

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Main Meeting Room, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin
Thursday, September 8, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Extension Office Manager, Joyce Gayan. Committee members present: Thomas, Opal Roberts, Gerald Luke, Mitch Koski, and Paul Mullard. Also in attendance: Gayan, Gloria Fauerbach, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, and Joy Schelble.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Approval of agenda as posted: Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Roberts, to approve agenda as posted. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes – July 14, 2011: Motion made by Luke, seconded by Mullard, to approve meeting minutes of July 14, 2011. All in favor.

Public Comment: No comment.

Motion to approve financial reports:

a) Extension

b) 4-H and Youth Clubs

Committee members received Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs financial reports through July 31, 2011 in their packets, and an updated report through August 31, 2011 was distributed. Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Koski, to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs. All in favor.

Motion to approve Amendment to the Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract:

Fauerbach reviewed the Amendment to the Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract with Committee members. The amendment required an additional change, to correct the name “Toni Rogers” to “Andrea Newby”. Motion made by Mullard, seconded by Luke, to approve the Amendment to the Iron County UW-Extension 133 Contract with the name correction made in ink. All in favor. All Committee members signed four copies of the amendment.

Motion to forward proposed 2012 budget to Finance Committee:

Committee members received copies of the 2012 budget proposal for UW-Extension and 4-H & Youth Clubs, along with an explanation of line items, in their packets. Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Mullard, to forward proposed 2012 budget to the Finance Committee. All in favor.

WNEP Educator, Deb Leonard, arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Agent Reports

4-H Youth Development Program – Committee members received copies of the 2011 Iron County Summer Youth Camp report, a summary of the Camper/Parent Evaluation, and UWEX

Americorps*VISTA Success Stories in their packets. Fauerbach reviewed these and also discussed the following:

- 4-H Clubs
 - End of 4-H year – record books due
 - Achievement Night scheduled for October 9, 4:00 p.m.
 - Four Iron County youth delegates attended 4-H & Youth Conference in Madison
 - 4-H leader retreat, training, and visioning session planned for end of October

Fauerbach also reported that a study conducted by RAND Corporation for The Wallace Foundation confirms that investment in summer learning programs like those offered through Youth Development in Iron County, helps young people lose less academic skills over the summer.

Family Living Program – Newby distributed copies of her Family Living report. Newby updated the Committee on her activities including:

- Implementing the financial education program, *Money on the Bookshelf* in Mercer
- Teaching the series, *Early Experiences and Infant Brain Development*, at the Grand View Hospital
- Collaborating with Schelble to implement the program *Raising Healthy Eaters*
- Joining Northwoods Coalition, which provides support for a statewide and region-wide initiative to focus on alcohol and drug abuse prevention
- Coordinating a county-wide meeting to discuss implementing the prevention program, *Building and Fostering Friendship Skills*
- Meeting with new **Mercer Health and Wellness Program** committee to help provide leadership support and additional educational
- Participating in the Community Health Improvement Plan

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Committee members received copies of Schelble's printed report in their packets. She discussed her work with the following:

- 4-H LEAF Program
- Boys and Girls Club in Odanah
- Expanding senior meal site education, providing some year round services and quarterly newsletters for seniors attending the meal sites and seniors receiving home delivered meals
- Collaborating with Steve Eder, 21st Century grant coordinator at the Hurley School on opportunities with the STARS program and attending a webinar for resources to add afterschool meal programming for at-risk youth
- Attending Swipe-out Hunger conference in Stevens Point
- Educational programming at the food pantry

Leonard added all teachers at both Hurley and Mercer schools received an apple slicer/corer as a tool for them to use in classrooms for healthy apple snacks.

Community Resource Development Agent – Committee members received copies of Andresen's report in their packets. Andresen discussed and updated Committee on his role in the following:

- Next Generation Initiative groups

- County zoning amendment update
- Branding survey for the Mercer Chamber of Commerce
- Grant writing and project development for the Saxon Harbor pavilion
- Facilitating strategic planning session at DOVE
- Healthy Wisconsin Communities conference
- Memorial Building grant
- Zoning workshop

Andresen asked the committee to support his role of unbiased educator in regard to the proposed iron ore mine and proposed regulations regarding metallic mining. The committee affirmed the educator's role as outlined by Andresen.

Department Head Report – Fauerbach reiterated that UW-Extension's role in any programming is to provide education and impartial information. She reported on the following:

- Andresen will be recognized on September 22 as the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement
- Update on State budget
- Cooperative Extension District reformulation
- Hiring freeze extended through end of December

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: The next Committee meeting date is being scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion made by Koski, seconded by Roberts, to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.