

## **UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 31, 2016

5:15 PM, Room 104

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center  
227 1<sup>st</sup> Street W  
Altoona WI 54720

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Robin Leary, Doug Kranig, Heather DeLuka, Colleen Bates, Tami Schraufnagel

**Others:** Brook Berg and Sara Novotny

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

#### **Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / July 27, 2016**

Motion by Supervisor Bates to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Review Bills / Discussion / July 2016**

The bills were reviewed.

#### **Public Input**

No members of the public present.

#### **Update on nEXT Generation Model / Discussion**

Sara Novotny updated the committee with news that the current Dean/Director of UW-Extension, Rick Klemme, will be transitioned out of his leadership role on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Chancellor Sandeen will appoint an interim dean sometime in the coming week. Sara also shared that the nEXT Gen project communications team is seeking a county contact that is not a staff member to receive updates and share them with county stakeholders.

Supervisors Leary and DeLuka shared their thoughts on the recent Town Hall with Chancellor Sandeen at UW-Eau Claire.

#### **Greenhouse Update / Discussion**

Erin LaFaive, Horticulture Educator, provided a written report in the packet of materials. The greenhouse will possibly be moved to South Side Gardens, where a better wind break exists to protect it from wind. County insurance deductible is higher than actual cost of the greenhouse; funds will be sought to repair and move the greenhouse. Another benefit to moving to South Side would be a more frequently visited garden, which would hopefully increase the amount of renters in the greenhouse. The committee asked that suggestions be passed along to Erin, including having a non-profit make the repairs and care for it and then receive free rental.

#### **Budget Updates / Discussion - Action**

A preliminary meeting with Kathryn Schauf and Scott Rasmussen was held with the UW-Extension Office budget. To meet salary increases are planned for Mark Hagedorn and Erin LaFaive and a two percent raise for UW-Extension staff, overtime was eliminated (no county employees in the UW-Extension Office are eligible) and funds were re-appropriated from printing/duplication line items to salaries/personnel. Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to adopt the 2017 UW-Extension Office budget. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Sustainable Future Festival / Discussion**

Supervisor Schraufnagel reported that the event will be held at the Forest Street Gardens on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to dusk. Two different tents will be filled with educational presentations, topics to include solar power, herbs, cover crops, and other sustainable living activities. It is hoped that attendance will be influenced by the International Fall Festival and the Farmers Market going on nearby.

**Family Living Program Report / Discussion**

Brook Berg shared two areas she's currently focusing on in her programming. The Mental Health Summit, an event co-sponsored by the Mental Health Action Team that she co-chairs, will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The summit is a call to action for community partners and organizations focusing around childrens' mental health. The action team, along with partners, received a grant of over one million dollars focusing on mental health and is in its first stage of planning. Implementation of grant dollars will focus around the call to action items from the summit. The summit also received an Eau Claire Community Foundation grant. Additionally, Brook is working with the e-Parenting project, including High Tech Kids (focused on middle school aged youth) and Little Ones (birth to five). The project is completely unique and original to UW-Extension and is three fold. There will be curriculum for colleagues to teach with, filmed teaching of the entire curriculum will be available, and also there will be micro-learning videos, two to five minutes long, to be shared.

**Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28th at 4:00pm at the UW-Extension Office. Agenda items include updates on nEXT Generation, budget, Sustainable Future Festival report, Youth In Governance Update, and an educator report from a WNEP Educator.

**Adjourn**

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.