

**UW Extension, Arts and Culture Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
November 29, 2011**

Members present: Judy Ashford, Don Nobs, Lester Wiese, Joan Smoke

Guests Present: Lerna Mae Wiese

UWEX Staff Present: Jenny Erickson, Christian Malsatzki, Lisa Wenzel, Danielle Varney,
Phyllis Both

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 Nobs to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2011. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Communications

Communication from Rick Klemme regarding extension funding, Thank you was received from Kapp, SP Historical Society; Sauk Prairie Musical Committee and 4-H interview applicant.

Welcome

Joan Smoke was welcomed as our new committee member.

Christian Malsatzki was welcomed as interim 4-H, Youth Development Agent

Lisa Wenzel was welcomed as CNRED Agent-part time at 20% as a back-fill position. Jenny Erickson is officially at 80%

Agents Monthly Reports

Both – Horticulture Educator reported on Reedsburg community garden which will be raised beds and Huber inmates may assist. Master gardener class will be finished this week. Get Ready, Get Set, Garden is in planning stages.

Danielle Varney – WNEP Educator yearly report distributed at last month's meeting. Varney reviewed the Year End Report of FY11 Food Stamp Nutrition for Richland and Sauk Counties.

ACTION ITEM: Sauk Prairie Historical Society

Smart Board: Kapp requested support from committee at October meeting to purchase a Smart Board. Ashford shared second Smart Board quote with committee. Motion made by Nobs, second by Wiese to **approve** the purchase of a Smart Board in the amount of \$3799. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM: Discussion and possible funding for Wisconsin Bookworms

Lerna Mae Wiese gave information about the Wisconsin Bookworms, which is a HCE/Extension program noting the funds needed to sustain the program is \$5000 yearly. Ashford proposed the committee include the program as part of the yearly extension budget. Further discussions will be held to help support the program on a regular basis.

Review Budget and Approval of Vouchers

UW Extension: Motion was made by Smoke, second by Wiese to **approve** the vouchers for the month of October in the amount of \$1,623.57. Motion carried.

Arts & Culture: A motion was made by Nobs, second by Smoke to **approve** the vouchers for the month of October in the amount of \$989.00. Motion carried.

- Update on Subscriptions: Zick reported that we use our subscriptions to pay for our membership renewal to WI Historical Society and Arts Wisconsin.

Updates/Reports

UW Extension:

- Interim 4-H Educator: Christian Malsatzki accepted the interim position and started employment on 11/14/11.
- Agriculture Agent position was a failed search. Extension will repost position after January 1st as a faculty position; it will not be posted as an interim position and this should help attract qualified candidates.
- 20% CNRED Educator: Lisa Wenzel accepted the part time position. This is only a one day a week position.

Arts & Culture: None

ACTION ITEM: Consider approval of resolution honoring Wormfarm Institute

Resolution "Honoring Wormfarm Institute for Innovative and Successful Fermentation Festival and Farm/Art DTour, October 2011" was reviewed by committee. A motion was made by Smoke, second by Nobs to **adopt the resolution** to be forwarded to the December 20 County Board meeting. Motion carried.

Consideration of Applications for Good Idea Grants

1. **Sauk County Writer's Club**– Requested \$500 to pay featured visiting poets. Motion made by Wiese, second by Smoke to **approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500.00 to the Sauk County Writer's Club. Motion carried.
2. River Valley Middle School–Request \$500 for a three day acting work shop. Motion made by Smoke, second by Wiese to **approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500 to RVMS Shakespeare Group. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at 9:00 AM – ETN Rm 3rd Floor – West Sq. Blding

Future Agenda Items

- January-Agent Contract Renewals for 2012

Adjournment

Motion was made by Nobs, second by Wiese to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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