

**UW Extension, Arts and Culture Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
December 22, 2011**

Members present: Judy Ashford, Don Nobs, Lester Wiese, Joan Smoke,
Donna Stehling, Marty Krueger

Guests Present: None

UWEX Staff Present: Jenny Erickson, Sue Nagelkerk, John Exo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Ashford.

Certification of Open Meeting Notice

Requirements of the Open Meeting Law were met.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Smoke, second by Nobs to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion made by Wiese, second by Stehling to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 29, 2011. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Communications

Nagelkerk shared how extension celebrated Christmas by giving to a family in need.

Review Budget and Approval of Vouchers

UW Extension: Motion was made by Nobs, second by Smoke to **approve** the vouchers for the month of November in the amount of \$2863.07. Motion carried.

Arts & Culture: A motion was made by Wiese, second by Stehling to **approve** the vouchers for the month of November in the amount of \$4799.00. Motion carried.

Updates/Reports

UW Extension:

- Agriculture Agent position- Extension will repost position in early February concurrent with Columbia County's Ag posting. Erickson asked committee if they felt it would be beneficial to work with Columbia Co. to focus on hiring agents specialized in crops/soils and livestock areas. Committee would like to hold off on doing a joint interview until they see what the applicant pool brings before making that judgment. Erickson will set up a visioning session with Matt Hanson prior to posting the Ag position to help determine the position priorities inviting people utilizing the services most.
- Reaching Multicultural families in WI – Nagelkerk does "Summer Lunch Bunch" in Wisconsin Dells, which is a very diverse community

Arts & Culture:

- Stehling reported on Sauk Prairie Youth Choir that our mini grant monies help fund

Agents Monthly Reports

Jon Exo – Natural Resources Educator reported. Twelve educators are located around that state (see handout). Exo states it is easier to stay connected to Sauk County through his work because of his office here at the West Square Building. “Learn About Your Land” classes to be offered at Baraboo UW campus and UW Richland Center campus; in addition to statewide support for DNR in “Clean Water Act.”

Jenny Erickson – CNRED – curriculum includes ongoing organizational development and work on facilitating strategic planning processes. Erickson recently completed Mirror Lake Planning and has been contacted to possibly facilitate the Lake Redstone and Circus Historical Society strategic planning. Krueger suggested Lake Virginia may benefit from using Extension resources to “build a sense of community.”

Good Idea Grant Final Reports for 2011

Erickson reviewed the 2011 Good Idea Mini Grant report indicating the organization, project, approval date, amount and return of final report.

Consideration of Applications for Good Idea Grants

1. **Jack Young Middle School**– Requested \$500 to help fund local singer-song writers to assist in teaching song writing. Motion made by Stehling, second by Smoke to **approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500.00 to the Jack Young Middle School, Baraboo-Gary Frisch. Motion carried.
2. **Marnie Bullock Dresser**–Requested \$500 for “Creativity on the Tracks.” Motion made by Nobs, second by Wiese to **approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500 to Marnie Bullock Dresser. Motion carried.

Change the UW Extension Committee meeting to a different date

Committee agreed to change meeting date to 4th Wednesday of every month beginning in January.

Upcoming Meeting – Wed., January 25, 2012 at 9:00 AM – ETN Rm 3rd Flr – West Sq. Blding

Future Agenda Items

- January-Agent Contract Renewals for 2012

Adjournment

Motion was made by Wiese, second by Smoke to adjourn the meeting and **approve** to change meeting time to the *4th Wednesday of each month at 9:00AM* starting in January 2012. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Stehling, UW Arts and Culture Committee Secretary
Judy Gurgel, Recording Secretary