

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Iron County Courthouse – County Board Room – Hurley, Wisconsin
Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Office Manager, Joyce Gayan.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll call was taken by Gayan. Committee members present: William Thomas, Paul Mullard, Karl Krall, and Brad Matson. Committee member excused: Opal Roberts. Also in attendance: Gayan, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Neil Klemme, Deb Leonard, Joy Schelble, Amy Nosal, and Iron County Board Chair, Joseph Pinardi. Extension staff and Committee members introduced themselves.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Approval of agenda as posted: Thomas moved to approve agenda as posted, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Committee Reorganization:

- a) **Election of Chair** - Gayan entertained nominations for position of Committee Chair. Matson nominated Thomas, seconded by Mullard. Gayan called three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Matson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.
- b) **Election of Vice Chair** – Thomas entertained nominations for position of Committee Vice Chair. Thomas nominated Roberts, seconded by Krall. Thomas called three times for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. Matson moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roberts, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for January 28, 2014: Mullard moved to approve minutes for January 28, 2014, seconded by Krall. All in favor.

Orientation to UW-Extension – Iron County: Andresen distributed handouts and discussed:

- Cooperative Extension and the relationship between UW-Extension and county offices
- Mission and Vision Statements
- Transformational Education
- UW-Extension's Niche
- Position summary of Iron County staff and how staff is funded

Klemme and Newby discussed summer staff: 4-H Youth Development Summer Assistant, Summer Americorps*VISTAs and other summer interns.

Public Comment: Matson stated that he would like to bring Sherman and Hurley closer together by informing the residents of Sherman of programs available to them. He asked that UW-Extension keep that in mind when promoting programs.

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 March 31, 2014 in their packets. Krall moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Motion to approve the 2013 Annual Report to the Iron County: Matson moved to approve the 2013 Annual Report and send it on to the Iron County Board, seconded by Krall. All in Favor.

Authorization for 4-H Youth Development Agent travel: Klemme reported that he was selected to go to Ghana, Africa for three weeks in June to educate adults to work with young people in their 4-H program. The travel will be funded by UW-Extension. Mullard moved to support 4-H Youth Development Agent's travel to Ghana, seconded by Matson. All in favor.

Agent Reports

4-H Youth Development – Klemme reported on:

- Iron County Summer Youth Camp preparation
- Working with Mercer students to create a display with brochures and stickers they designed to promote Iron County

Community Resource Development – Andresen discussed his work with groups such as local government, chambers of commerce, non-profits, economic development and downtown developments in multi-year programs:

- Downtown Hurley streetscape
- Downtown Mercer streetscape
- Saxon Harbor
- Bike trails

Family Development – Newby distributed food preservation handouts and discussed:

- Aging Friendly Communities Coalition
 - Iron County Transportation Committee
 - Lifelong Learning – college for seniors
- Food Preservation classes and webinars
- Parenting education

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Schelble gave an overview of the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program and discussed her role as coordinator and Leonard's role as educator working with:

- K-grade 8 students in Hurley and Mercer schools
- Human Services mentoring programs
- Senior dining sites
- Headstart students and parents
- Second Harvest – Iron County Mobile Food Pantry
- School gardens in Hurley and Mercer
- Garden to Market program

Leonard discussed her role in educating youth in the Hurley and Mercer schools.

Horticulture Assistant Report – Schelble reported on her horticulture work and how it works in conjunction with nutrition education. She discussed:

- Programming in gardens

- Hosting a workshop for teachers in August in Eagle River
- School garden now part of Hurley School Wellness Policy
- Bugs and weed identification
- Answering horticulture related questions
- Monthly class at Mercer Library in conjunction with new seed library
- Outreach with horticulture publications
- Distribution of seeds donated by Burpee Seed Company

AmeriCorps*VISTA Report – Nosal introduced herself and discussed her work with the Multidisciplinary Program:

- Garden to Market program
- Youth mentoring
- Development of trails

Department Head Report – Andresen discussed:

- WACEC meeting in June in Eau Claire (Committee members received details in their packets)
- Proposed recognition of Gerald Luke and Mitch Koski for years of service on the Extension Education Committee
- Dean announced that for the first time in five years, UW-Extension would be receiving raises effective July 1. The State will be covering this through 2014.

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: Next Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. at the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, WI.

Adjourn: Mullard moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Matson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.