

**UW Extension, Arts and Culture Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
April 25, 2011**

Members present: Judy Ashford, Don Nobs, Lester Wiese, Donna Stehling & Kathy Zowin

Guests Present: Al Anderson, Karen Crossley, Rebecca Dubey, Greg DeSanto, Tom Pleger, & Paul Wolter

UWEX Staff Present: Sue Nagelkerk, Jenny Erickson, 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 Stehling, second by Wiese to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion made by Wiese, second by Nobs to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2011. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Paul Wolter introduced Rebecca Dubey, new SC Historical Society curator.

Communications

-Ashford asked that committee members bring their mailed agenda and materials to meetings to save on paper copies.

-Nagelkerk communicated received correspondence.

Karen Crossley, Director of Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission

Crossley discussed Dane Counties grant process, projects and ideas used to advocate the arts. She expressed the value of arts and humanities to communities large and small. They are looking to change their funding model because need to diversify; suggested target grants or joint ventures. Recommended web sites: artsboard.com and artswisconsin.com

Update on New Badger Partnership vs. WI Idea Partnership; Tom Pleger, Dean UW Baraboo/Sauk County

Pleger communicated that UW Extension is unique because Extension is a stand alone institution within the UW system. The New Badger Partnership has the potential to jeopardize access to specialists and increase fringe benefit rates.

Wiese proposed that committee present a resolution to support the WI Idea Partnership.

A Special Meeting will be held prior to the next County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, **May 17, 2011 – 5:45PM** - ETN Room – 3rd floor of the West Square Building.

Request to Reconsider Fully Funding the International Clown Hall of Fame AHHP

DeSanto presented budget to clarify questions the committee had when considering their grant application. Ashford explained "In kind" contributions must be presented to the committee by May 9th for the committee to reconsider fully funding the grant request.

Review Budget and Approval of Vouchers

UW Extension: A motion was made by Zowin, second by Stehling to **approve** the vouchers for the month of March in the amount of \$6,978.38. Motion carried.

Impact to UW Extension due to changes in state budget: Erickson stated that fringe benefit rates would increase to 44%. With 11% state wide cut; county would not see the change for approximately two years. July 1, 2011 is the end of the mandated furlough days.

Arts & Culture: A motion was made by Zowin, second by Nobs to **approve** the vouchers for the month of March in the amount of \$548.11. Motion carried.
Budgets reviewed.

Updates/Reports

UW Extension: None.

Arts & Culture: Update given by Ashford on NEA Grant for Wormfarm Institute, Donna Neuwirth.

Agents Monthly Review

-Phyllis Both, Horticulture Educator: Transportation is no longer available for Huber Inmates to help Master Gardeners with projects due to cost.

-Reedsburg has not established an area for community gardening. Committee recommended a "letter to the editor" to make residents aware of the issue.

-Sue Nagelkerk, FLE: Nagelkerk shared information on the "Good Drugs Gone Bad" lunch n learn that was held in April regarding the problems associated with prescription drugs in Sauk and other counties.

Alice in Dairyland Scholarship Recommendations:

Denise Brusveen, Agriculture Agent reviewed and recommended three (3) recipients to receive Alice in Dairyland scholarships. A motion was made by Wiese, second by Zowin to **approve** recipients; Kimberly Evert, Austin Sandmire and Sara Raschein to each receive \$500. Motion carried.

WCA Conference Involvement

The Wisconsin Counties Association will be meeting September 25-27 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. An idea for the welcoming table and volunteers are needed.

Committee volunteers:

Spouse tours: Zowin and Stehling

Ticket/meal: Wiese and Nobs

Welcome table idea will be focused around Sauk County state parks; it is the centennial year for Devil's Lake. Suggested to contact Diane Pillsbury for Devil's Lake pictures, etc.

Committee will continue to plan at next meeting.

Consideration of Applications for Good Idea Grants

1. **SCHS** – Requested \$370 to fund upgrade museum software program. A motion was made by Stehling, second by Wiese to **Approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$370 to Sauk County Historical Society, Paul Wolter. Motion carried.

2. **Reedsburg Area Historical Society** – Requested \$500 to fund the preservation of artifacts for education. A motion was made by Stehling, second by Wiese to **Approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500 to Reedsburg Area Historical Society, Barb Steinhorst. Motion carried.

3. **River Arts Inc.** – Requested \$500 to fund a feasibility study for an art gallery and cooperative in Sauk Prairie. A motion was made by Zowin, second by Nobs to **Approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500 to River Arts, Inc. B Tracy Madison. Motion carried.
4. **Ferry Bluff Eagle Council** – Requested \$500 to fund a feasibility study for an art gallery and cooperative in Sauk Prairie. A motion was made by Zowin, second by Nobs to **Approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500 to River Arts, Inc. B Tracy Madison. Motion carried.
5. **Sauk Prairie River Projects, Ltd.** - Requested \$500 to fund a feasibility study for an art gallery and cooperative in Sauk Prairie. A motion was made by Zowin, second by Nobs to **Approve** the Good Idea Grant for \$500 to River Arts, Inc. B Tracy Madison. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting - May 26, 2011 at 5:30 PM – ETN Room 3rd Floor – West Sq. Bldg

Evening committee meeting for programs and priorities review

Future Agenda Items

- WCA Conference
- Discussion/Action on possible funding of 2011 AHHP Grants

Adjournment

A motion was made by Stehling, second by Wiese to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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