

## Vernon County Agricultural and Extension Education Committee

*Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2018*

*11:00 a.m. – Erlandson Office Building*

Chairman Kevin Larson called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Erlandson Building. Present were: Kevin Larson, Frank Easterday, Kelli Mitchell, Rod Ofte, Will Beitlich, Craig Saxe, Emery Bork, Sonya Lenzendorf and Linda Morrison.

The public meeting notice was e-mailed to the Vernon County Computer Department and faxed to the County Clerk on August 31, 2018.

Ofte moved, Mitchell seconded, to approve the minutes as printed. **Motion carried.**

The next meeting date for the committee is set for October 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room.

No visitors from the public were in attendance.

Easterday moved, Beitlich seconded to approve the 2018 August Office Operation Expenses of \$1681.18. **Motion carried.** Beitlich moved, Ofte seconded to approve the 2018 ~~July~~ August Teen Court Expenses of \$776.83. **Motion carried.**

Saxe stated that he had spoken with both Jonel Kiesau, Teen Court Coordinator and Kristi Peterson, Judicial Assistant regarding the Teen Court program. There was a discussion held and the committee was in favor of keeping the financial aspect of Teen Court in the UW-Extension Office where it has currently been for years.

Discussion held on the Strong Seniors program located in Chaseburg. Linda Watson, current trainer of that program, would like some financial assistance from UW-Extension. She has someone who is interested in taking the Strong Women / Strong Bones training class in Wisconsin Dells next month. The cost for the registration fee is \$250. UW-Extension has financially accommodated her for training in the past. Beitlich stated that the fee cost could come out of the office's "Registration & Training" account and maybe in the future Ho-Chunk funds could be used for any registration requests. Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Beitlich to take the \$250 out of the Registration & Training account to cover the registration fee for the training class in the Strong Women program. **Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the refilling of the Family Living position. Saxe explained that the Monroe County Administrator has said that Monroe County has approved a shared position and that the position title would be "Health & Well-Being Extension Educator". Saxe said that it is a flat fee for the position and it has already been budgeted for in Vernon County. He said the state is on board with the joint position. Saxe passed out a position description to the supervisors and explained the suggested bullet points on it. Ofte questioned the duties of the position. Discussion held. Lenzendorf suggested having Amber Canto, Health and Well-Being Institute Director, also join in on a meeting to further explain the position and duties. Committee was in favor of this. Ofte had made a motion to move forward with the joint venture, but after more discussion,

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withdrew the motion. Saxe suggested that all parties get together for a meeting to work things out. Ofte made a motion to table moving forward with the Family Living position and to first bring in Amber Canto for more clarification on the position and duties, seconded by Mitchell.

**Motion carried.**

Discussion held on the office copy machine replacement. Saxe explained to the committee how the purchase of the new machine works. It would be purchased through the County Clerk's Office and then it would be basically "leased" through that office. EO Johnson has a discount plan in place if purchases are done through the County Clerk's Office. Ofte made a motion to purchase a new copy machine for the UW-Extension Office versus leasing one, seconded by Mitchell. **Motion carried.**

Lenzendorf shared the educator report for FoodWise. She said that Cook-Fuglsang has been extremely busy in her position. She has partnered with United Health Care to work on a family event in La Farge. She has also met with Kickapoo Schools to work on creating a wellness team.

Bork shared her educator report for 4-H Coordinator. She said she has had good 4-H enrollment. She shared there are Richland County families wanting to join Vernon County 4-H. Her fair booth is going well. She has a STEM Saturday coming up on October 13<sup>th</sup>. She passed out 50 sets of 4-H materials at a recent school meeting. She is currently working with the Driftless Lego Club. There is a Project Leader Retreat scheduled for October. She is scheduling visits and connecting with the different 4-H clubs. She is planning her maternity leave beginning December 18<sup>th</sup> through the first week in February.

Saxe presented the educator report for the Agriculture Educator. Olson has been dealing with many flood questions. She put resources out in the paper, office website, and Facebook for gardens and crops. She will be attending a planning meeting in Arcadia with other educators for winter programming on the 18<sup>th</sup>. She has a meeting scheduled with a representative from the Dairy Profitability Center on the 21<sup>st</sup>. She has a beef facilities workshop on the 22<sup>nd</sup> in Viroqua. She has a class in Sparta on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, she has a beef cow/calf workshop in Cashton.

Saxe discussed with the committee the 2019 contract language. He shared with them a hand out and explained the two key changes made.

Easterday moved, Mitchell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m. **Motion carried.**

**Minutes submitted by: Linda Morrison**