

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
April 6, 2016
3:00 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 April 6, 2016

Implements of Husbandry – Hosted a meeting in Kewaunee County with speakers Rob Richard from Wisconsin Farm Bureau and Cheryl Skjolaas, UW-Extension. I also presented to attendees on the Kewaunee County interactive IoH mapping system. Representatives from seven Kewaunee County towns and one town from Door County attended. In addition, representatives from five Kewaunee and Door County farms were in attendance and Kewaunee County Highway Department and Sheriff's Department. Door County hosted the same meeting the day after Kewaunee County and seven people attended that session.

Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference – Served on the planning committee of the Wisconsin Dairy and Beef Well-Being Conference. The event was held at the UW-Platteville campus and university farm. The conference featured a youth and adult track this year and focused on media presence on the farm and managing livestock in a pain-free and safe manner.

Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show – Worked at the Wisconsin Public Service Farm Show in Oshkosh. Usually I work in the UW-Extension booth, but this year I worked in the Farm Technology Days booth. Walworth County was featured at the show, but Kewaunee County representatives were on hand to answer questions about our upcoming show.

Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin – Attended the annual Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin trade show and seminar. I attended sessions on fresh cow health, employee management, and made many connections at the trade show with potential partners at the trade show portion of the event. The UW - Extension Dairy Team sponsors my costs to attend this conference.

East- Metro Conference – Attended the East-Metro region all-faculty conference in Elkhart Lake. Besides keynote and featured speakers, I had the opportunity to learn about what my colleagues are doing in their programming and how they are reaching the public with technology. I also attended a two-part session on Qualtrics, an electronic survey system we use at UW-Extension. I learned several tips and learned how to better navigate the program to develop surveys and conduct research.

Wisconsin Livestock Skillaton – Served as a quiz bowl judge for the Wisconsin youth livestock quiz bowl. Due to my experience and background in livestock, I have been asked to participate as a judge for this event for several years.

Planning – Community Garden planning is under way. I have arranged a radio spot with Door County Daily News for all three Kewaunee County Gardens in April to help get the word out about gardening opportunities in the county this summer. Master Gardener Volunteer training planning is in progress and will start on April 12 and continue through October. I am planning a corn and alfalfa field day and a goat artificial insemination course June. Other programs coming up are the Kewaunee County youth dairy field trip, Conservation Day for county 6th graders, and Rural Safety Day.

Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Agent

April 2016

Camp Counselor Interviews: I collaborated with the educators from Brown and Door County to conduct camp counselor and dishwasher interviews for the upcoming camp season. We conducted them as a group interview to see how youth interacted with each other. Also, there were hands on, critical thinking, and team work activities were included as part of the training. This was a great way to see how the youth interacted with each other and how they would respond to questions with a group and we had a chance to observe their leadership characteristics. All counselors will be asked to attend a mandatory counselor training to ensure that they have received proper amounts of training before attending camp.

Teen Association: Kewaunee County has an active 4-H Teen Association. Any 4-H member that is 7th grade and older can be involved with this group. Beyond their regularly scheduled meeting for this month, I held three drop-in dates to help youth create activity lists for scholarships/college and first resumes. NWTC allowed us to use their computer lab for each of the three sessions. This is a follow-up to the higher education discussions and visits that the group had throughout fall and winter.

A little about the 4-H Teen Association: beyond growing in membership numbers, the group has built life skills and is more engaged the 4-H program and larger community. The Teen Association plans events for Kewaunee County teens, provides a consistent youth voice with the county program, and works together in partnership with adults to plan 4-H activities. The group has planned or taken part in numerous events including high education sessions and college visits, project day, officer training, 4-H teen bowling night, fair critter corner, commodity carnival, club visits, fundraisers, and much more. In addition, one goal of the teens is to work with the community at large to create positive experiences.

Since the teen board is a countywide program, the youth break down some of the barriers that commonly exist among their age group. When they are at Teen Association, there are no school district rivalries or cliques. No one cares about popularity or social status. When teens come to this group, those barriers seem to break down and everyone works together.

Statewide 4-H Youth Development Learning teams meeting: I had the opportunity to meet with colleagues from throughout the state to set priorities for 4-H Youth Development. We worked together on teams around topics that are pertinent and relevant to the program area. These statewide level teams address the needs of the 4-H Youth Development program. I am currently a member of the volunteer development team and working on topics pertinent to volunteerism and building capacity with both volunteers and educators

East-Metro Conference: I attended the East-Metro Area Extension Conference in March. This is an excellent opportunity to work with and learn from colleagues about topics most pertinent and applicable to our programming. This year's keynote speaker and session presenter, Verna Cornelia Price really struck me with her message regarding on change and environment and leading through with change. Her powerful message provided insight and strategies about how understanding your personal power can impact how you deal with change and sustain your passion for work and life. Her message also keyed in on the types of people that add to a successful working (and life) environment. She was one of the most engaging speakers that I have heard in recent history.

Upcoming Events that I am working on:

Camp: The overall camp planning is well under way for the 2016 summer camp season. We will be holding summer camp June 11-14th at Camp Bird with Door and Brown County. This year noted a change in our camp pairing because Calumet County decided to go to a different camp for the year. We are currently in the process of recruiting counselors and looking for other staff members such as lifeguards. Finding counselors with great leadership skills is an integral part of having a successful camp. Camp counselor interviews will be in March. We are currently planning a camp counselor training experience for the end of April. This will give counselors from the three counties an opportunity to work together as a team.



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Renee Koenig, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension Kewaunee County

Activities report for April 6, 2016

Digital Parenting – I had the opportunity to give two different presentations at the East Regional UW-Extension conference on my digital parenting programs. Digital parenting uses technology to provide education to parents such as online videos, websites and mobile phone text messages. Preliminary research shows that the use of digital technology is an efficient and effective way to extend the learning of these courses for parents.

Community Garden – Our office is facilitating the work of the Kewaunee community garden again this year. I am working with Aerica to promote the garden and encourage participation.

Parent Circles – Parent Circles are continuing in the Luxemburg schools in April. I am partnering with the Human Services department to provide this opportunity for parents/guardians to connect with other parents through small group discussions. Parents learn about six protective factors to promote child well-being. Research shows these six protective factors keep children safe and make families strong.

Healthy Aging Programs and Strong Bones – The Strong Bones classes concluded in March but I am continuing to participate in several activities to help promote healthy aging for our county residents.

Health Literacy – I am working with the Health Literacy Committee to plan Health & Safety Night on April 14th. The program will cover topics on basic first aid, choking, burns, fire safety and other home safety education. The participating families are primarily Latino but everyone is invited.

Rural Safety Day – Arrangements are being made for the annual Rural Safety Day. It will be held on May 25th at the county fairgrounds. All county board members are invited!

Kewaunee County Agriculture and Extension Committee
Activities Report for March, 2016
Claire Thompson, Community Development Educator
Kewaunee County Cooperative Extension

Economic and Organizational Development:

- Algoma Chamber of Commerce Board workshop on “Sharing our Story”
- Continued facilitating community action planning for First Impressions Team for the City of Algoma, including sharing results of our work to the Algoma “Community Conversations” Forum.
- Met with one entrepreneur to provide business planning education.
- Conducted research for Civility and Inclusion work for the Live Well Algoma Community initiative.

Local Food System Economy:

- Continued participation and planning assistance for Algoma Farm to School Task Force.
- Provided business planning education for one entrepreneur considering opening a food related businesses in Kewaunee County.
- Continued support to Farm Market Kitchen with education, facilitation and technical assistance to the FMK board and staff to support succession planning of staff members.
- Continued program development and planning for events and educational programs at the Farm Market Kitchen.

Other:

- Relinquished Department Head Role as of 2/29/2016.
- Extended reduced appointment to 60% FTE until June 30, 2016.
- Attended UWEX East-Metro Regional Conference.

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Zoning Committee Meeting – Regular

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Time: 3:45 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) Wisconsin Fund Application Fee
 - B) Handout of Sanitary Systems in Kewaunee County
 - C) Handout of the Proposed Shoreland Ordinance
 - D) Sanitary and Zoning Violations
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)
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