

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Extension Education
DATE OF MEETING: February 9, 2016, Eau Claire River Room
MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Matucheski, Pete Pennington, Joe Novak, Arlene Bonacci,
Richard Burby
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Kari Lazars, Krista Otto, Jennifer Beran, Samantha Masterton,
Karly Johnson, Tom Schmitz, Jill Hicks, Gary Olsen

Pennington called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Burby made a motion to excuse Matucheski arriving late from Executive Committee Meeting. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion Carried

Approve Minutes and Agenda:

Bonacci made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Carry forward of funds approval:

Kari reviewed the carry forward request form. Burby made a motion to approve the carry forward. Bonacci seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Family Living Program Updates:

Kari shared her program activities since her last report. Her programs include: providing parenting programs to parents and grandparents at Head Start; developing and presenting parenting information through digital media; coordinating the WeekEnd Backpack program with the food pantry, Antigo school district and the Langlade Health Coalition; and presenting poverty and hunger information at Aspirus Langlade Hospital.

Agriculture Program Update:

Steve reviewed what he has been working on since he last updated the committee. He highlighted his work of finishing the 2015 season's research at the research station, different potato and vegetable association meetings he attended, coordinating the Master Gardner Program, and scheduling tractor safety and pesticide applicator trainings.

nEXT Generation Discussion with UW-Extension North Central Region Director, Tom Schmitz:

Due to state budget cuts to the University of Wisconsin System, Cooperative Extension will be restructuring staffing levels and delivering programs within multi-county areas, different from its current structure of single county areas. Chancellor Sandeen is reviewing recommendations and creating work teams to develop this new model. It is anticipated to take the next few months to create this model. This new model and staffing changes will be phased in towards the end of 2016 and throughout 2017. More information or questions can be directed to local department heads, Tom Schmitz or directly to the Chancellor.



Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 10:30am at the Wolf River Room.

Adjourn:

Bonacci made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Novak seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by,
Jennifer Beran