

# DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

## January 20, 2015

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch and Ed Nelson. Gerald Adelmeyer and Annette Thompson were absent.

**Also present:** Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Elsie Gonzalez, Dairy & Livestock Agent, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator (arrived to meeting at 9:00am) and Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Nelson to approve minutes for Tuesday, December 16, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Behl reported that 49 out of the 72 Wisconsin counties have paid their dues owed for 2015.

**APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS:** Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the regular meeting per diems.

**REVIEW OF BILLS** Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

### DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for December 2014.
- b. Discussion and update on the 4-H Program Assistant position.
  1. Witzel reported that in total there were eight applicants. Of the eight, three were invited to interview for the position which will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully will have the new person starting by the end of January or early February 2015. This position will have more structure to it.
- c. Discussion and update on the Crops & Soils Ag Agent position.
  1. Hoffman reported this position will be posted at the end of January or beginning of February and will stay posted for five weeks. Screening of applicants will be two weeks, then the interviews and final interviews will be performed. Best case scenario is having someone in position in three months.
- d. Fund balance discussion.
  1. Hoffman provided information on non-lapsing accounts for 6812 and 6814.
    - a) 6812 revenue exceeds expenses by \$3,7549.14
    - b) 6814 revenue exceeds expenses by \$1,960.

### EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman reported on the video conferencing equipment that is being installed in room C. He stated that we received the equipment through a grant process with UW-Extension. We will make the video conferencing equipment available to other county departments. Hoffman also shared that he was

contacted by Chairman Russell Kottke to provide information on strategic planning for the Executive Committee in January. Hoffman will meeting with the Executive Committee in February to suggest a process for a county-wide strategic plan.

Witzel: Witzel reported on the New Family Orientation with about 100 people in attendance. The program was a little different this year with Witzel leading a PowerPoint presentation on the 4-H program. Then the youth went with older youth who lead crafts, games and camp songs, while 4-H volunteers talked about parts of the 4-H program and answered questions on from a parent perspective on the 4-H program. Witzel has also held 3 volunteer orientation programs with 25 new leaders trained. She also attended the Wisconsin Fair Convention with support staff Tracy to learn more about the fair online entry options, answer questions about forms and capabilities of the program, and other options for the fair that we partner with in the county. Most of the discussion focused on changing partnerships with Washington County 4-H. The county would like to take a break with the joint day camps, so this will offer an opportunity to have the summer intern lead a program and hold them in other locations in the county. Also Witzel and the Washington County educator are looking to change Friends Helping Friends to a bullying curriculum base. They are also looking at doing some joint youth leadership programs.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she is partnering with Beaver Dam Middle School to offer a six class series of financial education classes for eighth graders. The class is called Economics for Success. Students will explore career options, decision making, learn about credit worthiness and how to establish it. The students will also learn about gross and net income and how to budget and pay expenses. This effort is being offered through Carroll's Dodge County Coalition for Financial Education. Carroll reported that she will be offering tow financial education workshops for adults as well as a Bullying Awareness workshop for parents and children nine and older. Look for a full report of these workshops during future meeting.

Borden: Borden reported that Tractor and Machinery Safety Course has begun with 26 students. She is coordinating the program in the absence of a general agriculture educator in the Extension Office. Borden is working to outline a new program focusing on water quality for youth and she has met with a representative from the Rock River Coalition who would like to help with the program. Sausage Making is on February 11<sup>th</sup> and registrations are coming in.


González: González reported that she has preliminary results from the Dairy Producers and Agribusiness Needs Assesment Survey and priority needs are being identified. She is currently working with partners coordinating upcoming meetings: Nutrient Management for Farmers, Forage Council Meeting, PAT, and Implements of Husbandry. She reported that almost all towns have nade their decision on which option they are adopting for Implements of Husbandry permitting process. She is also schedule to present at the Managing Dairy Employees Effectively training, which is a bilingual training for dairy middle managers and will be offered at 3 different locations. During next month, Gonzalez will be coordinating Farm Safety/OSHA trainings for 3 Dodge County Farms.

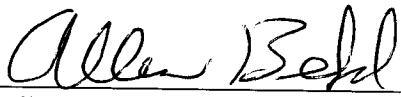
**COMMUNICATION:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, February 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Pollesch to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

  
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Allen Behl, Chairman