

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 21 2017

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Monday, March 21st, 2017 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: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Richard Bennett, Ed Nelson, Annette Thompson and Larry Bischoff.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Educator, Amanda Young, Dairy & Livestock Agent, Dr. Loretta Oriz-Ribbing, Crops & Soil Agent and Kimberly Lafler, Nutrition Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve minutes for Tuesday, March 21st, 2017; Motions carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bennett to approve agenda.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bennett to approve the regular meeting per diems for February 21st 2017.

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

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for December 2016, January & February 2017.
- b. Discussion, explanation and acceptance of \$2500.00 grant :
 1. Borden shared that a \$2500.00 grant was awarded to the UW Extension. An employee at Johnsonville Sausage applied for and received a grant for the Educational Funds for Youth Dairy and Livestock Division.. Borden further explained that the UW Extension Committee needed to vote to accept the funds in the amount of \$2500.00. Borden also shared her intention and hope would be to use the funds from the grant for the Outreach Camp. Crops/Animals raised from Farm to Table, bussing etc. Bischoff made a motion to accept the \$2500.00 grant and Thompson seconded. Motion carried.
- c. Crops and Soils position
 1. MOU with reference to the shared employment of Dr. Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing with Fond du Lac County. Noting that nothing would be changing in the agreement with Fond du Lac County and Dodge County just extending the agreement for another year. Motion by Nelson to accept the MOU seconded by Bennett. Motion carried.
- d. Update on nEXT Generation;
 1. Hoffman shared the integrated work groups are ahead of their goals. The Finance and Dean are moving ahead slowly and cautiously which is how it should be. Projecting out the Assistant Dean will be announced near the end of April. If it is an external candidate is chosen it may take an additional five weeks.

e. Fair Association Update

1. Discussion on what can be done to have less interaction with Fair Board?

Witzel shared the fair Book was being completed by Malterer. Hoffman added the extension can't just stop interacting with Fair Board but perhaps have a phase out period of two to three years exit plan. Behl suggested hiring a seasonal or part-time clerical person during the Dodge County Fair or pay UW Extension Support Staff Malterer/Dei .

Witzel shared DATCP not keeping the animal health records doesn't help the fair and does more harm by not keeping them up to date. She also said she has a meeting with the fair association next week to discuss more fully. Thompson said it is often an opportunity to identify in the chaos of change good things to come.

Training, consulting and fair Books purchase is online but it is not live at this time.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared that he is working on conducting annual reviews for department faculty. He is also spending time on the organizational re-structure work group. Lastly, he shared that he advised a teacher from Waupun who is interested in applying for a County Conservation Aids grant. His group is interested in stocking panfish in Lade Emily.

Witzel: Witzel talked about the speaking festival. The 22 youth were learning a valuable life skill in communication. The youth had a great opportunity for feedback from the judges on how to improve. One judge was very impressed with the quality of the presentations especially from the younger members. Witzel also shared the great turnout over 240 people registered for Family Learning Day where youth select sessions to learn different skills. Finally she highlighted successful applications and interviews for the summer interns in the office.

Carroll: Carroll reported on the eParenting Little Ones Facebook party pilot program. With over 40 people signed up to attend the session, nearly 20 individuals were highly engaged in the innovative delivery of research based parenting education. Carroll reported that what is unique about offering education with this delivery method is that the Wisconsin Idea is in action. Individuals can participate at home at times that are convenient for them.

Borden: Borden reported on the successes realized after the Meat Animal Sale Committee's Trivia Night at the Dodgeland School on March 18th. She also reported that the state STEM program, "Ag Innovators" had been conducted at St. Matthew's School in Iron Ridge where youth participants used ag engineering insights to build a prototype wind powered derrick for a solution to a hypothetical need to pump water for cattle.

Young: Young discussed her recent and ongoing work with Farm Succession. She is finishing up with the 7th and final webinar in a farm succession series this month. She has also had 7 farm family meetings related to farm succession and has a couple more planned for the month of April.

Ortiz-Ribbing:

Lafler: Started last week. Working on training materials and learning curriculum for lessons. Arranging schedules with other Nutrition Educators from other counties to shadow and learn what they are doing in their counties.

Richardson:

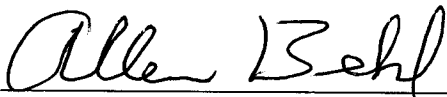
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, April 17, 2017 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 adjourned by Behl at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman