

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin 54545
Thursday, July 12, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Extension Office Manager Rebecca Holm.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll call was taken by Holm. Committee members present: William Thomas, Opal Roberts, Brad Matson, Jamey Francis. Committee members excused: Karl Krall. Also in attendance: Neil Klemme, Amy Nosal, Deb Leonard, Darrin Kimbler, Gina Monroe, Mary Pardee, County Board Chair Joe Pinardi, ICYLC member Haley Allen-Rodriguez, Summer Assistants Felicia Herlevi, Emily Murphy, Tandrell Foster.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for May 9, 2018: Matson moved to approve minutes for May 9, 2018, seconded by Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve financial reports: Committee members received **Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs** financial reports through May 31, 2018. Roberts moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H and Youth Programs, seconded by Matson. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Matson stated that he would like to see the Farmers Market extend its outreach to Mercer and Springstead. Monroe stated that she would reach out to Kimbler to discuss an outreach strategy.

Area Extension Director Report: Pardee reported on the following:

- **Options for Horticulture Education:** Extension will not cost share an agriculture position in Iron County at this time. Pardee has been working on strategic solutions to solve this problem. Committee members and staff received a handout, which explained three options for the Horticulture/Agriculture Extension Educator coverage.
 - Option 1: Extension Educator (50%) fully funded by Iron County and only serving Iron County.
 - Option 2: Outreach Programmer focused on Horticulture, shared and funded by 2-3 counties.
 - Option 3: County Horticulture/Agriculture Educator (not an Extension employee).
 - These strategic solutions are will be discussed in more detail at the next committee meeting.
- **July 1st – UW Cooperative Extension reorganization took place**
 - The transition will continue throughout the year.

Pardee mentioned that Will Andresen has accepted the new Institute Director for Community Development position. Pardee asked the Extension staff and committee would agree that he continue using his current office space. It was a unanimous vote of yes.

Agent Reports

Before starting his report, Klemme introduced Iron County Summer Youth Camp camper, Brian Geach, who reported on his experiences as a first time ICSYC camper. Ezra Manzer reported on his experiences as a first time ICSYC Counselor. Klemme praised Manzer for being an outstanding camp counselor.

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

- Iron County Fair
 - August 2-5
 - Pie Auction - Sunday August 5
 - Summer assistant, Emily Murphy is organizing the Dairy Booth and Silent Auction
 - Iron County Fair Board received an extra \$500 donation to be used by 4-H. Iron County Clubs will use these funds to host a Robotics Rally.
- Outpost Camp
 - Begins on Monday, July 16
 - Fifteen campers attending
- Wisconsin State Fair
 - August 8-10
 - Seven Iron County 4-H youth are attending
- Wisconsin Youth Conference
 - Five Iron County 4-H youth attended
 - Klemme and Murphy lead a session on community building

Klemme mentioned that he is looking for a potential facility change for camp next summer, stating that the current facility is more suited for a smaller group.

Interim Community Educator: Nosal reported on the following:

- Currently collaborating with Kimbler to introduce SNAP benefits to the local Farmers Markets
- Hurley School garden partners
 - Iron County 4-H
 - Sprouts program through Iron County Human Services
 - FoodWise programming with Hurley Kids Club
- ICORE Fundraiser
 - July 14 at Cary Park
- Small Community Forum
 - September 19
 - Iron County is one of four communities hosting this event this year.

FoodWise: Monroe and Leonard reported on the following:

- Monroe participated in a conference and training in Madison
 - New Colleague Onboarding
 - Food Safety Training
- Leonard participated in the Tribal Nutrition Educator's Group

- Leonard, Monroe, Kimbler, Nosal, Murphy, and Herlevi represented the Iron County UW-Extension office at the Across the Borders Senior Information and Awareness Walk
- Smarter Lunchroom Movement
- Hurley Kids Club
 - Hurley School garden projects
- Senior Dining
 - Lakes Flower Cabin donated tomato and pepper plants, which Leonard handed out at the five Iron County dining sites.

Horticulture: Kimbler reported on the following:

- Working towards getting SNAP benefits at the farmers markets
 - Received Gogebic Range Health Foundation and Superior Health Foundation grants
 - Funding used for EBT machines, market tokens and double up bucks funding
 - Michigan and Iron County farmers markets will be accepting SNAP benefits as soon as next week
- Soil Samples
 - Many from Mercer
- Diseased plant and insect identification
- Mercer Community Garden Dinner
- Iron County Fair
 - Responsible for horticulture entries, in partnership with Range Master Gardeners
- Range Master Gardeners
 - Iron Horse Trailhead clean up
 - Silver Street and City of Montreal plantings
 - School garden work
- National Master Gardener Coordinator Conference in Madison
 - August 6-9
 - Working with Master Gardener Coordinators from around the country
- Commercial Maple Syrup Opportunities in Iron County

Summer Staff Reports: Herlevi, Murphy and Foster reported on the following:

- TrailBlazers
 - Youth members biked a total of 96 miles in 7 sessions
- Iron County Summer Youth Camp
- Hurley Kids Club
 - Foster leads sessions including STEM and team building exercises on Wednesdays
- Outpost Camp
 - Lake of the Falls Campground on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage
 - Team building and leadership exercises
 - Youth will be canoeing, biking, hiking
- Iron County Fair
 - Recruiting volunteers for the dairy booth
 - Organizing silent auction donations

This is Herlevi's last year working as a summer assistant. Murphy and Foster plan to work in the Extension office next summer.

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 Pinardi. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Unapproved