

Extension Education, Arts and Culture Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 6, 2022

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

Members absent:

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

Others present: D. Stehling, Matt Hanson, Heidi Johnson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hazard at 1:03PM

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 Klitzke, second by McAuliffe to **approve** the Regular Meeting minutes of March 2, 2022. 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. AHHP grants are starting to be paid out. Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Stehling to **approve** Extension and Arts invoices in the amount of \$17,610.95. Motion carried. All in favor.

Discussion and possible approval of Annual FoodWise County Letter Agreement for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

Motion made by Nelson, second by McAuliffe to **approve** the FoodWise contract. 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 was introduced and welcomed.
- b. Agriculture Educator – Vacant, but working to determine needs of Sauk County.
- c. April Farm Management Friday programs are part of the UW Extension Ag Institute Farm Ready Research meeting series; available to farmers, educators and ag professionals statewide. This is an example of a regional approach program reaching beyond our local area.
- d. Community Development recruitment is complete with Morgan McArthur accepting the full-time position.
- e. 4-H Educator recruitment is complete with Stacy Parsons starting on June 9th.
- f. Certificates of Completion: Hoffman awarded committee members for completing 2 years with Extension (Extension 101) and highlighted what was learned since their time on the Extension Education, Arts & Culture Committee, appreciating all of their time and support of Extension programming.

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Discussion on regional agriculture vision – Heidi Johnson, Ag Institute Director and Matt Hanson, Assistant Dean- Division of Extension

Heidi Johnson, Ag Institute Director and Matt Hanson, Assistant Dean of Extension provided the history on the regional approach Extension is taking with Agriculture. They answered questions on Extension's vision to clarify and help in determining the Ag needs of Sauk County when refilling the Sauk County Ag vacancy. Extension developed a staffing model to allow for specialization in specific areas (ie. Cranberries) with Crop and Dairy Production being a primary need in Wisconsin. Discussions on next steps for committee and how to continue customer service in Sauk County as Ag questions arise.

Agreement for Heidi Johnson to proceed starting the discussions with Juneau and neighboring counties that also have an Ag vacancy (Vernon) to determine possible partnerships.

Educator report on Sauk County programming:

a. **Melissa Beernink, FoodWise Educator:**

FoodWise continues to partner and serve schools and organizations that qualified based on income guidelines. Beernink shared her 2023 partners within Sauk County.

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts & Culture Financial Reports

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

Discussion, possible action of Good Idea Grant applications:

a. **Sauk County Historical Society – Voices of the Civil War**

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

b. **Eric Schabla – We'll Want for Nothing, a short film**

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

Arts & Culture Updates:

a. Wisconsin Arts Board Re-granting – Awarded \$8,000 for 2023

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting; **Wednesday, May 4, 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