

MINUTES APPROVED January 11, 2013
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, ROLLING HILLS COMPLEX, ROOM 220
Friday, December 14, 2012

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:04am.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Dale Greeno, Gail Chapman and David Pierce. **Agents present were:** Bill Halfman, Karen Joos, Will Cronin, and Amy Steies. **Others present were:** Jarrod Roll and Alli Karrels, Matt Hanson, UW Extension Southern Regional Director . **Absent were:**

Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220.

The Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum Report was given by Alli Karrels. Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum report. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0 (no written report provided)

Local History Room Report was given by Jarrod Roll. Motion was made by David Pierce to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 5-0 (report attached)

County Farm Education Funds

- ♦ Discussion of Other Potential Projects—no discussion

Extension Office Business and Bills

- ♦ **Agent Program Updates/Reports**—The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by David Pierce to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 5-0 (reports attached)
- ♦ **4-H Youth Development Position Update**—
- ♦ **Motion** made by David Pierce to transfer \$250.00 from the Program Aids—Account #10.670.55670.193 to Equipment-Maintenance/Repairs—Account #10.670.55670.353 to pay for folding machine Repairs/Maintenance. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 5-0

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Dale Greeno, and approved on a 5-0 vote at 10:15 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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CNRED Agent Update, December 14, 2012

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Work with the Cashton Community Wellness program is ongoing. Agent facilitated the second strategic planning session; the identified major program goals. The next meeting will be action planning and is scheduled for January.
- Planning is ongoing for the Monroe County Economic Development Conference. It will take place February 28, 2013 at the Colonial in Sparta. Speaker recruitment is underway. The CNRED Agent and UWEX office will be handling the printing and mailing associated with the event. A “save the date” postcard will be going out before the Christmas holiday.
- IBuyMoCo’s holiday feature “IBuyMoCo Presents Fun and Unique Monroe County Gift Ideas” is complete and has been distributed for publication. Spotlighted retailers were the Cranberry Discovery Center, Warrens; The Point, Tomah; and Wildwoman’s Vintage, Sparta.
- Agent is working with the Outdoor Recreation Alliance to plan an event currently scheduled for January 17, 2013. It will include a region-wide silent sports asset mapping process. Future events will include forums around the region to discuss the work and best strategies for moving forward.
- Economic Development for Elected Officials will take place on January 15, 2013 in the Rolling Hills Auditorium. Monroe County is piloting the class, and WEDA is developing the content.
- Agent is working with SW-ITBEC and Create It to organize a Made in Southwest Wisconsin event and expo for regional artisans and entrepreneurs.
- Agent organized and facilitated the December session of the Tri-County Leadership program. The session was entitled “Alternative Energy and Community Development” and included presenters representing Monroe County Solid Waste, UW-Extension, WEDC, Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center and Viroqua Partners.

Monroe County Office
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

December 2012

Program Related

- Participated in the Drug Free Communities Grant work group meetings on prescription drugs and public relations.
- In coordination with the Justice Department, began compiling statistics for a year-end report on OWI Court.
- Provided day long Rent Smart training for 7 case managers for the Veterans Assistance Foundation homeless veteran and families programs.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Housing Coalition Education Committee completing set-up and final details for the Homeless and Hunger Event and attended.
- Attended the 7 C's Tobacco Coalition meeting.
- Attended the NOW Community Learning Center Advisory Committee meeting, providing updates on Strengthening Families and other programs.
- Attended the three day statewide Family Living Programs Conference.
- As a member of the Child Abuse Task Force, attended the monthly meeting focused on this year's plans for April Child Abuse Prevention month.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers
- Answered consumer food storage and food preservation questions

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Planned and coordinated the November Seminar on Corrections/Restorative Justice (included visits to the Jackson County Prison; Correctional Camp; and an overview of the Jackson County Drug Court.
- Began preparation and plans for the January Poverty Seminar.

Other Activities

- Representing Monroe County on the Planning & Evaluation Committee and Couleecap Board, attended the monthly committee and board meetings.
- Civil Rights Review
- 4-H Leaders Recognition Banquet

Future program plans:

- OWI Court and evaluation plans
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership Program January Seminar

Amy Steies



Clover College

The date and venue of the Clover College event geared towards the beginning-stage 4-H youth have been set for January 19th at Cashton High School. Junior Leaders will plan and carry out sessions to all of these Cloverbud and Explorer-age youth in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Sessions, 20-minutes in length, include those in several project-related areas such as Cultural Arts, Recreation, Foods, Natural Science, Mechanical Science, and Animals. The goal of Cloverbud/Explorer introductory events is to get youth involved early on with activities that engage and challenge them so the result will be an increase in 4-H participation throughout the older years.

Festival of Arts

The date and location of the county-wide Festival of Arts event have been chosen and booked for February 16th at Meadowview School, Sparta. Event information, guidelines, and registration form were all updated and sent in the December/January "Cloverlink" 4-H newsletter to youth and leaders. Judging roster information from last year's event as well as a sample letter sent out to potential judges have been passed on to several people who will begin the process of obtaining the 2013 set of judges. The FOA committee will be doing much of the planning of this event while the Extension Office will collect registrations and offer support as needed to the committee as time gets closer to the event.

Compiling Upcoming Events Information/Newsletter Work

Agent has been working to collect comprehensive information and instructions that will be needed for existing or new staff members to use as resources to answer questions or access details in the absence of Interim Agent. All to-date newsletter information that can be entered for the February edition of the 4-H "Cloverlink" will be completed for the ease of existing or new staff to complete, print, and get out to households receiving the mailing.

CLCs

Agent has prepared lesson materials and secured supplies for others to teach CLC sessions to increase community outreach by 4-H leaders and youth instead of just Agent-led lessons. An adult leader from the Hill-N-Valley 4-H Club and a youth leader from the Norwalk Clovers 4-H Club taught the December CLC session. Another adult leader will be sponsoring the January session with the same youth leader assisting.

Promotion

Promotional board was revamped to include more current photos as well as to improve eye appeal. In addition to what was used in the past, Agent has worked to develop 2012 photos of events she was involved with to be compiled into photo albums to display on table in front of promotional board to entice prospective community members to become involved with 4-H as well as showcase current volunteer and member contributions to the program.

Amy Steies



Year-end picture favorites: (Left) An older 4-H youth entertains younger members while at the pre-fair Foods Revue event held in July. (Right) A face-to-face judging event in the vegetables category at the county fair exhibit hall featuring the youth being interviewed, judge, and three Superintendent Clerk volunteer helpers.

Only 6 months left until the next Monroe County Fair festivities commence!



Upcoming Events

December

18-Fair Superintendent Meeting/Livestock @ Tomah High School Ag Room, 6:30 p.m.

January

2-Deadline to express interest in Space Camp Trip to Extension Office

7-Registration DUE for Clover College by 4:30 p.m.

7-Executive Board Meeting @ 7 p.m., F&M Bank Community Room, downtown Tomah

14-Fun with Ceramics Registration DUE to Kathy Grabitske

15-Art Lab Registrations DUE

16-Record Book Committee @ 7 p.m., Room 220

19-Clover College @ 1-3:30 p.m., Cashton High School

21-Leaders' Association Meeting @ 7:30 p.m., F&M Bank Community Room, downtown Tomah

25-Art Lab and Art Beat! North Registrations DUE

26-27— Fun with Ceramics

February

1-Art Beat! South Registrations DUE

16-Festival of Arts (County-wide)

22-23-Art Lab @ Upham Woods, WI Dells

March

8-9-Art Beat! North @ Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek

15-16-Art Beat! South @ Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells

April

5-6-Training for State 4-H Groups @ Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells

CLCs—

Brookwood-1st Tuesday of the month from 3:50-5:15 p.m.

Sparta— 3rd Monday of the month from 3:00-5:45 p.m.

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update November 20, 2012 to December 14, 2012

The annual Soil, Water and Fertilizer Update for Agronomy and Land Conservation Professionals was held at Sparta on November 14th. We had 46 participants at the workshop. UW Specialists presented information on cover crops, the updated fertilizer recommendations, and potential implications from the drought on next year's cropping season.

Monroe and La Crosse County Ag Agents held the second of 5 scheduled dairy discussion group sessions on December 6th. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. The workshop focused on the impacts of improper administration of medications on cattle. It included a wet lab with actual samples of damaged tissue.

The Ag Agent attended the Tomah School District's Ag Program Advisory Committee Meeting. The committee is comprised of a number of people in the agriculture world in the Tomah area. Discussions included current curriculum offerings and ideas on how and where new technology and useful skills could be incorporated into the curriculum.

The area Farm Women's planning committee met to discuss topics and workshop ideas for programs for farm ladies this winter. The group identified a wide range of topics they were interested in learning more about. The topics included CPR and First Aid for being able to respond to on farm accidents until Emergency Responders would arrive, Farm Financial Management topics. Those topics will be addressed through individual workshops under the Annie's Project umbrella. Topics that were identified to be addressed at the Heart of the Farm Program include Importance of Women serving on cooperative and other organizational boards, small scale alternative energy options for farms, the Farm to School Project in the County, and a "taking care of ourselves" topic.

The Ag Agent completed an economic analysis of the Alfalfa Fungicide project conducted this past summer and a positive outcome was observed less than half the time. Since 2012 was an unusual summer... to say the least... we are looking at securing funding to continue evaluating this in 2013. He will present the results at the Wisconsin Crop Management Conference at Madison in January.

One of three statewide Soybean Management Conferences was held in Holman on December 11th. There were approximately 55 participants at the workshop. It was a cooperative workshop conducted by UW Extension and the Wisconsin Soybean Growers Association and Wisconsin Soybean Research and Promotion Council.

The UW Extension Grains and Forage Teams, of which the Ag Agent is a member, received the UW Extension Responsiveness Award for the efforts that the team responded to the drought with. These included field days, news releases and materials developed to help people make informed decisions for managing through the drought.

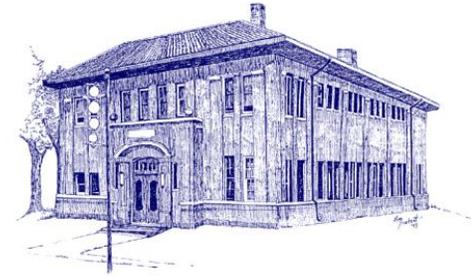
Upcoming Events on the Back

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January 7th Agronomy Update- Sparta
January 11 Quickbooks Workshop- Tomah
January 11 Dairy Reproduction Workshop- Melrose
January 15 – 17 Crop Management Conference- Madison
January 20-22 Fruit and Veg conference- Wi Dells
January 22-23 Cranberry School
January 24 State Corn Conference Black River Falls
January 26 Grape Growers conference- Viroqua
January 30 CPR and First Aid Workshop- Tomah
Jan 31 –Feb 1 Driftless Beef Conference- Dubuque
February 8 CPR and First Aid Workshop- Cashton
February 22 Heart of the Farm- Sparta
February 21 Cattle Feeders Road Show- Sparta
February 26 Fresh Market Vegetable Workshop
??? Shifting gears Workshop- Westby
March 2 Malting Barley and Hops Workshop, WI Dells
March ? Grape Growers Field Day- Viroqua

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County Historian's Report, November 2012

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Continued to research Wegner Grotto sculptures and write drafts of interpretive labels for new signage; met with Northern Engraving contact to review signage design
- Provided educational programming to 69 students from Tomah ("Then and Now" program)
- Attended county board budget hearing
- Installed new shelving for archives room; disassembled existing shelving and removed it from the premises
- Attended the WI Federation of Museums meeting in Milwaukee, moderating a discussion about Museums and Entrepreneurship
- Processed donations to the Annual Fund Drive: write thank-you letters, send receipts, deposit with Co. Treasurer
- Attended mandatory management training on "Discipline, Managing Conflict and Performance Appraisals"
- Installed the newest Collector's Corner display: Wild West Show Memorabilia
- Wrote and fabricated labels for the Wild West Show memorabilia display
- Reviewed new photographs of Monroe County downtown scenes to update the "Main Streets Then and Now" display; drove to destinations to take photos
- Visited Sparta resident to review potential artifact donation
- Regular tasks: provide research assistance to the public (via email, telephone, mail, and in person patrons); create agenda and minutes; process photo duplication orders; balance LHR financial books and draft monthly report; process mail and bills; check fire extinguishers; send time sheets; process new donation offerings; chat with public; confer with Alli Karrells about museum issues and activities; attend Ag/Ex meeting; attend Co. Economic Development & Tourism Committee meeting and participate in related projects; attend Dept Head meetings

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

- Janet Hendersin: process new donations: assign accession numbers, catalog, store; assist researchers; assist with exhibit development
- Paul Kuester: work on indexing projects; work on clerical duties as assigned
- 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
- On call (Carolyn Hendersin, Dennis Burek, Mary Zischke): data entry; research assistance
- Helga Rogers: data entry projects; assist with clerical duties
- Katie Groves: indexing the Kendall Keystone newspaper from home