

Extension Education Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2019

Meeting called to order by: Zastrow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Herbst, Kannard, Kelly, Roberts and Zastrow were present.

Members Absent: None

County/Extension Staff Present: Chrissy Wen, Area Director; LaVern Georgson, Agriculture Educator; Kara Loyd, 4-H Program Coordinator; Lisa Krolow, FoodWise; and Kim Buchholz, Administrative Specialist. Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator.

Others Present: None

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Public Comment: None

Roll Call (establish a quorum): Quorum present

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: Motion by Herbst, seconded by Roberts to approve the agenda as printed. Motion approved.

Approval of August 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Kannard, seconded by Herbst, to approve the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

Communications: None

Review of 2019 Departmental Budget: Wen reported the 2019 budget is on track. A budget report was handed out to the committee.

Review of 2020 Departmental Budget: Wen handed out the 2020 budget summary for the committee. She also invited the committee to attend Extension's budget meeting with Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in room 202.

Discussion of Monthly Educator Reports – LaVern Georgson (Ag), Kara Loyd (4-H), Steve Chmielewski (Community Educator), Lisa Krolow (FoodWise)

Georgson gave a summary of his written report. He reported that things are beginning to finish up for Farm Technology Days. With a large show there are a lot of loose ends. The County is waiting for final numbers to come in from the state; preliminary numbers should be out to the Executive Committee which is meeting on September 24. Georgson is confident that it will be a good show. Jefferson County is now working closely with Eau Claire County to transfer the knowledge gained to the next host County.

Georgson added that the Master Gardener group continues to offer horticulture helpline twice a week in the Extension Office and has been handling most of the horticulture questions. Crops are about two weeks behind schedule. Questions have been coming in on land rental amounts.

Loyd provided a summary of her written report. 4-H Enrollment for the New Year opened last week and runs through November 1. Jefferson County has one club that is disbanding and one new club forming. Loyd has been busy working with committees and their new committee members getting them up to speed.

Krolow stated that she is wrapping up budgets. The FoodWise position is posted and open through September 22nd. Krolow is hopeful that the new individual will be on-board November 1. She has continued her outreach to build relationships, i.e. United Way.

Steve Chmielewski provided a written report which was handed out to committee members for their review.

Adjourn – Motion by Kelly, seconded by Kannard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Motion approved.

Next Scheduled Meetings: Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Extension, Jefferson County Office in Room 12 on the 2nd Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. The next scheduled meetings are: October 14 and November 11, 2019.