

**UW Extension, Arts and Culture Committee**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**April 12, 2017**

**Members Present:** Judy Ashford, John Dietz, Donna Stehling, Andy Andrews, Alan Anderson  
**Members Absent:** Chuck Spencer  
**UWEX Staff Present:** Jen Erickson, Haley Weisert, Melissa Beernink  
**Others Present:** Marty Krueger

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM @ Chair Ashford.

**Certification of Open Meeting Notice**

Requirements of the Open Meeting Law were met.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Stehling, second by Andrews to **approve** the agenda. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

Motion made by Stehling, second by Andrews to **approve** the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2017. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Communications:** The UW-Extension Southern Regional Director and Department of Community Resource Development recommended Erickson for consideration of merit based pay from UW-Extension. Ashford shared correspondence from grant recipients.

**Review Budget and Approval of Vouchers:**

**UW Extension:** Budget reviewed. Motion made by Stehling, second by Dietz to **approve** the March 2017 UW Extension invoices in the amount of \$1,933.34. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Arts & Culture:** Budget reviewed; carry-forward will not be included in budget until April County Board Meeting approval. Motion made by Andrews, second by Dietz to **approve** the March 2017 Arts & Culture invoices in the amount of \$49,936.00. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Departmental Updates**

**UW Extension**

ICC Meeting in Dodge County on April 17, 2017 - Dr. Karl Martin will present progress on the nEXT Generation Project. Ashford, Andrews, Spencer and Stehling, Krueger and Erickson plan to attend. A special meeting of a quorum has been posted.

Sauk County Institute of Leadership (SCIL) has worked in partnership with UW-Extension for 20 years. The SCIL Board decided to suspend their community leadership program/class for 2018 to reevaluate their structure, mission and programming.

Committee members were updated on process of nEXT Generation project. Tenure offered until 6/30/2018.

FoodWise Coordinator started in UW-Extension. Caitlin Richardson will cover Dodge, Columbia and Sauk Counties.

**Arts & Culture**

Updates and recommendations from previous grant process were discussed. Panelists suggested a review of grant guidelines before the next grant cycle. Agenda item in future.

Weisert will assist first and second year applicants with questions and minor changes on their applications before committee reviews to improve the process.

Artist's Registry – difficult to maintain and stay current; committee recommends we provide links to other artist registries on this webpage.

Wisconsin Arts Board final report has been submitted qualifying Sauk County for re-granting funds.

#### **FoodWise program update and presentation of FY2018 Contract**

Beernink presented contract which basically states the FoodWise program is federally-funded and Sauk County will provide use of county office space.

#### **Discussion and consideration of strategic issues for Board Midterm discussion**

Committee recommends addressing the strategic issue of "What the future of Sauk County UW-Extension should look like?"

#### **Consideration of 2017 Good Idea Grant application(s):**

**Aldo Leopold (Aldo Leopold & the Ghost of Sandy County):** Motion made by Stehling, second by Dietz to **approve** the \$500 good idea grant for the Aldo Leopold Foundation, Inc. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Reedsburg Area Historical Society (Little House books):** Motion made by Andrews, second by Dietz to **approve** the \$500 good idea grant for RAHS. Motion carried. All in favor.

**Schofield, Jones and Weisert (Portraits of Sauk County):** Motion made by Stehling, second by Ashford to **approve** the \$449.03 good idea grant for Sauk County Portraits. Motion carried. All in favor

**Village of Sauk City (Historic Preservation Committee):** Motion made by Andrews, second by Ashford to **approved** the \$500 good idea grant for the cottonwood tree project. Motion carried. All in favor.

**UW- Extension Agent Report(s):** None

#### **Next meeting date:**

The next Regular meeting will be **Wednesday, May 10, 2017**, held in Room 213 of the West Square Building @ 9:00 AM

**Future Agenda Item(s):** ICC meeting update, review of AHHP basic appeals and panel review policies

#### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Dietz, second by Andrews to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dietz, UW Arts and Culture Committee Secretary  
Judy Gurgel, Recording Secretary