

Vernon County Agricultural and Extension Education Committee

Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2017
11:00 a.m. – UW-Extension Conference Room

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

The public meeting notice was e-mailed to the Vernon County Broadcaster and Vernon County Computer Department and faxed to the County Clerk on January 3, 2017.

Beitlich moved, Ofte seconded, to approve the December 7, 2016 minutes. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting date for the committee will be 11:00 a.m. on February 9, 2017 in the UW-Extension Conference Room.

No visitors from the public were in attendance.

Committee reviewed December 2016 expenses. Mitchell moved, Beitlich seconded to approve the December 2016 Office Operations expenses of \$2,189.97. **Motion carried.**

Ofte moved, Beitlich seconded to approve the December 2016 Teen Court expenses of \$1,531.13. **Motion carried.**

Beitlich moved, Mitchell seconded to approve the 2016 Special Account expenses of \$441.49. **Motion carried.**

Mitchell moved, Beitlich seconded to approve the January 2017 Office Operations expenses of \$3,077.50. **Motion carried.**

“Vernon County Educator’s December 2016 Highlights” handed out for brief review by committee. No questions or discussion held. (See Attached Sheet).

Focus Project Report:

Educators presented information on Vernon County families and how each of the programs works with individuals and families.

FAMILY

Activity:

- What word(s) comes to mind when you think of FAMILY...
(committee and educators completed activity & reported out).
- How we see families in our work...
(each educator reported what we see families struggle with and their concerns or issues they face).

One focus of UW-Extension is to provide research-based resources and education to help families thrive.

Why should we care about Families in our Community?

- 68% of Vernon County's population is a Family Household. (44% have children)
- Families are raising tomorrow's future.
- Families fuel the work force. (71% of kids 6 or younger have both parents in the workforce.)
- Families are consumers. (Families wages are a powerful driver of the state's economy.)
- Families are taxpayers (Families are paying income, property & sales tax.)
- Families are caretakers. (29% of adult population provides care to someone.)

How we support families in our work:

- Karen (school readiness, financial, care giving, mid-life women's health)
- Colleen (4H family involvement, scholarship)
- Sonya & Sheena (nutrition & healthy behavior changes)

Ofte moved, Beitlich seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by: Karen Ehle-Traastad