

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, July 19th, 2017
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

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

UW-Extension Staff: Mandi Dornfeld, Sarah Thompson and Ashley Rolph

Others Present: Tom Egan (Winnebago County Fair Association)

Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Tom Snider.

Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda: Snider introduced Steve Binder, the newest member to the committee. Other members attending the meeting introduced themselves. Binder gave a brief introduction.

Approval of Minutes: Gordon moved to approve the 6/15/2017 minutes; seconded by Long. Motion carried **4-0**.

Program Reports:

Fair Association: Egan reviewed the *2017 Winnebago County Fair* brochure. There are a variety of features at the fair this year, including carnival rides, a petting zoo, bull riding, Dock Dogs, Furturity Dairy show and a new feature this year, the *Winnebago County Fair Concert Village*. There will be country music performances every night during the fair at 7:00pm. Performances will be made by T Graham Brown, Jackie Lee, Lonestar, and Craig Wayne Boyd. The fair will start on Wednesday, August 2nd and go through Saturday, August 5th. Egan invited and encouraged members of the board to attend and/or judge at the fair if the opportunity arises. Binder asked Egan about the progress of the Arch. Egan did not have anything to report on the arch, but said it will not be up yet this year. Egan announced that next year, 2018, will be his last year on the Fair Board. He said he will continue to help out if needed, but will no longer be a member. Snider speaks for the board and says they really appreciate everything the Fair Board does.

4-H Youth and Science: Thompson provided an overview of 4-H program and what they have been doing this past month. There was a Board of Directors meeting that took place last night, July 18th, 2017. Thompson shared that she and Jody Bezio (4-H Youth and Development Interim) are in the process of sharing civil rights actions with the 4-H Board of Director Leaders. Thompson and Bezio just returned from 4-H Summer Camp, a four day and three night stay at Upham Woods. Campers left on Wednesday, July 5th and returned Saturday, July 8th. Thompson passed around the 2017 Summer Camp schedule and shared the activities that took place. This year, 95 campers attended, including 18 non 4-H members, 18 youth leaders and 11 adults for youth protections reasons. An email that was received from Upham Woods thanking Winnebago County 4-H Leaders and Educators was passed around to board members. Cloverbud Camp took place last week Tuesday, July 11th and Wednesday, July 12th. There were several projects and activities provided for campers, including games, arts and crafts, goats and a presentation on the history of spinning toys, concluding with a potluck and an optional overnight stay in the meetings rooms at the Coughlin Center. Thompson finished with an update on the fair. There will be a spotlight stage again this year, where 4-H Youth can present demonstrations and music. The Key awards will also be presented on the spotlight stage at 11:30 am on Sunday, August 6th.

Committee Chair Report: Snider shared that Chris Kniep has retired and that Catherine Neiswender accepted a new position of Regional Director.

UW-Extension – Administration:

2018 Budget Proposal: Dornfeld shared updates from Neiswender as she could not attend the meeting. Chris Kniep submitted the 2018 budget before her last day.

Staff Updates: Dornfeld shared that Amy Timm's wedding was Sunday, July 16th, Chris Kniep retired, with her last day in the office being June 30th. There is no position posting at this time, the department is awaiting instructions and decisions with the reorganization. Neiswender and Timm have worked on budget, time cards and other critical administrative tasks. Winnebago County is fully staffed at the moment, with Allyson Watson as CRD Interim (shared ½ time with Outagamie County) and Jody Bezio as 4-H Youth and Development Interim.

Comments by Committee Members: Scherck asked about Neiswender's new role and whether there are things she will do or no longer do. Dornfeld shared the office plans to meet in August to discuss the plans for the future roles and responsibilities. This meeting will be led by Neiswender.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will take place on Friday, August 18th, 2017 at 1:30 pm.

Adjourned: Snider moved to adjourn, seconded by Long and then Gordon. Motion carried **3-0**, 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ashley Rolph