

MINUTES APPROVED 2.08.2013
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, ROLLING HILLS COMPLEX, ROOM 220
Friday, January 11, 2013

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nodji Van Wychen at 9:00 am.

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Gail Chapman, Dale Greeno and David Pierce. Agents present were: Bill Halfman and Will Cronin. Others present were: Jarrod Roll and Alli Karrels. Members and agents absent were: Karen Joos

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

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 8, 2013 at the Monroe County Local History Room.

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 and pay bills for the month. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0 (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 Dale Greeno. Motion carried. 5-0 (report attached)

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

♦ Discussion of Other Potential Projects—no discussion

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 David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0 (reports attached)

UPDATE ON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POSITION—Bill Halfman reported that a signed UW-Extension employment contract has been received and that Joshua Goede will be the new 4-H Youth Development Agent. He is scheduled to start on Monday, February 18, 2013.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Pierce, seconded by Dale Greeno and approved on a 5-0 vote at 9:30 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

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Report by: Karen Joos

January 2013

Program Related

- Attended the special session of the Monroe County Safe Communities Coalition, "Message In a Bottle: Communities Can Reduce Alcohol Related Problems" by Julia Sherman as part of our goals on "Environmental Strategies" with the Drug Free Communities Grant.
- In coordination with the Justice Department, began compiling statistics for a year-end report and power point presentation on the first year of the Monroe County OWI Court.
- WEAU-TV 13 Noon Show on "Phantom Costs of the Holidays".
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings.
- Western District Family Living Agents Meeting
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers
- Answered consumer food storage and finance.
- Year-end reports.

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Co-coordinated details for the December Seminar on Alternative Energy/Community Development, planned by Will. Seminar included presentations: Hydraulic Fracturing/Sand Mining; Monroe County Landfill, Introduction to Community Development (WEDC); Case Studies on the Cashton Community Wellness Program, Viroqua Main Street and Historic District; and Vernon County Wine Industry. An added bonus was a tour of the restored historic theater.
- Began preparation and plans for the January Poverty Seminar.

Other Activities

- Representing Department of Family Development for the Western and Northern Districts, attended the quarterly Faculty Senate Meeting.
- As a Couleecap Board Member, attended the local Planning Meeting.
- Civil Rights Review
- Final 4-H Agent Interviews

Future program plans:

- OWI Court and evaluation plans
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership Program January & February Seminars

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CNRED Agent Update, January 11, 2013

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Work with the Cashton Community Wellness program is ongoing. The next meeting will be action planning. Once that is completed the CNRED Agent will draft the plan and it will be circulated among program leadership and stakeholders for feedback before adoption.
- Agent was selected by Extension colleagues to join state specialists in an extended professional development program on business retention and expansion.
- Agent arranged a tour of the Food Enterprise Center in Viroqua for the regional Extension local foods research team, and is working to plan the research which will take place in 2013.
- Agent was the “Colleague Spotlight” on the January CNRED departmental wisline. He focused his work on economic development planning and received a great deal of positive feedback from colleagues.
- 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.
- Agent is working with the Outdoor Recreation Alliance to plan a summit 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.

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update December 15, 2012 to January 11, 2013

The Ag Agent collected updates from the livestock superintendents for the 2013 fair book. There were a few minor updates that needed to be made.

The La Crosse- Monroe County Dairy Discussion Group met on January 3rd with Randy Shaver as the guest visitor to discuss rations and feeding challenges. The group held an very interactive discussion for about 3 hours covering a wide range of topics from silage inoculants to managing this past years feeds.

The two Cashton High School Students who worked with the Ag Agent on field plots in the summer of 2012 presented their work at the Science competition on January 7th. They both scored very high on their presentations, but did not place in the top group to get to go to nationals. Their teacher indicated that they did extremely well but the competition was very tough this year. If we secure funding to continue the one project we will be doing the trial at the one student's farm.

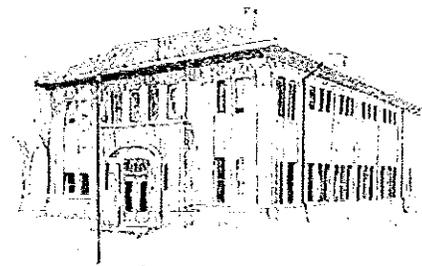
The area Agronomy Update for Ag Professionals was held on January 7th, there were 39 participants at the workshop. Topics on forages, corn and soybeans were presented along with the UW variety and hybrid trial results from 2012. It was a lively meeting.

Upcoming Events

January 15 Quickbooks Workshop- Tomah
January 15 – 17 Crop Management Conference- Madison
January 21-22 MFA conference, WI Dells
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, December 2012 Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Installed new shelving for archives room; disassembled existing shelving and removed it from the premises, with the help of Rick Kast.
- Reorganized bound and boxed record collections in Court Records Room; sorted through and organized other collection items, project materials, and museum supplies in Court Records Room
- Processed donations to the Annual Fund Drive: wrote thank-you letters, sent receipts, deposited with Co. Treasurer
- Finalized LHR's Winter Public Programming Schedule, including getting confirmations from presenters and choosing presentation dates.
- Worked on collections matters (assigning storage locations, cataloging, photographing)
- Continued working with Northern Engraving on the Grotto interpretive signs, including finding a volunteer to proof read
- Set up LHR for evening program, "Green Fire"
- Processed donations to the Annual Fund Drive: write thank-you letters, send receipts, deposit with Co. Treasurer
- Promoted the newest Collector's Corner display: Wild West Show Memorabilia, by inviting local newspaper to do story
- 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



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Informational Report:

	2012												
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	
	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month
Audience Served	43	206	63	472	273	587	1247	153	334	228	312	517	
Volunteer Hours:	5	5	7	7	13	13	4	8	3	3	2	1	
Number of Groups:	23	8	36	18	11	28	25	6	12	18	5	3	
6-15 Age Members Served:	4	1		3	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	
< 5 Age Members Served:	1	3		3	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	
Adult Non-Members Served:	89	89	79	119	98	280	265	268	171	171	64	37	
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	19	7	21	27	24	81	81	73	8	10	15	6	
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	18	6	12	7	7	27	27	13	8	12	2	1	
Number Served in Groups:	62	467	556	468	563	701	562	319	124	1191	68	108	YTD
Total Audience Served:	216	581	704	645	705	1119	963	681	323	1406	155	156	7654

Past Events:

- December 6: Take a Poem to Lunch at the Museum- Madrigal singers & kids from St. Pat's
- December 7: Sparta Christmas Parade
- January 10: Tomah Middle School- 7th Grade Science Club

Upcoming Events:

- January 15: Mauston Middle School- 5th Grade Math Group
- January 28: Brookwood Highschool- 10th Grade US History Class
- February 14: Bus Tour from Stillwater Minnesota
- February 19: Homeschool Group- ages kindergarten to 8th grade
- February 25: Adult Day Care Center of Sparta

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