

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, July 21, 2022
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Steve Binder, Karen D. Powers, Doug Zellmer, Tom Borchart, and Kay Horan.

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Mandi Dornfeld, Christi Gabrilka, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: None.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Steve Binder.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Borchart moved to approve the 6/16/2021 minutes, second by Horan. Motion carried 5-0.

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: The Sheriff delivered a presentation at the last County Board Meeting regarding safety procedures. Borchart encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings as they go about their day.

Committee Chair Report: Binder shared an update regarding the Winnefox Library System budget for their upcoming budget year. A previous notice announced a 17% budget cut. Binder received an update from Executive Doemel that the budget cut will not go into effect.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- **FoodWise FY21 Year-End Report** - Gabrilka distributed and reviewed the FoodWise FY21 Year-End Report for Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca, and Winnebago counties. One focus of programming has been to stay connected to participant families via virtual methods while in-person programming was on hold during the pandemic. FoodWise programming has begun resuming in-person programming and will continue utilizing virtual programming to meet needs. Discussion ensued regarding locations and types of programs. Viau gave an update on the FoodWise Contract procedure, which is being modified to be more efficient.
- **Human Development & Relationships** - Dornfeld has begun a new partnership with the State Street Center in Oshkosh along with FoodWise and Financial Education. She's assisted with a pilot program for Compassion Resilience for professionals. Dornfeld has continued her partnership with Saint A's to deliver ACE Interface programming for free. Extension will be taking over this contract in the future. The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) group has begun meeting in-person for offsite events; the Wisconsin Child Permanency Program has provided funding for these events. Sandy Bell has continued doing "porch visits" to remain connected with the families and deliver food/supplies. The support group meetings at the JPCC have not yet resumed due to lack of appropriate guidelines for hiring and providing childcare safely. The Diversity Affairs Commission (DAC) has been unable to meet since the new scheduling requirements began. Chairperson Lateria Garrett has resigned from the DAC. Dornfeld encouraged the committee to reach out and acknowledge Garrett's service to the DAC.

Dornfeld announced her resignation from her current position as Human Development & Relationships Educator. She will be taking on the role of Area Extension Director for Area 8 (Shawano, Oconto, and Marionette counties and Menominee Nation). August 9th will be her last day in her current role; her new role begins August 15th. Dornfeld expressed her appreciation for the partnerships she's developed, programming she's provided, and the support from the committee over the past 7 years.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates:** Viau did submit a request to Facilities for carpet replacement in meeting rooms and the Extension office in the 2023 budget year. Meeting room technology upgrades are under consideration.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** The 2023 department budget will be completed and submitted by Friday, July 29th. The budget request will reflect anticipated staff and programming changes. Interviews for the Horticulture Educator position are on Monday, July 25th. Viau will continue facilitating Real Colors workshops for Winnebago County staff. Conversations with the Executive are expected for finding additional facilitators. Binder requested consideration for adding a part-time position for a DAC Coordinator. Binder, Viau, and Dornfeld discussed some of the logistics and considerations regarding the request. It was suggested to request a county-funded position within a county department, preferably in Human Resources. Extension could then

provide educational support/programming for the DAC. Binder requested a copy of the 2023 budget request. Viau will seek permission to share.

- **Area/Region/State Updates:** Matt Hansen, Assistant Dean for University of Wisconsin - Division of Extension, has announced his upcoming retirement.

Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion: Zellmer suggested sharing appreciation for the work Dornfeld has done in the community. Horan and Dornfeld suggested adding appreciation for the work Lateria Garret did with the DAC. The Extension office will be updating mailing lists to reflect changes to county board members and to add Extension Committee members to the GRG Newsletter.

Scholarship Task Force: The oversight of the Winnebago County Scholarship has been returned to the Extension Committee. Powers shared some details regarding tuition costs and scholarship amounts. Powers inquired whether anyone would be interested in forming a task force. Horan expressed her interest. Viau will share the request with Extension office staff as well. Anyone interested in the task force should contact Powers.

Comments by Committee Members: The DAC will be meeting at 5:30pm on August 4th. The meeting and agenda will be shared on the county platforms shortly. Horan encouraged the committee members to attend to show their support. Powers acknowledged a 4-H youth she recently saw perform in a play.

Committee Meeting Schedule: Committee members confirmed the standard meeting date and time work for August.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

Adjourned: Powers moved to adjourn at 11:12 a.m.; seconded by Zellmer. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson