

MINUTES APPROVED 4.12.2013
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ROLLING HILLS CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:08 a.m.

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

Motion was made by Gail Chapman to accept the minutes for the past meeting as printed. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 3-0-2

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013 at the Rolling Hills Complex, Rm. 220, Sparta.

THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT was given by Alli Karrels. Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the Museum Report. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (report attached)

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT was given by Jarrod Roll. Motion was made by Gail Chapman to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (report attached)

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

♦ Discussion of Other Potential Projects—none discussed

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS—The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by Mary Cook to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (reports attached)

Motion was made by Nodji Van Wychen at 9:47 a.m. to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (1) (C) for Annual Agent's Performance Reviews. Seconded by Mary Cook. Nodji Van Wychen - aye; Mary Cook - aye; Gail Chapman - aye. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (The closed session of this meeting is on file)

Motion was made by Gail Chapman at 10:56 a.m. to go into open session pursuant to Chapter 19.85 (2). Seconded by Mary Cook. Nodji Van Wychen - aye; Mary Cook - aye; Gail Chapman - aye. Motion carried. 3-0-2

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Cook, seconded by Gail Chapman and approved on a 3-0-2 vote at 10:53 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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Report by: Karen Joos

March 2013

Program Related

- Conducted a half day training for two NOW staff for the Strengthening Families Program.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, focused on plans for April Child Abuse Prevention Month
- As part of the Safe Community Coalition Drug Free Communities Grant, attended the "Prescription Drug" workgroup meeting.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition, focused on updates and future plans/ goals of the Drug Free Communities Grant.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings.
- Assisted with the Sparta High School Reality Store
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Planned and facilitated the February Rural Healthcare Seminar. The day included a visit to the Veterans Assistance Foundation Family Program; VA Medical Center (presentations from Logistics, Voluntary Service, Hospice and Palliative Care; a walking tour of the VA campus recreation (bowling alley and Midway); Pharmacy; 406A (resident veteran's floor); and Ability Gym. Veterans Assistance Foundation (homeless veterans program); Tomah Memorial Hospital—Overview from Phil Stuart and tour of the facility.

Other Activities

- Representing the Department of Family Development, attended Faculty Senate meeting and joint Faculty Senate/Academic Staff Council meetings.
- In the absence of the 4-H position set up a 4-H display for Sparta Child Development Days.

Future program plans:

- Continue OWI Court evaluation data gathering; OWI Team and Court
- Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation & Activities
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership March Legislative/Government) Seminar and April Education Seminar
- Sparta Sails Rent Smart Program

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CNRED Agent Update, March 8, 2013

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- The *Exploring Regional Economic Opportunities 2013* conference took place on February 28, 2013 in Sparta. Total attendance was approximately 220. Agent moderated a panel on “Alternative Energy Opportunities” and supported the event through speaker recruitment, printing, and arranging the video recording of the event.
- The Outdoor Recreation Alliance has established an Economic Development Team of which the CNRED Agent is a part. It is working on building the ORA database of regional silent sports assets and determining the best way to engage partner organizations to support the organization and the region.
- Work with the Cashton Community Wellness program is ongoing. The plan has been drafted and presented to the full committee for review. Work is ongoing to refine the plan to increase its suitability to future grant opportunities.
- Agent co-presented to the Tomah Rotary Club on February 26, the topic was economic development in Monroe County.
- Agent will attend the Governor’s Conference on Tourism in Madison in mid-March, on behalf of the Economic Development, Commerce and Tourism Committee.
- Agent will have a poster at JCEP sharing his work on the economic development readiness tool with colleagues.
- Organic Valley has been engaged to support the work of the CNRED Educator and regional CNRED colleagues into the economic impact of local foods systems.
- Agent continues to work with Extension partners to plan an Economic Development programming in-service.

Joshua L. Goede



Clover College

The event was attended by 23 members. The Jr. Leaders lead the rotations and completed the event in two cycles with a snack in between. The weather was a factor in lower than expected turn out.

Festival of Arts

Had many positive remarks about the event and have submitted our advancing attendees to Bob Matysik for participation in Area Festival of Arts in Holmen on March 23, 2013.

CLCs

Agent has made contact with Sparta CLC Leaders and they have decided to do CLC's two days a month, with two sites each day to avoid missing kids who go home early. Southside CLC and Maplewood CLC will be the 3rd Mondays of March and April, and the 2nd Monday of May. Lawrence-Lawson CLC and Meadowview CLC will be the 4th Mondays in March and April and 3rd Monday of May. Agent has also met with VISTA Volunteers from Fort McCoy. We have established a schedule starting in May to have a weekly 4-H day in their afterschool program. Agent will meet with Brookwood CLC Director next Tuesday, March 12 to pick up that program and plan for it.

Upcoming Events

March

- 18- Southside and Maplewood CLCs
- 15-16- Art Beat! South @ Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells
- 23- AFOA @ Holmen High School
- 25- L-L and Meadowview CLCs

April

- 5-6- Training for State 4-H Groups @ Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells
 - 15- Southside and Maplewood CLCs
 - 22- L-L and Meadowview CLCs
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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update February 9, 2013 to March 8, 2013

The annual winter crops update was held in Sparta on Feb 12th. There were 45 participants at the workshop. Topics covered included insects to watch out for in 2013, weed management challenges following the drought, soil management, crop insurance update, and a local projects update. 52% of participants who have attended in the past indicated that they had used information presented at these workshops to make decisions, and 48% indicated that the materials presented re-affirmed that they were on the right track.

Cattle Feeders workshops were held around the state the week of Feb 18. The Ag Agent organized and coordinated the workshops. Topics included Managing Feedlot Health by the Iowa State Extension Beef Veterinarian, a Market outlook, and influence of housing systems on finishing cattle performance. There were 51 participants at the Sparta workshop.

The annual Heart of the Farm Program was cancelled due to lack of pre-registrations. Other programs were held for this audience this winter including the CPR and 1st aid workshops, and the Quick Book Workshops. There were twenty one participants at the CPR and 1st aid workshops that were held In February.

The Fresh Market Produce workshop is re-scheduled for March 26th due to some logistical problems.

The Ag Agent was the guest speaker at the Western Wisconsin Beef Producers annual meeting. He presented information on improving efficiency with feeding hay and pasture management for this upcoming year.

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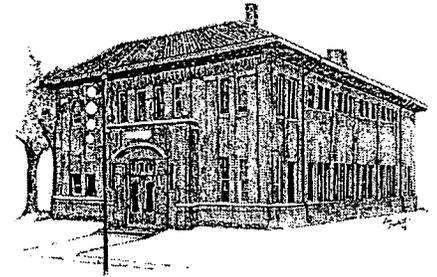
March 13 Fair Advisory Meeting- Tomah

March 15 Monroe Co DHIA annual meeting- Sparta

March 26 Fresh Market Vegetable Workshop- Ontario

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

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Promoted and hosted Thursday evening public program "25th Wisconsin in the Civil War"
- Learned Past Perfect cataloging program upgrade and trained key volunteers on it
- Provided educational programming to nine classrooms in Tomah over three days ("Monroe County Immigration" and "Farmer Goes to War")
- Began promoting March 7th evening public program, "Letters to Sarah" (wrote press releases, created and sent out flyers)
- Coordinated scanning of 1897 and 1915 Monroe County plat books done by Indus Corp.
- Created picture slideshow promoting Local History Room activities to be used at LHR promotional booths
- Processed donations to the Annual Fund Drive: sent thank-you letters, receipts; deposited money
- Attended and worked the Monroe County Economic Development Conference on 2/28, including setting up the LHR promo booth
- 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; check fire extinguishers; send time sheets; process new donation offerings; provide general customer service to visitors; 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: 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
- Kathy Hein: assist with research requests

HISTORY—LIVE!

2013 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Thursdays at the **Monroe County Local History Room & Museum**

March 7: *“Letters Home to Sarah: The Civil War Letters of Guy C. Taylor, 36th Wis. Volunteer Infantry.* Lecture by Kevin & Patsy Alderson. 7pm*



April 4: *“Wild West Shows of the 1800s: A Real or Romanticized American West?”* Lecture by Dr. John Grider, UW-La Crosse History Professor. 7pm.

May 9: *“Civil War Prisoners of War: A Post-Civil War Mortality View of Salisbury POWs from Wisconsin.”* Lecture by Ronald D. Nichols. 7pm.



*All Lectures will be held 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

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

