

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: April 10, 2012, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Schultz, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Rick Bina,
Arlene Bonacci
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Sally Hull, Jennifer Clark

Schultz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Kamps made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda as printed. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Agent Reports:

Alex Crockford submitted a written report.

Jennifer Clark has been working with Forward Services on a program called “Roadmap to Financial Success.” Participants learn about value of money and setting financial goals and they create a spending plan. This program is for W2 recipients to complete in order to continue to receive their benefits. Jennifer is helping to plan the food preservation training for this year. The trainings will be held on two Saturdays this year. A grant has been applied for to purchase supplies for the classes. This is the fourth year of the Strengthening Families program. Six families completed the program. A follow-up will be held this summer and a newsletter may be developed to send to participants. Action Alliance has been reviewing the Social Host Ordinance that is in place in Marathon County. The group is preparing for the Parents Who Host, Lose the Most campaign. SADD students have been working on their cruise control grant that focuses on educating about texting while driving. Jennifer was at the Teen Health Fair and presented information about making healthy choices when eating out.

Update on 4-H Youth Development Agent Position:

The 4-H Youth Development Agent position has been posted until May 1. Preliminary interviews will be in Stevens Point on May 15 and final interviews here on May 30. Schultz recommended that no interviews be held over the telephone and that a committee member be allowed to attend the preliminary interview.

Update on 4-H Support Staff Position:

Approval to refill the 4-H support staff position as permanent full-time passed the Personnel Committee and will now go on the Executive Committee and then County Board in May. Both support staff are taking part in a time study of job duties. Kari Lazars handed out a summary of that time study for the month of March. She also brought along a sample of what it takes in paperwork to enroll one 4-H member for one year. Currently, there are 326 4-H members and 175 leaders.

Bills:

Bonacci made a motion to approve the bills. Bina seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be May 8, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 a.m. Bostwick seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull