

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin 54545
Thursday, July 13, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by William Thomas.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll call was taken by Extension Office Manager Rebecca Holm. Committee members present: William Thomas, Opal Roberts, Brad Matson. Committee members excused: Karl Krall, Paul Mullard. Also in attendance: Holm, Neil Klemme, Amy Nosal, Deb Leonard, Darrin Kimbler, Heidi Ungrodt, Will Andresen, Gina Monroe, Mary Pardee, County Board Chair Joe Pinardi, Summer Assistants Felicia Herlevi, Emily Murphy, and Melissa Simonar and AHEC Interns Danielle Hurst and Becca Waldman.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Holm acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for May 2, 2017: Roberts moved to approve minutes for May 2, 2017, seconded by Mattson. Motion carried unanimously.

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 May 31, 2017. Matson moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H and Youth Programs, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Klemme introduced Iron County Summer Youth Camp campers and staff to discuss their camp experiences. Luca Villanueva and Natalee Fisk reported on their experiences as ICSYC campers. Brooke Piilola reported on her experience as an ICSYC counselor. All three of the speakers are also 4H members.

Update on staffing of Iron County UW-Extension:

- Gina Monroe, FoodWise Coordinator
 - Started on July 3rd
 - Has been an educator for 17 years
 - Main office is in Ashland, WI
 - Looking forward to working with Iron County's educators
- Mary Pardee, Area Extension Director (AED)
 - This is a new position, with 22 AEDs hired around the State
 - She is in charge of 4 Counties, Iron, Ashland, Bayfield and Douglas
 - Has been employed with Extension for 17 years
- AHEC Interns Danielle Hurst & Becca Waldman
 - Students at UW-Madison
 - Theme of their internship is learning about public health in a rural community
 - They have helped with summer programming, such as Trail Blazers, ICSYC, Meet Up & Eat Up, Garden 2 Market

- Summer Assistants, Felicia Herlevi and Emily Murphy
 - Herlevi's second year as a Summer Assistant
 - Murphy's 1st year as a Summer Assistant
 - Both Assistants planned summer programming such as Trail Blazers, ICSYC, Day Camp, Outpost Camp

Update on reorganization of Cooperative Extension: Klemme reported that hiring Area Extension Directors, such as Pardee, is the first step in the Next Gen process. Pardee reported on her new role.

- AEDs will take on the roles previously provided by the Regional Directors and Department Heads, since their positions will expire at the end of this year.
- New model starts January 1st
- There will be a future discussion with Will about new model pricing structure
 - Counties currently pay a percentage
 - New model will be a flat fee
- For example, county level positions will be county funded. Specialist positions will be Extension funded.
- 2 Assistant Deans have been hired to run the Northern & Southern areas of the state
- The AEDs will be working with the Assistant Deans
- 2 more Deans will be hired to head the new Departments, which are Agriculture and Natural Resources and Youth, Families and Communities
- These Deans are in charge of budgets
- It's a work in progress

Agent Reports

4-H Youth Development - Klemme reported updates on the following:

- ICSYC – Riveredge Nature Center's rope climbing activity was a highlight of the day
- Community Development Society Conference in May
 - Presented on the Trail Head Design Charrette, with Hurley Senior, Tate Guenard and Summer Assistant, Felivia Herlevi
 - Approached about other states using the Youth First Impression Tool (YFIT)
 - Invited to a conference in Missouri to present on Youth First Impressions in March 2018
- Iron County Fair
 - Youth Exhibitor Award is new this year

Community Resource Development & Iron County Interim Community Educator: Nosal reported updates on the following:

- Worked with Kelly Klein, Klemme and Extension Specialist Randy Stoker on the R.I.S.E. Young Professionals presentation, which was hosted at Sharon's Coffee Company in May
- Continuing Trail project with current grant management
- Working with Health Department, IFS Meetings, Summer Interns, Master Gardeners

- Mercer Area Connections, Lupine Fest, Broadband Fair
- Supporting Heidi with her Food Preservation
- Gogebic Range Health Foundation Grant for nutrition education, Meet Up & Eat Up, which is a partnership with MSU Extension

FoodWise: Monroe further discussed her new role and has been learning how to best support educators across Iron, Ashland and Bayfield County. Leonard reported on school programs, Senior Dining sites, Nutrition Education at Day Camps. Excited to have Monroe on board as Coordinator.

Horticulture: Kimber updated the committee on the upcoming events:

- Area residents have been dropping off insects and other horticulture related issues at the office, which has been keeping him busy.
- Silver Street and Montreal planting with the Master Gardeners and area youth
- Herb Talk in Boulder Junction, with 80 people in attendance
- Community garden will possibly be relocated but plans are in limbo
- Master Gardener Training, October 2017 – January 2018
- Will be working at the Iron County and Gogebic County Fairs

Matson suggested to Kimbler that Iron County start a seed library, much like Mercer.

Family Living: Ungrodt reported on the following:

- Picked up where Kathy Beeksma left off with the Broadband Fair planning committee
- Working with Nosal on Food Preservation workshops, which will take place in Hurley and Mercer in July and August.
- Grandparents Survey posted on Facebook, Ironwood Daily Globe, distributed locally. The results will help guide future programming.
- Working with Klemme on the Babysitter's Training at the end of July

Department Head: Klemme reported on the following:

- Budget information will be available in the next month
- Department Head role ends at the end of December, which Pardee will be taking over
- Even though Pardee is working across four counties, Klemme made it clear that the committee can still ask questions to our staff.
- Klemme pointed out Beeksma's exit report and the needs assessment that she had done for Iron County

Klemme revisited the idea to have youth involvement in the Iron County Board. All committee members agreed that it would be a great opportunity and would like to see it happen.

Schedule next Extension Education Committee meeting: Next Extension Education Committee meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Adjourn: Roberts moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Unapproved