

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2012, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci,
Holly Matucheski
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Sally Hull, Becky Knight, Steve Zimmerman

Bina called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

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

Agent Reports:

Jennifer Clark is working with Forward Service clients on budgeting and setting financial goals. She does one-on-one financial counseling and is teaching the Money Smart in Headstart program. Jennifer helped teach canning and preserving classes this fall. She is working with the 4-H program on coordinating the Food Revolution to be held in January. UW-Extension and the Family Corner Resource Center are partnering to hold a Headstart roundtable discussion with parents twice a month. Jennifer is working on developing a Strengthening Families newsletter.

Steve Zimmerman submitted a copy of the report to the WPVGA on potato research done in 2012 at the Research Station. The report covered pathology, potato breeding, entomology, potato production and storage, and common scab of potatoes. Steve also talked about the weather station at the Research Station that measures rainfall, temperature, relative humidity, and degree days. This information is useful to farmers in determining when to spray for blight.

Agricultural Agent Position:

Posting for the position of agricultural agent closed November 27. Preliminary interviews will be held in Stevens Point on December 17 with four candidates being interviewed. Final interview will be held here on January 8, 2013. Ag & Extension will start at 9:30 a.m. and the first interview will be held at 10 a.m. if there are four candidates. If there are only one or two candidates, then the meeting will start at 1 p.m.

WACEC North-Central Region Annual Meeting:

The WACEC meeting will be held January 23 at the Menominee Casino & Resort Convention Center in Keshena. Registration deadline is December 31. Extension agents will be attending a conference there at the same time. Bina will attend the WACEC meeting.

4-H Support Staff Position:

The 4-H support staff position is a casual position through December 31. Starting January 1, the position will be a full-time permanent position. Bostwick made a motion to allow the chairman of Ag & Extension to appoint a candidate for the position as of January 1, 2013. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Real Colors Training:

A Real Colors Training will be held December 13 for UW staff, the Health Department, and Social Services. Lunch will be at noon and the colors training will start at 1 p.m. Deb Moellendorf from the Lincoln County Extension Office will provide the training. Matuscheski made a motion to approve providing lunch from UW Extension grant funds. Kamps seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills:

Bills were reviewed by the committee.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be January 8, 2013, time to be determined.

Adjournment:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Matucheski seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull