

Crawford County Agriculture and Extension Education  
225 N. Beaumont Rd, Suite 215 Prairie du Chien, WI 53821  
Thursday, February 2, 2017  
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call: Wade Dull, David Olson, Donald Stirling, Wayne Jerrett, Mary Kuhn. Others in attendance: Amy Mitchell, Will Cronin, Sonya Lenzendorf, Karen Snitker.

Posting of agenda verified by Snitker.

Motion by Olson, second by Kuhn to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried with no negative votes cast.

University of WI Extension Items –

Agent Reports:

Will Cronin – CNRED Educator – Will is currently working with the Rummage on the River program.

- Jan 12 – Will presented at the Wisconsin Local Foods Network, LaCrosse
- Crawford County Farmers Market held a winter meeting last month in Gays Mills.
  - Farmers Markets Grow is officially a non-profit organization and can now accept donations.
- Working with the staff of Crawford County Economic Development Corporation and Prairie du Chien's Economic Development Corporation to help them as they consider merging.
- Met with James Schneider, Grant County Interim CNRED Educator.
- Attended a Community Vitality and Placemaking meeting in Neenah.
- Continuing to work with individuals from Monroe and Vernon counties on regional workforce development. They are currently working with the UW-Extension Local Government Center to perhaps bring a state specialist to provide information on what people need to know to run for public office; how to get on the ballot, campaign laws, etc.

Amy Mitchell – 4-H Youth Development Educator – Amy

- Teen court – Amy explained to the committee how teen court came to be in Crawford County. Teen Court started in 2011 in Crawford County. Amy has trained the teen jurors several times. She states it's a great program and doing good for the county with low recidivism rates. Since 2011, there have been about 60 cases heard.
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey – Wisconsin Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey system gathers local student self-reported data on health behaviors, attitudes, etc.
  - In Crawford 242 middle school students participate – 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders and 566 high schoolers – 9-12 grade
  - Overall – 25 school districts participated with 5309 total participants
  - Results are now available online for Amy and school staff to view. The YRBS team sends out monthly "Parents Make a Difference" newsletters to school districts that participated in the survey. Schools districts then choose how they want to share the newsletters with parents.
- Cardboard sled races
  - Saturday, January 28, over 40 kids with parents, leaders attended the event. In teams, they constructed sleds out of cardboard, garbage bags and duct tape. They had a good time racing their creations down the hill.

Sonya Lenzendorf, WNEP Coordinator –

- Sonya presented the most recent Food \$ense, Food Wise newsletter; key topic - Fats
- January teaching in Seneca and North Crawford providing 30 minute nutrition lesson each week over 6 weeks, ending with a family event after school.
- Sonya reports there are two main reasons why her program area teaches young kids nutrition education -
  - 1 - Intervention early in life produces better healthy eating patterns as they grow older; talking to parents is important because they feed the kids.
  - 2 - Nutrition is science and sometimes is not part of their regular curriculum.
  - Basic concepts presented are from MyPlate, which aren't always practiced. Content and knowledge is provided and also trying to help them take that information and incorporate it into their daily lives.
- Asking businesses to offer more healthy choices.

Jane Schaaf, Family Living Agent –

Jane showed an “eParenting®”, short film “Our children are digital learners”. The film is designed to help parents realize we need to parent differently in this digital age.

Four Crawford County schools, at no cost to them, are participating in the eParenting® initiative. Of these schools, three send a weekly eParenting® e-mail to the parents of middle schoolers that focuses on a topic related to understanding the child's developmental process. Within the body of the e-mail, a link is provided so the parent can access additional information on the topic of the week. The fourth school posts the information in their monthly newsletter.

- Another UW-Extension Family Living program Jane incorporates in her programming is reaching out to the schools through a free online parentetical program geared towards parents of tweens and teens. This program provides online support where parents can ask questions for “safe” feedback from UW-Extension staff.
- Another Family Living interactive website is designed for parents and tweens to do together to help decide if the kids are ready for self-care.

Vance Haugen, Agriculture Agent – attending a Wisconsin Grazing conference WI Dells.

Review Agents Programs and Activities – February calendars were distributed.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items – None presented.

Public Comment – None presented.

Date of next meeting: March 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Approve payment of bills: Fair bills presented by Snitker; motion to pay bills as presented by Olson, second by Stirling. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Ag/Extension bills presented by Snitker; motion to approve as presented by Jerrett; second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously by call of the roll.

Correspondence: None

Motion by Stirling, second by Kuhn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Snitker, Program Assistant