

MINUTES APPROVED 3.08.2013
AG & EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

Meeting was called in accordance with open meeting law requirements.

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

Members present were: Nodji Van Wychen, Mary Cook, Gail Chapman, Dale Greeno and David Pierce. Dale and Mary arrived at 9:15 a.m. Mary Cook stepped out of the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and returned at 10:25 a.m. Agents present were: Bill Halfman, Karen Joos, and Will Cronin. Others present were: Jarrod Roll. Absent: Alli Karrels.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday March 8, 2013. at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Extension Office, Rolling Hills Complex, Room 220, Sparta.

THE DEKE SLAYTON MEMORIAL SPACE AND BIKE MUSEUM REPORT—a written report was handed out (report attached) a brief tour of Deke Slayton Museum took place.

EXTENSION OFFICE BUSINESS AND BILLS— The Extension educators provided education current programs/impacts. Motion made by Dale Greeno to accept agent program reports and office bills/credit card expenditures. Seconded by Mary Cook. Motion carried. 5-0 (reports attached)

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS—reminder that performance reviews will be held at the March 8th committee meeting.

MONROE COUNTY EXTENSION 133 CONTRACT UPDATE—Motion made by David Pierce to approve the Monroe County Extension 133 Contract Amendment with UW-Extension as presented. Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 5-0

STATE WACEC CONFERENCE APRIL 8-10, 2013— Motion made by Mary Cook to approve Nodji Van Wychen to attend the state WACEC conference. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0

COUNTY CREDIT CARD REQUEST— Motion made by Mary Cook to approve a county credit card with \$500 limit for new 4-H Youth Development agent Josh Goede. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0

COUNTY FARM EDUCATION FUNDS

◆ Discussion of Other Potential Projects— no discussion

LOCAL HISTORY ROOM REPORT was given by Jarrod Roll. Motion was made by Mary Cook to accept the Local History Room Report and pay bills for the month. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 5-0 (report attached)

- **LHR BOARD APPOINTMENTS**— Motion made by Mary Cook to approve Carolyn Habelman, Joan Cook and John Lasko to appointment to the Monroe County Local History Room Board of Trustees for 3 year terms. Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried 5-0.

- **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

- ⇒ Motion made by David Pierce to approve budget adjustment to the Grotto as presented “Reimburse Wegner Grotto maintenance 2012 expenses \$582.53 from Wegner Grotto trust account #82.11360 to pay for hand railing installation in 2012.” Seconded by Gail Chapman. Motion carried. 4-0-1

- ⇒ Motion made by Gail Chapman to approve budget adjustment for Local History Room as presented “Reimburse Local History Room 2012 Personal Expenses \$803.22 (salaries \$848.52 less Fringe Benefits of \$48.66, and Work Comp \$3.36) from PBI account #82.11361 *Public Programming, Outreach, and Education* Fundraised Dollars to pay for additional on-call hours needed to cover public programming and community outreach initiatives.” Seconded by David Pierce. Motion carried. 4-0-1

Motion was made to adjourn by Mary Cook, seconded by David Pierce and approved on a 5-0 vote at 10:30 a.m.

Bill Halfman, Recording Secretary

Monroe County Office
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee

Report by: Karen Joos

February 2013

Program Related

- In coordination with the Justice Department and Judge Ziegler, assisted in preparing the power point and year-end report for County Board presentation.
- Attended the monthly meeting of the Monroe County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, focused on plans for April Child Abuse Prevention Month; and a second meeting to select the winning student design of this year's t-shirt.
- As part of the Safe Community Coalition Drug Free Communities Grant, attended the "Prescription Drug", "Public Relations" and "Alcohol Policy" workgroup meetings.
- 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 Housing Education Subcommittee, focused on April Fair Housing Month and creating a succinct list of rural housing concerns to share at the Southwest Housing Coalition meeting where representatives from the Wisconsin Division on Housing will be in attendance.
- Monroe County bi-weekly OWI Court Team and Team Meetings.
- Attended the monthly Monroe County Planning Council meeting
- Monthly HCE Bridge
- Wrote weekly Karen's Korner columns for the Sparta and Tomah newspapers
- Year-end reports.

Jackson/Monroe/Vernon Leadership Program

- Planned and facilitated the January Seminar on Poverty. The day included "packing weekend backpacks" of food for Tomah School Students; DVD's (16:49 depicts scenarios of homeless teens in Beloit, WI; "The Line" (New face of poverty; nature of poverty; and cycle of poverty); "The Line" (CBS documentary of a food line in Southeast Ohio with selected family scenarios; creating lunch from items found in "Food Pantry" bags; Tour of Neighbor to Neighbor Food Pantry with Executive Director Judy Deming; and a community panel of Tomah "homeless student" coordinator; Families First; and Family Promise with statistics and program updates.
- Began preparation and plans for the February Seminar.

Other Activities

- In an advisory capacity, attended the Monroe County HCE Executive Board Meeting and Leadership Day.
- As a Couleecap Board Member, attended the Planning and Evaluation Committee and monthly Board of Directors meeting.
- Civil Rights Review
- Final 4-H Agent Interviews

Future program plans:

- Continue OWI Court evaluation data gathering; OWI Team and Court
- Strengthening Families Facilitator training for NOW Schools
- Jackson-Monroe-Vernon Leadership Program February (Rural Health) & March Legislative/Government Seminars

WORKING TOGETHER TO MEET FAMILY NEEDS

Partnerships add value and extend reach



Coalitions/partnerships with family-serving agencies and organizations are essential for the work that I do. I work with our community partners on programs that address family/community needs, share research-based ideas and information, and support the networks and coalitions that focus on local and family issues. Together we work very hard to support and enhance the work of our partners – not duplicate efforts.

To determine our value and effectiveness to our partners statewide, UW-Extension Family Living Programs conducted a survey of our staff and a second survey of hundreds of community partners in 2012. I nominated many of our own community partners to take part in the survey. There were 217 surveys returned from family-serving agencies. Results of the statewide surveys indicate that:

- **Family Living Programs staff, programs and resources are trusted and responsive.**
 - 89% of respondents rated Family Living as Very Good or Exceptional at being trustworthy, credible, based on research and unbiased
 - 85% rated us as Very Good or Exceptional at being flexible, timely & responsive, accessible & available

- **Family Living Programs are highly effective**
 - 92% of respondents agreed that Family Living responds to community needs
 - 91% agreed that Family Living are a valued source for evidence-based practices
 - 93% agreed that Family Living makes a positive impact on the families it serves

- **Family Living Programs add value to the work of other agencies & organizations in serving families**
 - 94% of respondents said that Family Living added value to their work.
 - Over 80% said that by working together they added value to each other's work.

- **Family Living Programs help meet the needs of families**
 - 94% of respondents said that family needs were better met by working together with Family Living

UW-Extension Family Living Programs is a trusted, responsive and effective partner that adds value to many of our local partners. I consider it a privilege to work with the families and organizations in Monroe County assisting in addressing local issues and the needs of families.

Karen Joos
Family Living Agent, Monroe County UW-Extension

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CNRED Agent Update, February 8, 2013

The CNRED Agent has been engaged in the following activities:

- Work with the Cashton Community Wellness program is ongoing. The plan has been drafted and the CNRED Agent is now working with a smaller team to polish it up for review of the entire leadership team.
- The CNRED Agent is engaged with Extension colleagues in a profession development program centered on Business Retention and Expansion programming. Agent attended a two-day training at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. Further sessions will take place online and via conference call. BR&E is an important aspect of economic development as it supports existing businesses in the community and most jobs are created by existing businesses:
- Planning continues for the Monroe County Economic Development Conference. It will take place February 28, 2013 at the Colonial in Sparta. As of now, registrations are up to about 60. Governor Walker will be giving the keynote address. Agent will moderate a panel on Alternative Energy opportunities.
- The Outdoor Recreation Alliance held its second summit on January 17, 2013, it was a great success with over 100 in attendance. Silent sports assets were mapped for 8 counties in Wisconsin and 4 each in Iowa and Minnesota. Currently, the data is being aggregated and will be made available, likely through a new online tool. This has great potential for tourism development efforts in the region and improving quality of life, which is a major factor in economic development.
- Economic Development for Elected Officials took place on January 15, 2013. Total attendance was 17 with officials representing communities in Monroe, Juneau, Vernon and La Crosse Counties. Monroe County piloted the program with the Wisconsin Economic Development Association
- Agent continues to work with Extension partners to plan an Economic Development programming in-service and summer 2013 research into the economic impact of local foods.

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Bill Halfman, Agriculture Agent

Agriculture Extension Update January 12, 2013 to February 8, 2013

The Quick Books Workshop was very successful, we had twice as many people signed up as we had room for and will offer it again next winter. We tried to find a date to offer it again this year, but that did not work out. We had 22 people attend the hands on workshop where they learned how to set up QuickBooks and keep records for their farm.

The Ag Agent presented the results from the Alfalfa fungicide research trials at the UW Extension Crop Management Conference in Madison. There were about 250 Agronomy professionals in attendance at the session. The topic drew a lot of interest, and a few seed companies expressed interest in helping support continuation of the project. An article just came out in Hay and Forage Grower Magazine which the Ag Agent was extensively involved with the material in the article on the same topic, and the Ag Agent is in the process of writing another article for a different publication on the topic. This has been a hot item.

The Ag Agent presented the results of the corn silage foliar fungicide work by UW Extension at the Midwest Forage Association Conference at Wisconsin Dells on January 22. There were approximately 130 people in attendance at the session. This topic also led to a lot of interest and conversations from attendees.

There were four pesticide applicator workshops held in Monroe County. The one at Warrens had over 90 cranberry growers in attendance and there were forty-three at the other three workshops. There will probably be some self-study exams yet this year.

The Ag Agent attended the Monroe County Farm Bureau Board and the DHIA Board meetings this past month.

The Ag Agent was on the steering committee for the 1st Annual Driftless Region Beef Conference, which was held in Dubuque IA. It was a four state Extension Effort. There were 155 paid participants at the workshop. Comments were very positive and plans are beginning for next year's workshop.

The First Aid and CPR workshop scheduled for January 30th in Tomah has been re-scheduled for February 27th. The classes have generated a lot of interest.

The Ag Agent was a judge for the FFA speaking contest held at Tomah High School on February 4th. The judged Extemporaneous Speaking contest, and there were eight participants to judge. It was educational for the Ag Agent too....

Upcoming Events

February 8 CPR and First Aid Workshop- Cashton

February 12 Winter Crops

February 22 Heart of the Farm- Sparta

February 21 Cattle Feeders Road Show- Sparta

February 26 Fresh Market Vegetable Workshop

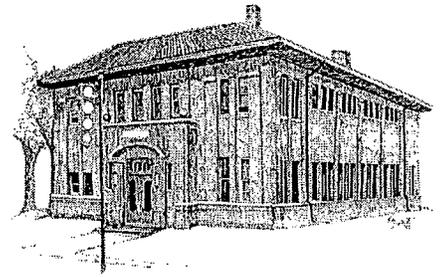
??? Shifting gears Workshop- Westby

March 2 Malting Barley and Hops Workshop, WI Dells

March ? Grape Growers Field Day- Viroqua

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County Historian's Report, January 2013

Submitted by Jarrod Roll, Director / County Historian

HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Installed new computer in break room; worked with Past Perfect representative to install updated cataloging software
- Worked on collections matters: assigning storage locations to artifacts, researching "mystery items;" cataloged and photographed items that had not been yet; cleaned out storage closet that had uncataloged collections; sorted through and organized other collection items, project materials, and museum supplies in Court Records Room and Gilliland Room
- Calculated 2012 usage stats for LHR: audience served, research requests answered, school kids served, and volunteer hours
- Created 2012 Financial Report and Sales Tax report for County Treasurer
- Processed donations to the Annual Fund Drive: sent thank-you letters, receipts; deposited money
- Attended WFM meeting in Madison
- Provided annual evaluation for Artifact Assistant, Paul Kuester
- Created flyer to promote 2013 public programming at the History Room; promoted Feb. 7th presentation (sent out flyers, press releases, etc.)
- Researched/read up on Civil War and immigration topics to prepare for school presentations
- Trained a new volunteer, Kathy Hein, to assist with research requests
- Promoted LHR educational programming and MCHS Transportation Grants by emailing and communicating with county educators
- Created a page of LHR news for both the MCHS and MJJGW newsletters
- 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 PUBIC LECTURE SERIES

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

February 7: *“Dakota War Whoop to Rebel Yell: The Trail of the 25th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment in the Civil War”* Lecture by Fred Bessler. 7pm*



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.



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Informational Report:

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January
 Month

Audience Served	
Volunteer Hours:	43
Number of Groups:	5
Adult Members Served:	23
6-15 Age Members Served:	4
< 5 Age Members Served:	1
Adult Non-Members Served:	89
6-15 Age Non-Members Served:	19
< 5 Age Non-Members Served:	18
Number Served in Groups:	62
Total Audience Served:	216
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Upcoming Events:

- February 14: Bus Tour from Stillwater Minnesota
- February 19: Homeschool Group- ages kindergarten to 8th grade
- February 21: Tea Time at the Museum
- February 25: Adult Day Care Center of Sparta

*Featured in the Wisconsin Historical Society Newsletter

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