

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 17, 2013

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 10:30 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 10:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, Darrel Pollesch and Larry Bischoff

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Department Head and Community Development Educator; Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator; Bonnie Borden, Dairy & Livestock Youth Educator, Sally Schoenike, 4-H & Youth Development Educator and Becky Gutzman, Nutrition Education Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Kriewald to approve minutes for November 19, 2013 meeting. Motion carried with note to make word change under Committee Members Reports, 1st paragraph – elevate to alleviate.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Bischoff 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 November 2013.
- b. Update on the Ag Agent and Dairy/Livestock postings:
 1. Dairy/Livestock posting: Preliminaries this week in Madison, three different departments of UW Campus will be present. Currently six candidates; hopefully will be able to bring three to County. Good pool of people with a lot of experience with final interview made in Dodge County.
 2. Ag Agent (Crops & Soils position) - closing date extended until January 7, 2014.
- c. Discuss and consideration of fund balance transfers in BU 6814:
 1. Sally Schoenike & Jeff Hoffman explained to the Committee that there will be fund balance transfers being done before the end of the year (2013) in BU 6814. At this time there were no exact amounts of what would be transferred but they need to balance out by the end of year. Jeff explained that Jim Mielke determined oversight Committees do not need to approve fund balance transfers going forward, however, he suggests Department Heads inform the Committees of proposed Fund balance actions. Jeff stated he will continue to keep the UW-Extension Education Committee informed of transfers as they occur.
- d. Select date for Dairy/Livestock Agent final interviews:

1. Proposed dates that work for the Committee are January 9th or January 17th with a starting timeframe of late morning.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared that he is finishing up writing up reports of completed project. He is working with UWEX on the process of hiring the Dairy/Livestock position and talking to potential Soils and Crops Agents. He also stated he is completing year end reporting for UWEX.

Borden: Bonnie shared successes when teaching mini-courses for two days at Dodgeland Middle School. Meat Animal Quality Assurance classes will begin soon with one of the activities being written by Bonnie with additional suggestions from Dr. Chris Haase, DVM. Tractor Safety classes and the Forage Council Annual Meeting are two areas that Bonnie is helping to coordinate in the absence of a crops and soils agent in UWEX Dodge County office.

Carroll: Carroll shared that she is working on end of year reporting and completing her plan of work. Carroll shared with the committee that she will be attending a workshop on evaluation conducted by the University of Wisconsin Extension Program Development and Evaluation. Carroll explained how further training in this area will help her build Family Living programs with demonstrated outcomes.

Schoenike: Sally shared that various project and activity committees are completing their planning for the coming year. This also includes potential fair book changes as this is the year to do the next three-year fair book. The 4-H Small Animal Committee paid \$10,000 off on the loan with the county and continue with various fund-raisers, one of which will be the Third Annual Small animal Trivia Night, scheduled for April 5. Project Day Camp and the two Family Learning Days are coming up and these are events that 4-H families look forward to. School Programs continue. 4-H After School continues to be a large group and 4-H volunteers are involved in the program. The 4-H Endowment Fund Committee is continuing working on setting up their own 501C3 so that the funds can be maintained locally. New Family Orientation is scheduled for Dec. 30. Sally also shared with the committee that she plans to retire in July of 2014.

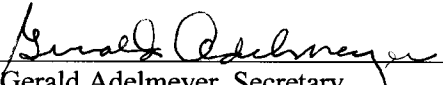
Gutzman: Becky reported that the lack of a final Farm Bill means that funding for SNAP-Ed (and WNEP) is still unknown. Funding and contracts for WNEP employees is in place through March 31, 2014, but until the Farm Bill is settled, we just won't know the future status. Dodge County's nutrition educator position is tentatively scheduled to be posted for hiring after January 1, 2014. Meanwhile, Becky has been conducting classes as she is able to work it into her Columbia County workload. A class was conducted at the new Reeseville food pantry in November that was quite successful, and may be a model for other food pantries.

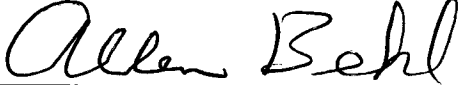
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 14, 2014 at 9:30 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 moved by Kriewald and seconded by Bischoff to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman