

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: May 14, 2013, Wolf River Room, Resource Center
MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bina, Eugene Kamps, William Bostwick, Arlene Bonacci, Holly Matucheski
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Stephanie Plaster, Sally Hull, Jennifer Clark

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:

Becky Knight submitted a written report.

Kari Lazars is working on the grant funding for WNEP. School lessons are being expanded. Funding for WNEP is not certain with the farm bill not passed yet. Kari attended the after-hours Chamber event held at the Antigo Community Food Pantry. She gave tours of the pantry. The food pantry has received a grant from the Remington Foundation and is working on a fundraiser with Thrivent. Kari is working with the hospital on the Community Health Assessment. Beth Meyer has finished up school lessons for this school year.

Research Station Update:

Stephanie Plaster gave an update on the Research Station. Potatoes will be planted starting this week. Kevin Galleberg has been hired to manage the plots. Stephanie applied for a grant from WPVGA to get new tires for the tractor. Oats and clover are ready to be planted. Stephanie met with the Community Garden and is meeting with the Garden Club next week. She will talk about square foot gardening.

Nexus 7 Tablets/Google Plus:

Kari Lazars talked about tablets that have been purchased by Extension for use by staff members. The tablets will reduce travel by allowing staff to share documents and hold meetings via Google hangouts. In the near future, each UW office will receive a mobile hot spot to allow internet access for meetings and home visits. UW-Extension has created a Mobile Collaboration Network for staff members to share information with each other.

Quarterly Budget Update:

A budget update for Extension and the Research Station was handed out for review.

Next Meeting:

The next Ag & Extension meeting will be held June 11, 2013, 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

Bostwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Sally Hull