

Vernon County Agricultural and Extension Education Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2010

Chairman Herb Cornell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were: Cornell, Beitlich, McClelland, Larson, Easterday, Rehbein, Pulvermacher, Lenzendorf, and Traastad.

The public meeting notice was sent for posting to the Vernon County Broadcaster, County Clerk and Computer Department on February 24, 2010.

Beitlich moved, Larson seconded, to approve the February 2010 minutes as sent. Motion carried.

The next meeting date is April 5, 2010.

No visitors were in attendance.

Beitlich moved, Easterday seconded, to approve the wrap-up 2009 office expenses of \$542.94. Motion carried.

McClelland moved, Larson seconded, to approve the February 2010 office expenses of \$4933.41. Motion carried.

Larson moved, Beitlich seconded, to approve the February Teen Court expenses of \$600. Motion carried.

Beitlich moved, McClelland seconded the motion to change order of business in the Agenda to have agent reports give before Personnel evaluation. Motion carried.

Lenzendorf reported on February activities: Sonya is staying very busy in schools right now. LaFarge school, Grades 1-4 were completed mid February. Each grade had a 30-minute nutrition session once a week for six weeks. The kids and teachers all seem to enjoy WNEP there. Beans are still the topic at the WIC clinics. WNEP visited the new WIC clinic in LaFarge in February. It was very busy and seems like a good location to help many people to not have to travel to Viroqua for those WIC clinics. Gayle Coleman, a WNEP State Specialist visited me and observed me teach. We talked about how the year has gone and what the plans are for the future. March through May is the planning time for WNEP. I will be busy contacting partners and getting the proper paperwork in order for the upcoming year which runs from October 2010-September 2011.

Pulvermacher reported on February and early March activities: Colleen expressed appreciation to Julie Larson, dairy committee chair, for her assistance in writing a Crowley Grant to fund a dairy summer intern. Five applications were received and four candidates were interviewed on campus. Abbie Holig, from Juneau County, was selected and has accepted the position. Abbie will begin her position in mid-May. Colleen visited the Retreat Rambler's 4-H club, taught a lesson on parliamentary procedure, and assisted them with their club elections. Colleen has spent considerable time writing teaching proposals, grant proposals and award applications in the past several weeks. Colleen was notified that our 4-H program will be recognized for excellence in program development for both Putting Your Best Foot Forward and Leader Retreats at an upcoming state-wide meeting. Colleen will be teaching Avoiding the Pitfalls and Obstacles of Volunteer

Management on April 20th, in celebration of national volunteer week. This seminar is designed to educate volunteer managers on the best practices of volunteer management. The workshop will be held at Encore, adjacent to the Temple Theater. Arts Fest was held over the weekend with about 200 entries, from instrumental music, to speeches, poetry and musicals. Colleen expressed concern about so few parents helping at the concession stand and said she will be evaluating the need for such a stand in the future. Colleen has advertised and is accepting applications for the summer 4-H assistant position. Teen Court has two cases for tomorrow evening. Judge Rosborough has asked the Teen Court Advisory Board to work with the DNR Warden to inform her about Teen Court as an option for young violators. Camp counselor applications have been received by nine Vernon County teens. This is an excellent turnout. Camp counselor training is held in mid-April and one week before the actual camp. Colleen has worked with the 4-H leaders' board to determine the goal they want to work on this year. They identified engagement of older youth as their emphasis. William Walleser is heading up a task force to look at the possibility of establishing a facebook page for our county 4-H program. Colleen will be expanding on Putting Your Best Foot Forward by teaching Applications and Interviewing for the 8th grade class at Hillsboro Middle School.

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Traastad reported on January/February activities: Worked with four individuals on family financial management or budget counseling.

Attended the Building and Facilities committee to talk about the building use policies.

Taught several Strong Women exercise classes held in the winter session.

Working on the final plans for the all county Reality Daze youth financial event to be held in March.

Made several radio tapes with Karen Dahl on the upcoming Powerful Tools for Caregivers class.

Promoted the Powerful Tools for Caregivers class as well as the spring Strong Women class.

Worked with Home & Community Education organization to coordinate the Cabin Fever Day held for the public. Taught the workshop on Brain Aerobics.

Attended county Department Head meeting, Health Coalition meeting at Vernon Memorial, Housing Coalition Mission writing meeting, and UW-Extension Aging In Our Communities state team meeting by teleconference.

Beitlich moved, Easterday seconded to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Personnel Chapter 10, Sub-chapter IV, Section 19.85(1)(c), for consideration of annual performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction. Motion carried unanimously. No nay votes were heard.

Easterday moved, Beitlich seconded to reconvene to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (2). Motion carried unanimously. No nay votes were heard.

Larson moved, McClelland seconded that Karen Ehle-Traastad receive a successful rating for the Department Head evaluation. Motion carried.

Beitlich moved, Easterday seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.