

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, August 18, 2011
James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room

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

UW-Extension Staff: Dan Teuteberg, Chris Kniep, Nick Schneider, René Mehlberg, Kris Soper, MaryBeth Seib.

Others Present: None

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

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

Motion to approve July 13, 2011 meeting minutes by Englebert/Locke. Motion carried 3-0. (Hegg arrived at 9:03a.m.).

Program Reports:

4-H Youth Development - René Mehlberg, Dan Teuteberg & MaryBeth Seib:

Teuteberg introduced Seib as the full-time AmeriCorp Vista who has been here since February and will be on staff until end of January 2012. Seib's role is to help build bridges between the after school program and the 4-H community club program. Seib introduced herself and highlighted her work with the LEGO® project.

Mehlberg gave an overview of the Winnebago County Fair including how it fits into a 4-H member's experience. She then highlighted various aspects of 4-H efforts at the fair: the Shooting Sports Tent, Speed Stacking, Make n' Takes, and the 4-H Awards Ceremony.

Teuteberg highlighted the various camps held throughout the summer including the new events of LEGO® Camp and Harry Potter Camp, which each received high remarks. He reported on the summer AmeriCorp Vista work, by 2 AmeriCorps members, with Heckrodt Summer Science exploration with 58 youth participating.

Teuteberg also shared an overview of his work for the past 3 years including bringing in Speed Stacking and LEGOs® to both the after school program and 4-H community club program. He will compile and share numbers of youth reached before he leaves September 1.

Seib reported on her activities including summer camp and the LEGO® project. She will continue to work with the after school programs.

Kniep shared an invitation to Dan's gathering next Friday, August 26. She also highlighted that the 4-H Youth Development Associate's position description has been approved for posting and is open until August 22.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Kris Soper:

Soper reported on an upcoming fall program in Oshkosh – the "Backpack Program" which will be done in conjunction with the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry through the "Feeding America" program. The program will be done with three Oshkosh Elementary Schools (Webster-Stanley, Jefferson, and Washington). Each week volunteers will fill backpacks with 8 pounds of food for youth to take home on Friday. The program will be offered to families in grades K-3 and Soper is estimating that 200 families will sign-up.

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Committee Vice Chair Report, Nancy Barker:

Barker reported that she felt the Fair went as well as possible, even with the rain.

UW-Extension – Administration:

2011 Budget: Kniep shared an estimate of the current 2011 budget with about 7 months of expenses being paid. Overall everything is looking on target.

2012 Budget Proposal Update: Kniep reported on the 2012 UWEX budget review that Barker also attended. Kniep shared how the budget proposal changed from when it was reported last month. Overall the final budget figures came in below target. She did share that a new line item was added to the department budget for the County Sustainability Team ("Green Team"). The account will be an in-out account.

Staff Update: Kniep shared updates on interns. Sarah Thompson is a temporary employee through September. Allison Thomson started on Monday, July 18 as the third Extension Secretary. Status of WNEP Coordinator: first round of interviews at the end of September/beginning of October with options of being based in Outagamie or Winnebago County. Neiswender is in Guyana through an international exchange until next week.

Department Activities: Kniep highlighted a partnership with Neenah Library on a sustainability series over the next year which Kniep did a Food Preservation program on Monday night with over 65 people attending.

Comments by Committee Members: None

Sunnyview Expo Garage Tour: Before the tour, Kniep provided background of the Sunnyview Expo Garages. There are 2 existing garages, one of which is used by the Winnebago County Fair and UWEX. It is in the 5-year County Capital Plan to tear down the existing garages and replace with an updated facility. It is hoped the capital budget request will be supported by both the Parks and Extension Committees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Englebert/Hegg at 10:31a.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
René L. Mehlberg, Recording Secretary