

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee

Thursday, May 26, 2011

James P. Coughlin Center – Room B

Members Present: Tom Widener, Guy Hegg (arrived at 9:05a.m.), Susan Locke, Nancy Barker, and James Englebert.

UW-Extension Staff: Dan Teuteberg, Chris Kniep, Nick Schneider, Darlene Kramer, René Mehlberg, Catherine Neiswender.

Others Present: David Albrecht, County Board Chair; Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Winnefox Library System & Oshkosh Public Library; Mark Arend, Winnefox Library System; Tracy Aerts, Winneconne Public Library; Stephen Process, Neenah Public Library; Paul Nelson, Menasha Public Library.

Meeting called to order at 9:00a.m. by Chair Tom Widener.

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

Motion to approve April 21, 2011 meeting minutes by Englebert/Locke. Motion carried 5-0. (David Albrecht voted on motion in Guy Hegg's absence)

Program Reports including 2012 proposals:

Winnefox Library – Jeff Gilderson-Duwe:

Library Program Updates: Gilderson-Duwe began with pointing out the report "Faces of the Winnebago County Libraries: 2010 Highlights" that was distributed. He continued with some highlights of the Oshkosh Library including putting in a user computer lab to go operational later in 2011; much effort going forward with technology. Highlighted various other programs and partnerships that the library is involved in.

Menasha Library – heavily used library; highlighted the quality work of the children's library services with programming done in the library and through outreach efforts; also working to have a computer lab for computer instruction.

Neenah Library – library continues to grow and is the most heavily used city facility; pointed out that digital downloads are the fastest growing area of the library; has a "Tech Talk Tuesdays" to give hands on experience for the various technologies being used. Highlighted some community outreach efforts including "Food for Fines" where people bring in food items to pay their library fines; collects new books for the Boys & Girls Brigade that gives them to children who may not have books in their home.

Winneconne Library – referred to as the hub and the heart of the community; does a lot of one-on-one assistance with patrons in a variety of capacities; also very connected to Winneconne Elementary School; did strategic planning with the community to set goals for both internal operations and outreach efforts; also working with teaching technology to patrons.

Endorse 2012 Funding Request: Widener shared background of the public funding request. Motion by Barker/Englebert to endorse the 2012 Funding Request as presented to be forwarded to the County Executive for his budget. Motion carried 4-1 (Hegg).

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) – Darlene Kramer: Kramer gave an overview of the WNEP program in Outagamie, Winnebago, and Calumet Counties. Motion to approve the 2011-2012 Winnebago County Agreement by Englebert/Locke. Motion carried 5-0.

Kramer announced that she will be resigning from her position as she will be moving into a new position starting June 13. The WNEP Coordinator position is in the process of being refilled.

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Committee Chair Report, Tom Widener:

UW Fox Valley Update: Architect continuing to work on final design for the engineering building. Plan to have an estimated cost at the July meeting.

Sustainability for the County: Widener has made a request to look into funds for small sustainability projects. Neiswender gave an update on the Sustainability Work Group for the County, "Sustain the Wave." Neiswender is working with 2 UW-Oshkosh interns for 3-weeks to do an internal sustainability audit to find behavioral changes that could be made to save money. They will be compiling a final report for the Sustainability Work Group.

Libraries: Reported on his attendance at the Library Conference.

UW-Extension – Administration:

Butte des Morts Fair: Dan Teuteberg reported that over 400 people attended the fair. Over 60 youth exhibited project work as part of the fair. Various compliments from school administrators of bringing families into the school. Dan also shared promotional materials on the upcoming LEGO® and The Magic of Hogwarts Camps coming up this summer which focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

County Board Scholarship Update: René Mehlberg provided a written update. Recipients represented 7 supervisory districts from 6 different schools. Essays are available from the County Clerks office for review.

Wisconsin Idea Partnership Resolution: Widener shared the background of the Wisconsin Idea Partnership Resolution and that the vote in Madison is taking place shortly, so the resolution is not being moved forward. Kniep shared information from Dean Klemme on the Wisconsin Idea Partnership in case anyone wants to make a personal contact regarding the Wisconsin Idea Partnership Resolution.

2011 Budget – 2012 Target: Kniep reported that the 2012 target is about \$2,700 more than 2011. Kniep also shared an estimate of the current 2011 budget.

Staff Update: Neiswender has been selected by UW-Extension to be part of a team for an international trip to Guyana, South America in August 7-21 to share her expertise in group process, conflict resolution, etc. The trip is funded through Partners in America.

Kniep recognized the UWEX staff for their efforts and gave an update on Julie Grundy's health status. She also reported that approval has been received to refill the vacant support staff position.

Kniep shared:

- Schneider and Neiswender were recognized at the recent Joint Council of Extension Professional meeting in April.
- preliminary report on groups that used the meeting rooms in 2010.
- an update from Schneider on the Community Gardens.
- that the East side of the Parks Garage will be cleaned on Tuesday, May 31 starting at 9:00a.m.

Federal & State Budget – impact on UWEX: Kniep shared there were no updates.

June/July Committee Meetings: Widener proposed cancelling the June meeting and moving the July meeting to Wednesday, July 13 from July 21. Committee discussed meeting schedule and preferred meeting times. Motion to cancel the June meeting and reschedule the July meeting to Wednesday, July 13 at 9:00a.m. by Barker/Englebert. Motion carried 4-1 (Hegg).

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Comments by Committee Members: Barker shared that UW Fox Valley had graduation the past weekend. Hegg followed up on his request regarding the county cost of attending WACEC. Data was supplied to Hegg.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 13 at 9:00a.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Barker/Locke at 11:42a.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary