

**Extension Education, Arts and Culture Committee
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 3, 2021**

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

Members absent: None

Extension staff present via ZOOM: A. Coorough, M. Beernink

Extension staff present in person: J. Hoffman, M. McArthur, A. Voss, M. Sage, H. Weisert, J. Gurgel, J. Erickson

Others present: 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.

Adopt Agenda

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

Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion made by Nelson, second by Stehling to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2021. Motion carried. All in favor.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: No correspondence shared.

EXTENSION

Review Extension Financial Reports and Approval of Extension Vouchers

Extension: Extension budget and invoices reviewed for 2020 and 2021. Sauk Co. Institute of Leadership program support expense for 2021 was noted.

Motion made by McAuliffe, second by Nelson to **approve** the Extension **2020** invoices in the amount of \$309.56 and Extension and Arts **2021** invoices in the amount of \$9,394.19. Motion carried. All in favor.

Discussion and possible approval on Extension carry-forward amount from 2020 to 2021

Carry-forward requested for the (PAT) pesticide applicator training fund in the amount of \$6,788. Motion made by Hazard, second by McAuliffe to **approve** the \$6,788 carry-forward from 2020 to 2021. Motion carried. All in favor.

Area Extension Director Divisional updates:

- a. Extension Focus – shared with supervisors.
- b. Horticulture recruitment – Hoffman stated there were four outstanding candidates interviewed last week; in process of background checks.

Committee engagement on Extension Educator priorities and programming:

- a. Needs assessment process update given by Hoffman – encouraging supervisors to complete the survey to help Extension identify the needs of Sauk County.
- b. **4-H & Youth Development, M. Sage** – Sage shared the county based 4-H program organization chart, including youth program delivery structures and the educational role Extension has with the Sauk County Fair/Ag Society. Sage also identified the youth programming areas she has worked with in the past and asked the committee to identify groups she may be overlooking.

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- c. **Agriculture, A. Voss** – Statewide program of Agriculture is broken down into five areas with Alana's focus area on crops and soils. Voss outlined services in our local office including water samples, soil samples and her access to state specialty areas such as insect and plant diagnostics. In addition to the five program areas that fall within the agriculture institute, two branded programs also fall within the program area. They include the Wisconsin Master Gardener Program and Discovery Farms.

A survey link was shared with committee members to assist with determining Sauk County Educator priorities and programming for the Ag and 4-H/Youth Development program areas. Committee members are asked to **complete by March 3rd**.

ARTS & CULTURE

Arts & Culture updates:

- a. AHHP grant applications - Total of 12 Arts and History & Humanities grants received. Discussion on whether another grant process should be held in the summer or if amount of good idea grants could be increased in 2020.
- b. Peer panel review of AHHP applications will be February 24, 2021; Nelson and Hazard have agreed to be moderators.
- c. Wisconsin Arts Board re-granting application is due March 11; Weisert will submit a request for \$10,000
- d. Arts & Culture annual report will be reviewed in March
- e. Grant policies will be reevaluated this summer.

Motion made by Nelson, second by McAuliffe to **approve** increasing the maximum amount of the Good idea grants from \$500 to **\$1,000 in 2021** due to COVID. Motion carried. All in favor.

Arts & Culture Financial Reports

Budget reviewed.

Next Meeting Date: Regular Meeting; **Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

Future Agenda Item(s): Committee engagement on needs; Annual report review

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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