

**UW Extension, Arts and Culture Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 18, 2015**

Members present: Judy Ashford, John Dietz, William Hambrecht, Eric Peterson, Donna Stehling, Marty Krueger, Alan Anderson

UWEX Staff Present: Jenny Erickson, Sue Nagelkerk, Phyllis Both

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chair Ashford.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

Requirements of the Open Meeting Law were met.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Dietz, second by Stehling to **approve** the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion made by Hambrecht, second by Peterson to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2015. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Communications:

- Jenny Erickson reported that she had received a letter regarding her Tenure Faculty Review that was done in 2014; she received a Merit Recommendation for her work as a UW Cooperative Extension Community Resource Development Agent from the reviewers.
- Wisconsin Historical Society newsletter was received
- Sauk Prairie Conservation Chronicle was received
- Donna Stehling received the minutes from the Wisconsin Associated Counties Extension Committee on the planning of the state meeting; Donna is a state officer on WACEC.

Review Budget and Approval of Vouchers:

The only expense out of the ordinary was the payment for the first half of UW Extension agents' contracts for 2015. Motion was made by Hambrecht, second by Peterson to **approve** the UW Extension vouchers for the month of February in the amount of **\$64,839.43**. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stehling, second by Hambrecht to **approve** the Arts & Culture vouchers for the month of February in the amount of **\$1,000**. Motion carried.

Department Updates:

- Jenny Erickson reported that the wage classification appeal that was approved for UW Extension Administrative personnel is not in the 2015 budget line item and therefore, the department will be over budget at the end of the year. Marty Krueger reported that there is money in contingency to cover those departmental situations.

- Jenny Erickson talked about the Resource Advocacy Network that exists for support of UW and Cooperative Extension and asked if it would be acceptable to put the supervisors' names on this advocacy list with Dean Rick Klemme. All agreed that it would be acceptable to them.
- It was reported that the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance will be having a Public Hearing in Reedsburg on Thursday, March 26, 2015. Sue Nagelkerk and Jenny Erickson may be attending. Jenny also reported that she has been in contact with Dean Tracy White, UW Baraboo/Sauk County, to possibly do a joint press story on the two-year College and Cooperative Extension in an effort to educate the public on how the state budget cuts may affect our institutions and programs.
- The Great Sauk Trail plan is moving forward and there will be a Public Open House on April 15, 2015, at the River Arts Center in Sauk to get public feedback on the plan.

Discussion and Consideration of Carry Forward 2014 to 2015 Request to Accounting

The carry forward amounts that have been submitted to Accounting were given to the committee and the carry forward system was explained to new supervisors on the committee. The programs that UW Extension is requesting to carry forward are for Pesticide Applicator Training (program specific funds) and Professional Development Funds that Jenny Erickson has on the books (program specific funds). Motion by Dietz, second by Stehling to **approve** the carry forward of **\$3,500.00** in professional development funds and **\$9,040.00** in Pesticide Applicator Training Program funds from 2014 to 2015. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action Designating Supervisors to Attend the Capitol Connections 2015 Event in Madison on April 30

Supervisors Donna Stehling and John Dietz expressed interest in attending the Capitol Connections 2015 in Madison to meet and greet our local elected officials and enter into discussions with said officials expressing their support of UW Extension and the UW System. (Only two supervisors may attend and have expenses reimbursed for this event by the Rules of the Sauk County Board of Supervisors.) Motion by Hambrecht, second by Peterson to approve Stehling and Dietz to attend this meeting in Madison and have their expenses reimbursed by Sauk County. Motion carried.

Discussion and Consideration of Strategic Issues for Board Mid-Term Discussion

The two strategic issues that were developed from the discussion at the February 11, 2015, UW Extension Arts & Culture Committee were presented:

1. Help develop and cultivate Sauk County leaders to ensure our communities, organizations, and individuals can make informed, evidence-based decisions.
2. Bolster the economic impact of agriculture in Sauk County.

Motion by Stehling, second by Dietz to **approve** the Mid-Term Strategic Issues for the UW Extension Department as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation of 2014 AHHP Grants Final Reports

Lynn Zick gave a presentation of the final reports that have been received from the 2014 AHHP grants. There are some that received funding from the second round of grants that have not submitted a report as of yet, but they have until the end of July.

Lynn also gave an update on the status of the City of Baraboo Mural Project and an e-mail from Jody Kapp giving an explanation for the excess revenues from the Sauk Prairie Dam project.

Alan Anderson stated that they committee funded some really outstanding projects in 2014!

Discussion and Possible Action on Spring 2015 AHHP Grant Applications as Recommended by the Grant Selection Panels

The Arts and the History/Humanities Grant Selection Panels met on Monday, March 16, 2015, to discuss and rank the grant applications that had been received. Minutes from both of those meetings were given to the committee members to help them in their decision-making process for the final grant award amounts.

Judy Ashford reported that the grants that were received totaled approximately \$62,000 and there is only \$50,000 budgeted, so grant amounts would need to be reduced in some cases.

History/Humanities Grants:

No funding was recommended for the Baraboo Range Preservation Association due to the number of years that they have been submitting the same grant and no funding for Hilltop Community Farm which was deemed ineligible since they are not a non-profit organization and cannot run their records through the Wormfarm Institute. There was much discussion regarding the Al. Ringling Theatre (ART) Friends request since it was brought to light that their matching funding from the Wisconsin Humanities Council was not approved; however, the committee felt that this project was important enough to take a chance on with the stipulation that if ART Friends do not receive funding in the next round of WHC grants, the money needs to be returned to Sauk County.

Final recommendations are:

Grantee	Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation by Committee
Aldo Leopold Foundation	Aldo Leopold Memorial Site	\$5,000.00	\$4,000
Al. Ringling Theatre Friends	Documenting the Al. Ringling Theatre's Renovation	\$5,000.00	\$4,000 With contingencies
Baraboo Area Chamber of Commerce	Baraboo's Big Top Parade & Circus Celebration	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
Baraboo Range Preservation Association, Inc.	Cabin Fever Lecture Series	\$2,000.00	0
Hilltop Community Farm, LLC	The Soil Speaks: Wearing the Great Soil Quilt	\$4,000.00	0
Reedsburg Area Historical Society	50 Years of Community	\$3,510.00	\$3,510
Sauk County Historical Society	Unlocking the Al. Ringling Theatre Archive	\$3,773.00	\$3,773
Wormfarm Institute	Decomposium	\$4,000.00	\$4,000
TOTAL:		\$32,283.00	\$24,283

Arts Grants:

No funding was recommended for Reedsburg ArtsLink for the Red Piano project to move the piano around the county and have it tuned when needed and no funding was recommended for Helping Our Peers Excel (HOPE) for the Millie Zantow bench due to the fact that the Kickstarter funds have not been obtained and it was felt that this could be funded by other means. It was also suggested to move the Reedsburg Players grant to be funded from the Good Idea Grant line item.

Final recommendations are:

Grantee	Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation by Committee
6:8, Inc.	Fire on the River	\$5,000.00	\$4,000
American Players Theatre	Sauk County School Workshops	\$3,000.00	\$3,000
Boys' & Girls' Club of West Central WI	Baraboo Harmonix Show Choir	\$5,000.00	\$4,000
Flyways Waterfowl Museum	Feathered Friends	\$1,611.00	\$1,611
Help Our Peers Excel) HOPE, Inc.	Millie Zantow Memorial Sign & Bench	\$5,000.00	0
Reedsburg ArtsLink, Inc.	The Red Piano Project	\$4,330.00	0
The Reedsburg Players	Captain Louie, Jr.	\$530.00	Take from Good Idea Grant funding
Reedsburg Public Library	Family Arts, Entertainment & Education Series	\$1,200.00	\$1,200
River Arts, Inc.	Hidden in Plain Sight	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
Sauk County Instrumental Music Honors Project	Sauk County Instrumental Honors Music Project	\$1,750.00	\$1,750
UW Baraboo/Sauk County Campus	Summerset Festival of the Arts	\$5,000.00	\$4,000
Wormfarm Institute	Fermentation Fest: Live Culture Convergence	\$5,000.00	\$4,000
TOTAL:		\$39,421.00	\$25,561

The total amount from both types of grants will be \$49,844. Motion by Stehling, second by Dietz to approve the recommended grant amounts as set by the committee as stated above. Motion carried.

Lynn Zick will be working to get the notifications, paperwork and contracts ready to be mailed by Monday, March 23, 2015.

Agents' Reports

Sue Nagelkerk, Family Living: Sue talked about the Powerful Tools for Caregivers training and reported that Cassidy from the Sauk County Health Department was getting her certification to teach this and the two of them are planning a class for later this spring in Spring Green.

Phyllis Both, Horticulture: Phyllis gave a brief rundown of all of the programs that she is involved with for this spring:

- Working with kids in a Junior Master Gardener Volunteer training class with plots assigned to the youth in a community garden
- Only one plot left in the Prairie du Sac Community Garden
- Phyllis will be on the Baraboo radio station once a month for a gardening program
- SCMGA will be building a miniature garden at the Reedsburg Log Village

- There will be an invasive honeysuckle removal project at the Reedsburg Log Village Museum this spring
- Phyllis is teaching three separate program for local libraries around the county
- She is also teaching dehydrating at MATC-Reedsburg again this spring

Consideration of Applications for Good Idea Grants

- **Reedsburg Players:** Move the Reedsburg Players AHHP grant to the Good Idea Grant funding program. Motion by Ashford, second by Hambrecht to **approve \$530** to Reedsburg Players for their Summer Children's Theatre production of Captain Louie. Motion carried.
- **Kraemer Public Library:** Kraemer Public Library has requested \$500 for Every Child a Movie Maker program that will be supported by multiple local libraries in the county. Supervisors commented that this is money well spent and that it is great that multiple libraries are involved. Motion by Dietz, second by Stehling to **approve \$500** for the Every Child a Movie Maker project. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items

None

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in the UW Extension Conference Room at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Peterson, second by Hambrecht to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Hambrecht, UW Arts and Culture Committee Secretary

Lynn Zick, Recording Secretary