

MINUTES APPROVED MARCH 11, 2016
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
UW-Extension, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta, WI
Friday, February 12, 2016; 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson David Pierce at 9:00 a.m.

Members present were: Dave Pierce, James Schroeder, Gail Chapman. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Joshua Goede, and Erin Eggert. Others present were: Member(s) absent: Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Alli Karrel, and Jarrod Roll

Motion was made by James Schroeder to accept the minutes for the December 11, 2015 and the January 8, 2016 past meetings as printed. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 3-0-2

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 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 – no report given

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT— no report given

Motion was made by Gail Chapman to approve Budget Adjustment for Reimbursement of the Wegner Grotto Maintenance Account from the Wegner Grotto Trust account for Wegner Grotto 2015 Maintenance Expenses of \$3,886.24 as presented. Seconded by James Schroeder. Motion carried. 3-0-2

Motion was made by Gail Chapman to approve Budget Adjustment for Reimbursement of Local History Room Salaries from Local History Room Trust to pay for additional On-Call hours needed to cover when Jarrod was out doing outreach education (\$137.48) as presented. Seconded by James Schroeder. Motion carried. 3-0-2

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

Jeff Krull, Meadowview Middle School Principal and Mark Pfof, USFWS discussed projects revolving around environmental education at Meadowview Middle School in Sparta, They were asked to bring back a detailed proposal to request funding.

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS

Agent Program and Updates/Reports - The Extension educators (4-H & Youth Development, Family Living, & Agriculture) provided education current programs/impacts and the expenditures were reviewed. Motion made by James Schroeder to accept agent program reports. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 3-0-2 (reports attached)

The Ag Agent shared with committee that Brittany Meyers will be summer assistant again this year.

Motion made by James Schroeder to approve increasing the limits of the County Credit Cards the Extension Office has from \$500 to \$1,000. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 3-0-2

Motion made by Gail Chapman to approve the UW Extension 133 contract ammendment for 2016 a presented. Seconded by James Schroeder. Motion carried. 3-0-2

Motion was made to adjourn by Gail Chapman, seconded by James Schroeder and approved on a 3-0-2 vote at 10:17 a.m.

—Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary



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Erin Eggert
Family Living Agent

Family Living Update January 8, 2016 to February 12, 2016

- StrongWomen
 - Program started the week of January 18th. The Sparta class was at max-capacity with 30 participants enrolled and 15 on the waitlist. The Tomah class has 21 out of 30 enrolled. The class started out really well and all the participants were really excited to be joining it. I had a couple members tell me "This class is the best thing to happen to Sparta". Things were going so well after the first week of classes I decided to open a second session right after the first Sparta class to allow the waitlisted participants to join. Our administrative assistant Joan was able to connect me with the morning broadcasters on Cow97 where I was able to go on and talk about the program and promote the second class. So now I have 2 classes in Sparta- one full and one with 13 participants, and one class in Tomah. A lot of people commented that they heard me on the radio and we are already getting a lot of requests for another session after the current one.
 - I met with Sharon Nelson from the Monroe County Health Department regarding a partnership on StrongWomen. She is going to provide one or two employees to go through the StrongWomen leader training course and then teach a class or two for the next session. This will be a big relief for me as I won't have to teach 3 classes (6 sessions) a week and it will mean someone else in the county is trained and could fill in for me if I have other things going on. In addition, this will allow me a little more time to get the StrongWomen program up and going at Lugar de Reunion in Spanish.
 - "Next Steps": Start thinking about the next session. I need to find some additional instructors and get them trained. Then I need to find locations, dates, and times for the next session's program. Then I will work on promoting the second session.

- Active Communities Workgroup
 - Family Living: Healthy Living Team: Active Communities Workgroup Meeting. Met in the Dells to talk about what our plan of work is for the year. I'm really excited about being on this team and learning from other Family Living Agents about what I can do in Monroe County to promote Physical Activity throughout the community. We have a lot of great ideas coming from this group that I hope to roll out this next year.
- Parenting Place (Tomah)
 - Taught a 3-session "Parent & Me Movement Power Hour". This went really well. I provided parents with a lot of ideas on how they can be active with their children. The kids all liked the activities and the parents seemed to enjoy learning ways they could be active with their children and promote physical activity to their kids.
- Kiwanis Meeting
 - Able to meet with members of Kiwanis and give a presentation at one of their meetings. I talked about the StrongWomen program and then about what else I do in the community and my interests. I received a lot of great feedback from members there. One of the members came up to me after and talked to me about presenting on food and nutrition to his boy scouts group. I was happy to be able to present to this group.

Continuing Events

- Newspaper articles expanded to Tomah AND Sparta newspapers
- Continuing to post and promote the facebook site and pinterest site

Upcoming Events

- 2/15 Healthy Living Team Meeting: Food & Nutrition (Extension)
- 2/16 Reality Check at Sparta High with Josh
- Starting in April: Parent-Child Movement Power Hour with the Parenting Place in Sparta

Joshua L. Goede



Community Learning Centers

The Agent continues with Sparta and N.O.W. CLCs, we brought back a favorite activity of balls and tracks. Some of the 3rd graders had done this when I brought it two years ago and were excited to try it again. Some of the rules had changed but they were able to teach the younger ones what they remembered. Cashton's CLC has also been brought into the fold. The program looks a bit different; we are doing a 5th grade STEM club there. In Jan. we experimented with Trebuchets. In March we will look at spinning toys. The agent is also working with Tomah FFA to help bring programming to elementary level there. Plans are coming together to train high school FFA members to be teachers in agriculture/nutrition lessons

CADCA & AODA Prevention (Alcohol, and Other Drug Addiction Prevention)

The Agent attended the 26th annual Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America Conference in Washington D.C. The trip was sponsored by the Monroe County Safe Community Coalition. There was much training in drug facts as well as explanations of addiction. Most importantly to the Agent's work was best practices in prevention education. In the county the Agent is arranging for Jr. Leaders and other older youth to be trained in these best methods of prevention education and then bring those lessons to elementary students using his connections to the CLCs. The lessons will start in the N.O.W. and Cashton CLCs.

Shooting Sports

The 4-H Shooting Sports Season is off to a strong start with 28 youth participating in the Archery Practices. Archery will run Monday nights in February. Air Rifle will be Mondays in March followed by shotgun and .22 rifle in June. This is a departure from our normal schedule but we will see if it boosts participation for those high school students barred from participating earlier by sports and other events.

Ft. McCoy

The Agent will be on Ft. McCoy in March and April again teaching the CHFFF curriculum. The sponsor of the 4-H Healthy Living Grant wants to hold an event on Fort, it would be a family night where there would be a cooking demonstration as well as giveaways.

Space Camp

Monroe County has three youth signed up for 4-H Space Camp in April. There is also one adult applying to be a chaperone.

Youth Protection Program Training

The Agent has held many YPP training this fall and winter. We have trained 17 adults on how to be those all-important 4-H volunteers. We have seen increased participation from volunteers as well.

Festival of Arts

The Festival of Arts will be coming up on Saturday the 20th here in Sparta. We have a new format this year. We are hoping to treat it as a showcase for all our young performers as they will all be on the same stage performing for an audience.

Jr. Leaders

The Agent has big plans for this group of great youth. They will be running the ice cream booth at tractor pull and fair this year, the new adult director will be involving the youth directly in the business planning so the youth should have a clear idea of how to work the stand when the time comes. They are also working on training on being AODA Prevention educators as well as planning Clover Camp for this coming summer.

Joshua L. Goede



Upcoming Events

Sun Feb 14, 2016

2pm Norwalk Clovers Meeting

Where: Norwalk Village Hall, Norwalk

2pm Valle-Ville Club Meeting

Where: 1st United Methodist Church

1105 Butts Ave, Tomah WI,
54660

5pm LaGrange Tunnel-Lites Meeting

Where: Greenfield Town Hall, Tunnel

City WI

Mon Feb 15, 2016

3:30pm Lawrence Lawson CLC

Tue Feb 16, 2016

4pm Southside CLC

6pm YPP Training

Where: UWEX Smart room

Thu Feb 18, 2016

5:30pm Warrens Community Night

Where: Warrens Elementary

Sat Feb 20, 2016

9am - 12pm MOCO Beef Weigh-in

Where: Equity Co-Op Livestock Sales,

6089 WI- 16, Sparta, WI 54656

9am - 2:30pm Festival Of Arts

Where: Sparta Meadowview

Intermediate School, 1225 N

Water St, Sparta, WI54656

Sun Feb 21, 2016

2pm - 3:30pm Hoppy Trails Monthly

Meeting

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 N

Water

Tue Feb 23, 2016

3:30pm Cashton CLC

Where: Cashton elementary school

Sun Feb 28, 2016

2pm Hill-N-Valley Club Meeting

Where: Brookwood High School, Ontario, WI
54651

Tue Mar 1, 2016

3:30pm NOW CLC

Sun Mar 6, 2016

1:30pm Jolly Joiners Meeting

Where: Cashton High School

Mon Mar 7, 2016

6:30pm Denim n' Dust Meeting

Where: Cataract Sportsmen's Club

6:30pm Executive Board Meeting

Where: McCoy Home 310 E Monroe St.

Tomah

7pm Leon Livewires Meeting

Where: Leon Community Center, Leon

Tue Mar 8, 2016

4pm Maplewood CLC

Sun Mar 13, 2016

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7:30pm MOCO4-H Leaders Assn. Meeting

Where: F&M Bank, 1001 Superior Ave, Tomah



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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update January 8, 2016 through February 12, 2016

The Ag Agent had a UW Extension booth at the La Crosse farm show January 13-14. The booth presented information on the lighting updates to the IOH rules. It was also a good opportunity to touch base with a number of Monroe County Farmers on a wide variety of topics.

The Ag Agent and Dr. David Kammel, UW Extension Farm Buildings Engineer, conducted farm visits at three different farms to evaluate options and provide recommendations on building projects. The projects that farmers are undertaking are new housing for dairy cows, remodeling existing buildings for improved young stock housing and a dairy modernization that will put a milking parlor in an existing barn and add a free stall barn for the cows to help be more efficient with labor needs.

The Ag Agent assisted the Western Wisconsin Beef Producers Cooperative with their annual meeting. Bob Bosold was the guest speaker, and he shared his trip to China and what they saw there with the group.

The Ag Agent was a presenter at the Driftless Region Beef Conference in Dubuque, IA, which is a 4- state Extension cooperative workshop. He presented the results of the Yardage Survey that was completed with Wisconsin Farmers who are finishing dairy steers as one of their farm enterprises. The Ag Agent also revised the UW Extension Yardage Calculator Spreadsheet to make it easier for people to use.

Private Pesticide Applicator Workshops will be completed at the end of today. We canceled the once that was scheduled for February 3rd due to the snow storm.

The Cashton High School Students presented their projects at the JSHS competition this past month. One of the students placed 3rd and received a \$1000 scholarship and a trip to nationals and another placed 5th and received a trip to nationals.

Upcoming Events- more to be added as they get finalized

Feb 17 Fresh Market Produce workshop- Ontario

Feb 18 Winter Crops Update

Feb 22 to 25- Wisconsin Cattle Feeders Series.

March 3- Dairy Update at Elroy

March 9- Beef Workshop at Baldwin

March 12 Hops Workshop- La Crosse

March 18 Fresh Market Vegetable Food Safety Workshop

April 9 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Instructor Training- Eau Claire

April 30 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Instructor Training- Coon Valley