

MINUTES APPROVED Feb 12, 2016
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI
Friday, January 8, 2016; 9:00 a.m.

There was a problem with getting the meeting notice posted in accordance with posting requirements. So no action was taken by the committee during the meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:03 AM.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Dave Pierce, James Schroeder, Gail Chapman, and Mary Cook. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Joshua Goede, and Erin Eggert. Others present were: Alli Karrel, Deke Slayton Space & Bicycle Museum Executive Director and Jarrod Roll, Monroe County Local History Room Director. Member(s) absent:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Extension Office, Rolling Hills Conference Room 220, Sparta.

THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT – Alli Karrels gave an update on activities at the Deke Slayton Museum– report attached

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT– Jarrod Roll gave an update on activities at the Local History Room– report attached

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

> Discussion of Other Potential Projects– no discussion

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS

> Agent Program and Updates/Reports

The Extension Agents (4-H & Youth Development, Family Living, & Agriculture) provided an update on current programs/impacts. reports attached. Committee members were given a copy of the draft of the restructure document sent out for distribution by Chancellor Sandeen on January 7, 2016.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Gail Chapman and approved on a 5-0 vote at 10:20 a.m.

–Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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County Historian's Report, December 2015 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

Highlighted Projects and Activities

- Promoted the vintage Star Wars toys display by sending out news releases to various news agencies and Facebook pages; did interview with WXOW and WKBT
- Created promotional materials for the Winter 2016 History-Live series
- Met with architect Todd Schmitz to discuss the possibility of excavating the Mason Temple Building basement (elevator project)
- Promoted and hosted "Winter Break Craft Day at the Museums," drawing 120 participants
- Packed nine boxes of tax rolls and transferred them from the County Jail basement to Northern Micrographics in La Crosse to be microfilmed.
- Installed the new doll house; researched and purchased items to go in the proposed "Thoroughly modern home of 1950" doll house display
- Researched "request for proposals" for hiring a firm to design a logo; wrote a RFP and researched possible marketing businesses in our area to send RFP to.
- Attended meeting with Jon Holthaus, Financial Planner, Holthaus Financial Group, to discuss the LHR Endowment
- Contacted several regional non-profits to discuss endowment and investment matters
- Designed and mailed out Annual Fund ask post cards
- Processed donations to the Annual Fund Drive: wrote thank-you letters, sent receipts, deposited money with Co. Treasurer
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); provide customer service to museum visitors; assign storage locations, catalog, and photograph artifacts removed from displays and those recently donated; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; check fire extinguishers; process new donation offerings; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend monthly meetings (Ag/Ex Committee, Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee, Dept Heads, MCHS)

In addition to the projects listed above, I supervise the following volunteer and support staff:

- Janet Hendersin: process new donations; assist researchers; assist with exhibit development
- Agnes Jenkins: indexing newspapers
- Dennis Burek: photo scanning projects; data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Barb Reedich: research Water St. businesses for book/walking tour; answer research requests
- Hannah Scholze (Museum Services Associate)
- Helga Rogers: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Scot Simpson: indexing the County Poor Farm / Asylum records
- John Lasko: represents and promotes LHR at public events
- Lucy Bailey: indexing newspapers; inventorying tax records in Courthouse basement
- Audra Hanson: inventorying tax records in Courthouse basement
- Jane Schmidt: indexing newspapers
- Jim Ebert: indexing newspapers

HISTORY-LIVE! 2016 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

7pm on 2nd Thursdays at the **Monroe County Local History Room & Museum**

- February 11: *Indian Place Names of Wisconsin*, by Robert Taunt
- March 10: *Cordelia Harvey: The Wisconsin Angel and Her State's Impact During the Civil War* by Hannah Scholze
- April 14: *The Norwegian Crop: Tobacco Raising in Wisconsin*, by Glenn L. Borreson
- May 12: *The Stories Cemeteries Tell: Fairview Cemetery, Bangor, A Case Study*, by Greg Wegner

*All Lectures will be held Thursdays at 7pm at the Monroe County Local History Room & Museum, 200 West Main St., Sparta, WI
For more info on these events call: 608-269-8680
Or visit: www.Facebook.com/MCLHR

A \$1.00 per person admission donation is greatly appreciated to defray programming costs.



THE GENEALOGIST'S TOOLKIT SERIES: OLD WORLD TO NEW WORLD COLLECTIONS

- **Saturday, February 6:** Immigration Research 101
- **Saturday, February 13:** Researching Ancestors from the U. K.
- **Saturday, February 20:** Researching Scandinavian Ancestors
- **Saturday, February 27:** Researching German Ancestors

What: Free Genealogy Classes

When: February 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 10:00 AM

Where: Monroe County Local History Room, 200 W. Main St., Sparta

Presented by Hannah Scholze, Monroe County Local History Room Museum Services Associate

Come on Saturdays in February to learn some tips, tricks, and tools of the trade when trying to find your Old World roots. Any experience level welcome. For more information call (608) 269-8680; e-mail monroecomsa@gmail.com, or visit www.Facebook.com/mclhr.



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Informational Report:

	2015	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septem	October	November	December	
Audience Served	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	YTD
Adult Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Members Served:	26	18	15	11	11	5	19	14	2	2	3	8	3	3
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	3	3	2	0	6	1	8	0	0	0	3	7	7
< 5 Age Members Served:	3	3	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	3
Adult Non-Members 65+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27	1	29	52	24	14	7	2	2
Adult Non-Members Served:	50	50	101	99	125	19	179	225	94	94	87	63	60	60
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	23	23	24	46	22	164	43	108	44	44	22	23	28	28
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	8	8	12	4	9	44	12	15	4	4	7	3	6	6
Number Served in Groups:	44	44	550	254	471	331	314	160	1122	714	190	146	146	146
Total Audience Served:	158	149	707	418	666	572	597	585	1290	847	298	255	6542	6542

Past Events:

- Dec 12: Holiday Movies at the Musuem, 10:00am- 8:00pm
- Dec 15: Josh Tolley business seminar at the Museum- open to everyone
- Dec 30: Craft Day at the Museum

Upcoming Events:

Multiple school group visits

If you have any questions, please call 608-269-0033. Thanks, Alli Karrels.

Joshua L. Goede



Community Learning Centers

The Agent has held three CLC sessions in most school. In January we are bringing back an old favorite, Kelvin Curriculum's Balls and Tracks. The agent also has a meeting to set up opportunities to bring an anti-Tobacco/Marijuana session to the schools.

Latino Outreach

The Agent is sending information to Lydia to translate and disseminate. We could possibly have an afterschool club set up by March or April.

Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce

The Agent has taken responsibility to coordinate the tee-shirt design contest and distribution effort for the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Taskforce. Tee Shirts will be on sale starting Feb 4th.

Committees

The Committees are starting to take root and there are adult volunteers taking on more impactful roles and helping to lead the program.

Junior Leaders

The Jr. Leaders are preparing for the 3rd year where they have been in charge of the delivering the lessons at Clover College. They will also have the 5th annual Lock-In afterword in Cashton's Community Building. Vernon County has been invited to attend as well.

Clover College

Clover College is January 16th. This year we have invited Vernon County to participate. There are 5 VC kids signed up. Colleen Pulvermacher will be there to assist and observe.

Youth Protection Training

The Agent has trained 13 people to be adult leaders in the 4-H program so far this year. There look to be about 8 more that need to be trained. There is a session scheduled on Tuesday, January 12th at 6pm.

Communication

The Agent has been making email updates to the membership. There have been positive results and most people appreciate another way to stay informed. The emails go out on 1st and 3rd Mondays or shortly after.

Star Gazers

The Agent staffed the first and second of the monthly open gyms at the Warrens Elementary Gym. There is a family who volunteered to help run the January event. There have been events scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month through May. The events will run from 5:30-7:30 in the school gym. We are hoping to find adults that would be able to start the Warrens club again.

CADCA

The Agent has been selected to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America conference in Washington DC on Jan. 31-Feb.5. This is in an attempt to educate the Agent on Drug and Alcohol prevention efforts and practices. The Trip is sponsored by Monroe County Safe Community Coalition. The Agent will report back to the coalition.

Festival of Arts

Feb. 20th is the FOA for 2016. The program will change this year with the demise of the Area Festival of Arts. All performances will be on the main stage. Merit winners will be invited to perform at the County Fair.

Joshua L. Goede



Upcoming Events

Sun Jan 10, 2016

2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting

Where: Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk

4pm Valle-Ville Club Meeting

Where: First United Methodist Church,

Tomah

5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting

Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel

City WI

Mon Jan 11, 2016

Horse Project Meeting

Where: TBA

4pm Cataract CLC

Tue Jan 12, 2016

3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC

6pm Youth Protection Training

Where: UWEX Smart Room

Sun Jan 17, 2016

2pm Hoppy Trails Monthly Meeting

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, Sparta

Mon Jan 18, 2016

4pm Maplewood CLC

7:30pm Leaders Association Meeting

Where: Norwalk Village Hall

Tue Jan 19, 2016

4pm Southside CLC

Sat Jan 23, 2016

9am Youth Protection Training

Where: UWEX Smart Room

Sun Jan 24, 2016

2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting

Where: Brookwood High School,

Ontario, WI

Tue Jan 26, 2016

3:30pm Cashton CLC

Where: Cashton elementary school

Mon Feb 1, 2016

6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting

Where: Cataract Sportsmen's Club,

Cataract

7pm Leon Livewires Meeting

Where: Leon Community Center, Leon

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Tue Feb 2, 2016

3:30pm NOW CLC at Brookwood

Where: Brookwood

Sun Feb 7, 2016

1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting

Where: Cashton High School

Mon Feb 8, 2016

4pm Cataract CLC

Tue Feb 9, 2016

3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC

Sun Feb 14, 2016

2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting

Where: Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk

4pm Valle-Ville Club Meeting

Where: First United Methodist Church,

Tomah

5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting

Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel

City WI

Mon Feb 15, 2016

4pm Maplewood CLC

Tue Feb 16, 2016

4pm Southside CLC

Sat Feb 20, 2016

All day Festival of Arts

Where: Sparta Meadowview

Intermediate School, 1225 N Water St, Sparta,

WI



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update December 11, 2015 to January 8, 2016

- StrongWomen:
 - Registration started December 15th. At first it took off slow and then the Sparta location quickly picked up. Tomah was slower to have sign-ups. I advertised in the Tomah and Sparta paper through my Be Well column, online through social media, throughout the Barney Center in Sparta and Senior Center in Tomah, and the Monroe County Senior Services put ads in their Vintage Express paper which is published in a few different places. I think the partnership with Senior Services was the biggest contributor to our strong numbers.
 - We had informational meetings this week with strong attendance and had more people sign-up. We now have 30 people enrolled in Sparta with 12 people on the waitlist and 23 people enrolled in Tomah.
 - Currently working to make sure everyone turns in the required paperwork to get class going. Also making final equipment orders.
 - Class starts the week of January 18th and I'm very excited to get it going!
- Parenting Place (Tomah)
 - Teaching a 3-session "Parent & Me Movement Power Hour". I had the first session last week with 11 children and 8 parents. We moved around and utilized **Kidz Movez** animal cards that I created to act out animals. The program is 3 sessions total going every other week. I still have 2 sessions left.

Upcoming Events

- 1/11 Healthy Living Team Meeting: Active Communities (Extension)
- On January 12th I'll be teaching a nutrition class to pregnant teens about the importance of nutrition while pregnant.
- Parent-Child Movement Power Hour with the Parenting Place in Sparta in April



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update December 11, 2015 through January 8, 2015

The Ag Agent met with 4 different farms to evaluate building and facility re-models and modernizations for their livestock operations. This work is on-going at this time and will include site visits with the Ag Engineer near the end of January.

End of the year reporting was completed during the end of December.

The Ag Agent met with the livestock superintendents to review the livestock department sections of the fairbook for errors and updates.

The Ag Agent attended an Agronomy Professional Update at Kasson, MN on January 6th. Weed management, Nitrogen Fertilizer Management, and Insect Management considerations for 2016 and research trial updates from 2015 were presented.

The Annual Agronomy Update for Agronomy Professionals was held on January 7th in Sparta. Corn, Soybean, Small Grains and Forage management considerations and research trial updates were presented. There were approximately 25 people in attendance at the workshop.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

Jan 7- Agronomy Update for Ag Professionals
Jan 13-14 La Crosse Farm Show
Jan 15 Malting Barley Webinar
January 20-21 Cranberry School
January 27 Farm visits with Ag Engineer
Jan 29 Western Wi Beef Producers Annual Meeting
Feb 4-5 Driftless Region Beef Conference
Feb 17 Fresh Market Produce workshop- Ontario
Feb 18 Winter Crops Update
Feb 22 to 25- Wisconsin Cattle Feeders Series.
March 9- Beef Workshop at Baldwin
March 18 Fresh Market Vegetable Food Safety Workshop