

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, October 18, 2012
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

Members Present: Nancy Barker, Guy Hegg, Susan Locke, Tom Widener, and James Englebert.

UW-Extension Staff: Chris Kniep, Melody Piper, Kristi Cutts, Courtney Lemke, Kim Miller, Nick Schneider, Leonard Polzin, Kayla Oberstadt and René Mehlberg.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Nancy Barker.

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

Motion to approve September 20, 2012 meeting minutes: **Motion** by Hegg/Widener to approve. Motion carried.

Program Reports:

Agriculture/Horticulture Programs: Kim Miller and Nick Schneider

Kim provided an overview of the “Tree Pruning Workshops” that were held in September. The series of workshops were a partnership with UWEX and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The attendance was a combination of municipality employees, professionals as well as private citizens. Kim shared an overview of the evaluations and the request for more training.

Kim also shared information regarding the value of trees in urban settings, which further supports the value of the pruning workshops to municipality workers. Kim has been assisting the county facilities department as they deal with trees issues.

4-H Youth Development Program: Kayla Oberstadt, Leonard Polzin, René Mehlberg

Kayla and Leonard shared with the committee a video highlighting National 4-H Youth Science Day which was held at the Coughlin Building October 10th. A total of 40 participants attended the event. Participants were a mix of 4-H members and non-4-H members.

Kayla and Leonard are working with the Afterschool Programs at Maplewood Middle School, Menasha, Neenah Joint School, Neenah and Washington and Webster Stanley in Oshkosh. They are currently working on Lego Club and Lego League, Got Dirt, Soybeans and Agriculture in the Classrooms. A total of 122 are presently enrolled in the Afterschool Programs.

René Mehlberg is currently working with Butte des Morts School (Menasha) on the World Showcase event scheduled for January 24th, 2013.

Committee Chair Report: Nancy Barker

UW-Fox Up-date- Nancy Barker & Tom Widener:

Nancy reported on the Open House at the newly renovated UW-Fox Engineering Building. She is going to request this site be added to the County Board Tour in 2013.

Questions regarding UW-Fox, the use of the Engineering Building, the 2013 UW-Fox Budget and total cost of operating UW-Fox were also discussed.

November Committee Meeting: Committee members decided to cancel the November 15th meeting. The next committee meeting will be **December 20th**.

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UW-Extension – Administration: Chris Kniep

WACEC Registration: Chris Kniep, Nancy Barker and Susan Locke will be attending the meeting on October 19th in Manitowoc.

UWEX Up-Dates & Department Activities

Chris highlighted some up-coming events in the department:

- Chris made a note to have the committee members check out the 4-H display in the hall way, Kayla and several 4-H members put together.
- Jim Barthel former Winnebago County 4-H Educator was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame October 12th, in Washington D.C. Several former colleagues from Winnebago County attended.
- Jim Barthel and Chris Kniep will be presenting a program to the 4-H Leaders Banquet on Saturday, October 20, in celebration of UWEX 100th Anniversary.
- Kristi Cutts and Chris Kniep received the NEAFCS National Housing Award. There has been several request form different agencies around the country requesting information on our Rent Smart program. The Dept of Corrections is also requesting more training. The housing team is currently working on training to help landlords to address some of the issues they face when renting out their property.
- Chris Kniep was awarded the 2012 NEAFCS National Educator of the Year Award.

Staff Up-dates

Courtney Lemke is our newest intern she is assigned to the Family Living Program area.

2013 Budget Proposal Questions:

Chris responded to questions regarding the 2013 UW-Extension budget, including questions regarding meal designation, fringe benefit amounts, telephone line items and the Sustainability income/expense.

Comments by Committee Members: None

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 am by Widener/ Locke. Motion carried 5-0

Respectfully Submitted by:

Melody Piper Support Staff