

## Vernon County Agricultural and Extension Education Committee

*Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2016*

*11:00 a.m. – Erlandson Building – UW- Extension Conference Room*

Vice-Chairman Will Beitlich called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the UW-Extension Conference Room. Present were: Beitlich, Mitchell, Easterday, Ofte, Pulvermacher, Lenzendorf, and Traastad.

The public meeting notice was emailed to the Vernon County Broadcaster and Vernon County Computer Department and faxed to the County Clerk on July 25, 2016.

Easterday moved, Mitchell seconded, to approve the amended July 14, 2016 minutes. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting date for the committee is set for September 8, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension Conference Room.

No visitors from the public were in attendance.

Election of committee officers was held. Ofte moved, Easterday seconded to elect the same slate of offices as: Kevin Larson, Chairman, Will Beitlich, Vice-Chairman and Frank Easterday, Secretary. **Motion carried.**

Committee reviewed July expenses. Easterday moved, Mitchell seconded to approve the July 2016 Office Operations expenses of \$2,181.00 and Special Accounts expense of \$650.00. **Motion carried.**

Easterday moved, Mitchell seconded to approve the July 2016 Teen Court expenses of \$750.00. **Motion carried.**

Traastad handed out the 2017 budget papers and the 2016, 6-month report for discussion on budget development. In discussion, the consensus to meet the 2.5% reduction in tax levy funds was to use the remaining van replacement fund and possibly the money from the van sale to meet the reduction. Traastad will bring this discussion forth to the finance hearings.

Brief reports were given:

### **Lenzendorf Reported on WI Nutrition Education Program.**

The WNEP office is providing nutrition education right now at low-income housing units and senior meal sites. We are also involved with the Family Fest event with Colleen and Karen, with the WIC Program taking the lead. This event will be held on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Pulvermacher Reported on June-July 2016 activities:**

Pulvermacher's brief report highlighted a successful 4-H camp, the Food, Fun and Fitness program is going well at the McIntosh Library and Family Fest coordination is progressing. Lindsey Jerdee, summer intern, will end her work on August 16th. She has done an excellent job!

### **Traastad Reported on Family Living Activities for July 2016.**

- ❖ Food preservation safety promotion by testing dial gauge canner lids, working with master food preservers, news releases promoting resources and testing clinics. Canner lids were tested at: Nelson Agri-Center, July 22 from 10-2 p.m.; Viroqua Farmer's Market, July 23 from 8-12 p.m. and Viroqua Food Cooperative, July 28 from 3-6 p.m.
- ❖ Worked with Dairy Promotion Committee
- ❖ Worked with Family Fest Committee on plans for August event
- ❖ Worked with committee on Fairest of the Fair contest and attended Ferris Wheel Breakfast at the fairgrounds

Easterday moved, Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Minutes submitted by: Karen Ehle-Traastad**