

**Extension Education, Arts and Culture Committee  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2022**

**Members present:** B. Hazard, R. Klitzke, R. Nelson, V. McAuliffe, B. Stehling

**Members absent:** Al Anderson

**Extension staff:** J. Hoffman, A. Coorough, J. Gurgel, M. McArthur, T. Ripp

**Others present:** Brent Miller, D. Stehling

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hazard.

**Certification of Open Meeting Notice**

Requirements of the Open Meeting Law met.

**Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda if necessary**

No action.

**Adopt Agenda**

Motion made by Stehling, second by Klitzke to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion made by Nelson, second by Klitzke to **approve** the Regular Meeting minutes of February 2, 2022 and Special Meeting minutes of February 23, 2022, Spring Arts & History/Humanities Grant Selection Panel. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** None

**Communications:** None

**EXTENSION EDUCATION**

**Review Extension Financial Reports and Approval of Extension Vouchers** Extension budget and invoices reviewed. Motion made by Hazard, second by Klitzke to **approve** Extension invoices in the amount of \$3,660.41. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion, possible approval of the Extension Annual Report**

Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Klitzke to **accept/approve** the 2021 Extension annual report. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion, possible action on Area Extension Director Divisional updates:**

Hoffman updated committee on recruitment updates:

- a. Program Specialist –Jennifer Nelson from Child Support will start with Extension on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Agriculture Educator - Heidi Johnson, Ag Institute Director will attend the April 6<sup>th</sup> committee meeting to update and answer questions on Extension's vision of the Ag regional approach to help frame the discussion in determining the Ag needs of Sauk County when refilling the Sauk County Ag vacancy.
- c. Community Development recruitment screening and interview dates scheduled: (Nelson, McAuliffe will be on interview process)
- d. 4-H Educator recruitment screening and interview dates scheduled: (Klitzke and Hazard and two Sr. Leaders from the 4-H advisory board will be on interview process)

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**Educator report on Sauk County programming:**

a. **Amanda Coorough – Human Development Educator:**

Amanda Coorough and the Encouraging Financial Conversations Team have been selected to receive the Wisconsin Extension Education of Family & Consumer Sciences (WEAFCS) Rosalie Powell Financial Management Award. Coorough was one of three educators that developed the financial curriculum aimed at case management professionals that work directly with the public. Coorough helped design two additional booster sessions last year to expand the outreach of the program with existing audiences. The team's efforts have also been chosen to advance to the national level to be considered for the National Extension Education of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) Dean Don Felker Financial Management Award.

Amanda has also been selected to receive the WEAFCS Marlys Richert Rising Star Award for her individual efforts as an educator. Coorough's ongoing work over the past 3 1/2 years have demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting excellence and scholarship in programming. One of Amanda's individual projects has also been chosen to advance to the national level to be considered for the NEAFCS Past Presidents' New Professional Award.

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**Arts & Culture Financial Reports**

Budget reviewed. Budget does not reflect \$5,000 carry-forward until final county board approval.

**Discussion, possible approval of the Arts & Culture Annual Report**

Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Hazard to **accept/approve** the 2021 Arts & Culture Program annual report. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Discussion, possible action of Good Idea Grant applications:**

- a. Hill & Valley Exploration Tour: Discussion on how many times to fund the same project; however this is a strong application supporting a rural community.

Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Hazard to **approve** funding the good idea grant in the amount of \$500. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Arts & Culture Updates:**

- a. Award and denial letters in process.  
b. AHHP application updates will be addressed in the fall.

**Discussion, possible action on Spring 2022 AHHP grant applications as recommended by the Arts & History/Humanities grant review panel**

*Please refer to the following spreadsheet.*

Committee discussed and had many of the same questions the panelists did. Hazard assured the committee that panelists were attentive and scored applications based on the same criteria. A ranking and score spreadsheet allowed for the top 12 scored applications to be fully funded. The remaining five lowest scored applications would not be funded; leaving \$1,600 on reserve for future purposes. Motion made by Nelson, second by Klitzke to **approve fully-funding the top 12** grants. Motion carried. All in favor.

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Applicant	Amount requested	Rank	Amount awarded	Total
WORMFARM INSTITUTE	5,000	1	<b>5,000</b>	5,000
BARABOO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	5,000	2	<b>5,000</b>	10,000
BARABOO ACTS COALITION	3,500	3	<b>3,500</b>	13,500
RIVER ARTS INC.	5,000	4	<b>5,000</b>	18,500
WITWEN CONCERTS, INC	4,000	5	<b>4,000</b>	22,500
BARABOO THEATRE GUILD	5,000	6	<b>5,000</b>	27,500
FRIENDS OF SAUK PRAIRIE PARK & RECREATION	5,000	7	<b>5,000</b>	32,500
AMERICAN PLAYERS THEATRE	5,000	8	<b>5,000</b>	37,500
ALDO LEOPOLD FOUNDATION INC.	2,000	9/10	<b>2,000</b>	39,500
FRIENDS OF SAUK CITY HISTORY, INC.	5,000	9/10	<b>5,000</b>	44,500
VILLAGE OF PLAIN	1,500	11	<b>1,500</b>	46,000
REEDSBURG HISTORIC PRES. COMM.	5,000	12	<b>5,000</b>	<b>51,000</b>
SUMMIT PLAYERS THEATRE	5,000	13	<b>0</b>	56,000
CREATIVE ALLIANCE OF BARABOO THEATRE INC.	4,500	14	<b>0</b>	60,500
SHAKESPEARE ON THE EDGE INC.	5,000	15	<b>0</b>	65,500
SSM HEALTH ST. CLARE FOUNDATION	5,000	16	<b>0</b>	70,500
THE BARABOO 21	5,000		<b>0</b>	75,500

**Remaining \$1,600 will be reserved for future purposes**

**Next Meeting Date:** Regular Meeting; **Wednesday, April 6, 2022.**

**Future Agenda Item(s):**

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Klitzke, second by McAuliffe to **adjourn** the meeting. Motion carried. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Nelson, Extension Education, Arts & Culture Committee Secretary  
Judy Gurgel, Recording Secretary