

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, October 15th, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Tom Snider, Steve Binder, Tom Borchart, Karen D. Powers, and Doug Zellmer (joined later).

Members Absent: None.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Vaiu, Sarah Thompson, Kris Soper, Mandi Dornfeld, Miranda Dawson, Hannah Phillips, Dana Berger, Kim Miller, and Christi Gabrilka.

Others Present: Mike Norton (Winnebago County Board) and unknown, brief guest.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Tom Snider.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Powers moved to approve the 9/17/2020 minutes; seconded by Borchart. Motion carried 4–0.

Safety Share: Borchart reviewed importance of current health guidelines for social distancing and wearing facial coverings.

Committee Chair Report: Snider and Binder attended Wednesday's virtual Facilities meeting. Snider reported that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Study Dollars for Student Union and Gathering Spaces was approved.

Action Item – Resolution to Create a Diversity Affairs Commission: Committee members should have received the revised resolution prior to the meeting. Dornfeld requested input and decision from the committee regarding putting the resolution through to the County Board for approval. Powers moved to accept resolution 042-072020; seconded by Borchart. Snider and Dornfeld reviewed the size limit of 7 for the steering committee versus the unlimited size of the overall commission. The group discussed requirements to consider regarding the organization of leadership for the group. Dornfeld will follow up regarding the 2020-2022 Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors. Snider entertained a motion to move to approve the amended resolution; **motion carried 4–0.**

Discussion – Naming of the Community Gardens: Miller reported that the Community Gardens Committee met recently and settled on a name that incorporated the location, partnerships, and purpose of the garden: The Sunnyview Garden Partnership. Binder moved to approve naming the garden "The Sunnyview Garden Partnership"; seconded by Borchart; **motion carried 5–0.**

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates: Vaiu directed the committee to the October 2020 Extension Winnebago County Review document for summaries of educator program updates.

FoodWise: Gabrilka explained that the FoodWise educators have been busy transitioning programming to virtual formats. Dawson introduced herself to the committee. Dawson has been working primarily with 5th and 6th grade students at Badger Elementary School in Outagamie County, with hopes to expand further throughout Outagamie and into Winnebago and Calumet counties. Dawson shared her screen to show examples from the Bitmoji Classroom she developed to make classes fun and interactive for the students. She has developed 7 lessons so far, which are conducted virtually but not live. Soper shared an example presentation she's been using in nutrition education for adults. There are 6 lessons she conducts live, virtually. Soper explained the process of navigating the courses and the new virtual formats. Snider inquired whether the committee members have access to any of the course materials. Members who would be interested should contact Soper. Phillips has been collaborating with other FoodWise educators and the re:TH!NK Coalition to identify and address gaps in the Winnebago County food system. They've been examining the mapping data through the Wisconsin Food Security Project website. They aim to learn more about current local food security conditions and are still in the early research stages.

4-H Youth & Science: Thompson briefly started after school programs when schools were in-person, but school closures and transition to virtual programming has required transitioning her programming to alternate formats as well. National 4-H Week was last week, celebrated as a "spirit week". Each day centered around the 4-H values and central elements. 4-H carved and donated pumpkins to Parkview Health Center for Halloween. Thompson participated in the 21 Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge with Soper and Mia Ljung. The Wisconsin 4-H Movement debuted recently to share the values of Wisconsin 4-H to current and future members, leaders, volunteers, and people in the community. Thompson has been focusing on expanding her own learning with the

purpose of developing project area learning activities and lessons to be used in the schools or be sent out. Building connections with colleagues across the state has been another focus.

Extension Administration and Department Reports: Viau expressed appreciation for the creativity of the Extension educators in meeting the various challenges that have arisen regarding programming during the pandemic.

Staff Updates: UW staff are still primarily working via telecommuting, which will continue through the end of the calendar year. Full-time Winnebago County staff now have access to work remotely as needed during the pandemic.

Facility & Department Updates: Division of Extension's plans for indoor programming during the winter months are on hold due to the local and state health situation. All 4 Health Departments within Area 10 have issued public health emergency statements with recommendations that are stricter than the guidelines set from UW-Madison Division of Extension. Extension will comply with the stricter of the different recommendations. The J.P. Coughlin Center remains closed to the public. The USDA is in the process of renewing their lease with Winnebago County Property and Facilities Management. Due to space constraints, Extension will work with their partners to relocate items that have historically been stored within USDA spaces.

Area/Region/State Updates:

Action Item: UW-Madison Division of Extension Contracted Services Agreement – Review and Recommendation to Enter into Agreement: Viau shared his screen to show and review the agreement. Snider entertained a motion to recommend the County Board accept this agreement; **motion carried 5–0.**

Comments by Committee Members: Snider commended Extension educators for the work they've been able to do during the pandemic. Borchart encouraged educators to use some sort of tracking system to determine which virtual programming methods are most effective to inform future programming.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, November 19th, 2020.

Adjourned: Powers moved to adjourn; seconded by Binder. Motion carried 5–0, 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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