few program activities. UWEX will be building two *Hoop Houses* in 2017. One will be used for educational purposes, and the other will focus on production. *Breakfast on the Farm* will be the 2nd Saturday in June at Omro Dairy. The *2017 Soil Health Field Day* will be in June. This event will include a rainfall simulator, sifting strategies, and various other educational demonstrations. McCauley reviewed how *Nutrient Management Plans* are developed and implemented. McCauley's youth educational efforts are aimed at educating youth on new farm technologies and career options available.

4-H Youth & Science: Thompson announced that the *2017 Winnebago County Board Scholarship* materials have been sent out. Applications are due to the clerk's office by March 27. Thompson reviewed some of the trips that youth have been part of and some of the Youth & Science programs currently underway. Winnebago County 4-H currently has 493 youth enrolled, with 184 adults involved. *Pizza Making* is April 1. *Summer Camp* will be July 5 – 8 with a "Road-tripping across the U.S." theme. *Camp Counselor Training* will work with 18 youth. *Lego Club* is still underway. Winnebago County UWEX was awarded a grant for implementing a *Food Smart Families* program. This has allowed the hiring of an Intern, Lia Thao, to help with the program.

Family Living: Kniep briefly reviewed some of the programming she's been working on. There is a *Landlord Education Workshop* this Saturday, February 18. Kniep participated in the *hub Participants Training* this week. Kniep reviewed some examples of *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren* experiences. Kniep has been involved in updating the curriculum for *Rent Smart*. The updated curriculum will be available online for training other trainers to deliver the program. Kniep will be traveling to Maine in 2017 to deliver the new curriculum.

Committee Chair Report: Snider highlighted some of the main points from the nEXT Generation update previously sent out by Timm, reviewed in more detail by Kniep below.

UW-Extension – Administration:

Staff Updates: Kniep introduced our newest Family Living Intern, Courtney Gross. Board members did introductions. Kniep distributed the position descriptions that have been posted for the *Interim 4-H Youth Development Educator* and *Interim Outagamie and Winnebago Counties Community, Natural Resource, and Economic Development (CNRED) Educator*. Applications will be reviewed on Tuesday, February 21 with interviews on Friday, February 24. These positions must be filled by March 1 for the new staff members to qualify for benefits. Scherck volunteered to be present for the interviews. Administrative Associate, Ashley Rolph, will soon be having a baby. Timm and Carol Hollmaier will be renegotiating roles and responsibilities while she is on maternity leave. McCauley and Chad Cook recently both lost their fathers. UWEX staff have been experiencing a lot of change.

Department Activities: Timm distributed the completed *2016 Annual Report*. Kniep shared she is working with some 4-H efforts including the establishing of a Winnebago County 4-H Foundation. An anonymous donor will contribute \$5,000 to the fund if Winnebago County 4-H can raise \$5,000 by October 2017. Kay Lettau was nominated for the *Fox Cities Community Foundation Lifetime Volunteer Leadership Award*.

Civil Rights Review – Action Plan: Timm distributed the *2016 Winnebago County Civil Rights Action Plan*.

nEXT Generation: Kniep distributed copies of the *nEXT Generation Recommendations* and the *nEXT Generation*

Recommendations for Feedback handouts. Kniep reviewed the main points from these materials. Our county cluster is set to include Calumet, Winnebago, Outagamie, and Waupaca counties. UWEX staff and committee members discussed the proposed structure and positions for the nEXT Generation reorganization. Kniep distributed the *February Recommendations – Feedback Survey* and *Sample February Recommendation Copy* handouts. The deadline for providing feedback is Friday, February 24. Board members are strongly encouraged to submit feedback.

2017 Meeting Dates: Timm distributed the *2017 Extension Committee Meeting Dates* handout.

Comments by Committee Members: Members were in agreement that the UWEX Committee will be needed to advocate for UW-Extension with other members of the County Board and regarding the upcoming budget proposal.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 16th, 2017.

Adjourned: Snider moved to adjourn; seconded by Long. Motion carried **3-0**, 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Timm