

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
May 6, 2015
4:00 P.M.
Kewaunee County Administration Center
County Board Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes
5. Citizen Input
6. Educators Reports – Written
7. Overtime
8. Approval – Travel
9. Approval – Bills
10. Set Future Committee Meeting Dates
11. Adjourn

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Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent
Prepared for May 6, 2015

Farm Technology Days – Attended the annual Farm Technology Days luncheon in Madison with Executive Committee Chair, Amber Hewett. We presented on the progress of the show and our host Randy Ebert was announced as the newest member of Farm Technology Days, Inc's newest board member. We are currently working on policies and fundraising is getting ready to kick-off their campaigns. We have named nearly all the committee chairs now and will be holding an all-committee chair get together in July so everyone can get to know each other.

Youth Livestock Meeting – Presented a program to 12 Kewaunee County youth members of livestock projects. I held a program on meats judging and gave everyone the opportunity to evaluate and place meat cuts as if they were in a judging contest.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance – Taught the second of three Meat Animal Quality Assurance meetings for youth planning on participating in the livestock auction at the Kewaunee County Fair this summer. The program is required for all youth in Kewaunee County who intend on qualifying for the auction. Twenty-nine youth attended the program which was held at the Kewaunee County Fairgrounds. I also had youth from Shawano, Manitowoc, and Brown County attend.

PILD (Public Issues Leadership and Development Conference) – I traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the PILD conference. Wisconsin has the largest delegation of attendees with about 30 people. Wisconsin has substantial support for the conference and is the only state that sends youth delegates. In addition, county board representatives, Extension staff, and community volunteers attend. The conference lasts two days and the third day is spent on Capitol Hill advocating for support of Smith Lever Funds, which are a significant financial source for Extension programming. While I was in Washington, D.C., I took the opportunity to meet at Congressman Ribble's office on my own time to discuss programs and funding that will help land owners and farmers improve water quality.

Wisconsin Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference – Conference was held in Kimberly in late April and featured Dr. Temple Grandin (Colorado State University), Jan Shearer (Iowa State University), Dee Griffin (University of Nebraska), Bruce Feinberg (McDonalds), Lily Edwards-Calaway (JBS), Amy Stanton (UW-Extension) and Kurt Voegel (UW-River Falls). The program focused on animal care, but more on the public's perception of the animals we use for production. Over 350 people attended the program.

JCEP (Joint Council of Extension Professionals) – Attended JCEP, which is a professional development conference for Extension staff. I presented two programs; one on public speaking, and the other a summary of the Middle Manager program we held earlier this year. I was asked to present my public speaking presentation at a state 4-H event later this year. I was also honored with the Early Career Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi organization and my bio will be sent to the next level for national consideration.

Dairy Planning – Met with dairy and livestock agents from northeast Wisconsin to discuss future programming in the area for the coming year. New programming for 2016 will be a hoof care, calf programs, and we will begin working on the education committee for Farm Technology Days.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

May 2015

Student Talking About Respect (S.T.A.R): In the months of March and April, I am worked with 6th grade girls at a local middle school on the topic of relational aggression/bullying. As part of a community coalition, we developed a curriculum focused on relational aggression and treating others with respect. This program is presented over a five-week period. We work with the girls once a week using a number of teaching techniques and activities. Additionally, each week the class is assigned homework (not graded or counted toward the student's grade) to help them reflect on the material that was covered or to prepare them for next week's lesson. In addition, we have a great partner in the middle school counselor who is working with us during her class time to make this program happen. During the first three sessions, we worked with the girls on: During the last weeks, we worked with the girls on:

Week 4: Positive communication strategies, qualities of leaders, and how to use "I" statements

Week 5: We reviewed the materials that we covered throughout the five weeks, made a group art project, completed a program evaluation, and had celebratory treats.

During the five sessions, it was amazing to see how the girls opened up, shared their stories, and gave their opinions. They had a great deal to say on this topic and it was evident that they were experiencing this type of bullying. During the last session, we conducted an evaluation in two ways, through an art project and with a traditional post-pre paper assessment. Once I compile the data, we will have a greater understanding of the impact of the program.

North Central Region Volunteer Management Course: As you may remember, last year I was chosen to be part of a group of 4-H Youth Development Educators from throughout the upper Midwest to participate in writing a new curriculum on volunteerism. The team consisted of state program specialists, regional staff, and county based educators like me. In addition, I was asked to be part of the pilot cohort taking the class with the potential of facilitating this course in the future. It has been a great opportunity to see the class from the perspective of the course writer and now as part of the student cohort. The course has received positive feedback from the students in the volunteerism class

Legislative Day: Twelve youth, 2 adult chaperones, and I had the opportunity represent Kewaunee as the youth delegation during the 2015 Door/Kewaunee Legislative Day. Prior to the event, I provided two training sessions that with information, tools, and tips that would be pertinent to meeting with legislators. This is a great experience for the teens to work in partnership with adults on topics that can have a direct impact on Kewaunee County. Also, they are able to see the democratic process in action and have the opportunity to use their voice to make a difference. I conducted an evaluation with the youth delegation to determine what they gained as participants in this experience. I am compiling the data but a few things that youth members had to say included: "I learned how to speak about an important topic and hit the main points." One youth delegate said, I learned "you have a voice in no matter what and whoever you want to talk to." Another youth stated, that after participating in legislative day that "I will be able to communicate my ideas at a more professional level."

Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference: I was able to attend the JCEP Conference this month as a professional development opportunity. This was a great opportunity to learn about some new programming ideas and connect with colleagues from throughout the state. During the conference, I was honored to receive a Colleague of the Year Award for Colleague Development.

Upcoming Events that I am working on:

Camp: The camp association met and plans are underway for Camp 2015. We will be returning to Camp Bird and camping with Door and Calumet Counties this year during the week of June 9-12. Camp Counselors have been selected and they will be attending training in May. We are currently planning a camp counselor overnight training experience in May at Camp Bird. This will give counselors from the three counties an opportunity to work together as a team and better acclimate themselves to camp. Brochures are available to participants. Summer camp is a great educational experience that aids older youth counselors in developing their leadership skills and campers in gaining hands on skills while interacting with youth from other counties. In the beginning of May we will have an overnight training at Camp Bird for the Camp Counselor team.



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Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension

Kewaunee County Ag & Extension Committee

Activities Report for May 6, 2015

Back to School Supplies Project – I am working with the Human Services Department, Public Health Department, 4-H, and Literacy Partners Inc. to plan the annual Back to School Supplies Project. The committee collects donations and distributes backpacks and school supplies to more than 300 needy children in Kewaunee County. We also provide nutrition and health education including dental supplies.

Cancer Clear and Simple – On April 13th I presented a workshop to help individuals identify the risk factors leading to cancer. I partnered with a Chaplain from Bellin Health and the Aging Services Unit Coordinator to present the emotional impacts of a cancer diagnosis and demonstrate ways to provide comfort and support for people diagnosed with cancer. The program was attended by 21 people.

Co-parenting Education – This month I started offering a new curriculum that supplements the co-parenting after divorce classes. I am using text messages and blog posts to reach families to reinforce their learning following our face-to-face parenting classes. This project is part of a statewide pilot that is being researched for effectiveness.

Strong Bones Class in Luxemburg - I am continuing to instruct Strong Bones exercise class for individuals ages 55 and older. The classes are designed to improve balance, increase flexibility, improve bone density, increase muscle strength and benefit mental health. The Aging & Disability Resource Center has partnered with me to train new instructors so more classes can be offered in the county. I have provided more than 16 hours of instruction so far this year.

Family Visits – Staff from the Human Services Department have referred families to me for various educational needs. I have met one-on-one with parents and couples to provide parenting education, relationship management, and financial literacy.

Gardening and Beekeeping Workshop – On Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. the Community Garden on Baumeister Drive in Kewaunee will offer a workshop on straw bale gardening, beekeeping, composting and gardening for health. UW-Extension is planning this workshop with community partners. My role includes creating awareness of the benefits of gardening.

Home and Community Education (HCE) Association – I am continuing to help the organization with programming, Bookworms reading program, revising by-laws and clarify the organizational processes.

Rural Safety Day – I am working with Aerica, Jill and Cindy from Public Health to plan presentations for 3rd grade students held at the Fairgrounds on May 20th.

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for April, 2015
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Continued planning support for Solar Power Hour educational program on May 28th to be held at the Luxemburg Fair Grounds in collaboration with Rural Enterprise Network, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and the Wisconsin Farmers Union.
- Implemented educational training program and planning assistance for Door-Kewaunee Counties 2015 Legislative Days event scheduled for April 15-16, 2015.
- Continued planning with Kewaunee County Public Health Department's 2015 Community Health Assessment process.
- Continued planning support to match the City of Algoma and the City of Oconto and participate in the First Impressions program.
- Commenced work on Live Well Algoma Community initiative as a member of the Commons Committee.
- Continued planning support for Algoma Swim and Water Safety program.
- Provided business planning education to one entrepreneur in collaboration with Aericia Bjurstrom.

Local Food System Economy:

- Participated in UWEX Food Systems Team Grant Planning and workshop preparation.
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff on an as-needed basis to help launch a new processor with a number of products. Continued promotion of NWTC Local Food Business Planning educational workshops.
- Participated in Farm Technology Days Food committee planning.
- Attended USDA Local Farm Market and Foods Promotion Program Grant resources training.
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Other:

- Serving on Planning Committee for UWEX County Leadership Conference.
- Serving on UWEX CNRED Standards, Rank and Promotion Committee.
- Serving on Center for Community and Economic Development Hiring and Screening Committee.
- Planning support for UWEX Capitol Connections program.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Zoning Committee Meeting – Regular

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Time: 4:45 p.m.
Place: Kewaunee County Admin Center
Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and Approve Last Month's Minutes
4. Changes and Additions to Agenda
5. Reports of Department Personnel
 1. Glenn Selner
 - A) Discuss Sanitary & Zoning Violations
 - B) Wisconsin Fund Grant Program
 - C) Hand out Kewaunee County Well Contamination Protocol
 - D) Discuss Property Value Guarantee Issue
6. Communications
7. Approval of Travel Requests
8. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law
9. Overtime Report
10. Approval of Bills (regular monthly meeting only)
11. Adjournment

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