

Crawford County Ag/Extension Committee Meeting
Crawford County Administration Building Room 215
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
Thursday, January 2, 2020
Minutes

Chairman Dull called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Members present: David Olson, Mary Kuhn, Don Stirling, Wayne Jerrett. Others present: Amanda Griswold, Jessica Jane Spayed, Amy Mitchell, Sheena Louise Cooke-Fugslang, and Craig Saxe, UW-Extension AED.

Agenda posting was verified.

Motion to approve minutes by Mary, second by Wayne. Motion carried unanimously.

UW Extension items – Agent and Coordinator Reports

--Amy Mitchell, 4-H and Youth Development Agent –

Outreach Programming

- Finished the five sessions 4-H afterschool robotics program in PDC for 5th – 8th graders.
 - Participants (n=12) completed a post program National 4-H Common Measures for Science evaluation. 100% indicated that they liked science, 83% indicated that they would like a job that uses science, 100% had fun in 4-H afterschool robotics.
- Consulted with five Seneca middle school students about conducting an afterschool STEM program for 2nd-4th graders.
- Children's Advisory Board meeting. I connected with prevention worker – Jess. She attended the meeting and the group talked about current needs for prevention. CAB is going to work on logic models and more planning in January.

4-H Programming

- Met with 4-H Leader's Association Executive Board to plan the new budget and to review the Crawford County 4-H program.
- Conducted "Escape Room Challenge" 4-H Youth Training for 22 4-H members. Two high school members and the 2019 summer intern assisted with the program.
 - Goals of the training were for members to identify the parts of a well-planned club meeting, give examples of some things that youth leaders can do to support their club, and describe the 4-H club officer roles and responsibilities.
 - Participants (n=20) completed a post program evaluation. 80% of members were more confident in their ability to identify the parts of a well-planned club meeting because of the session, 95% were more confident in their ability to give examples of some things that youth leaders can do to support their club because of the session and 85% were more confident in their ability to describe the 4-H club officer roles and responsibilities because of the session. Members were also asked to list ways they will use the information they were exposed to during the session. Open ended responses included comments about being welcoming, caring and nice, teamwork and life skills and using the knowledge they gained to make them a better officer.
- Record Book Party – worked with nine members on starting their record books, goal setting was the main focus of the workshop.

Professional Development

- Met with area 13 4-H colleagues. Discussed summer camp plans. I shared my escape room youth training challenge with them.
- Met with two colleagues to discuss summer STEM plans.
- Peer Mentor training started.
- Post Tenure Review document completed.
- Reporting to the state.

--Jessica Jayne Spayde, Community Development Educator – Jessica distributed a hardcopy of her report to the Committee Members. Hardcopy will be placed on file.

--Amanda Griswold – Human Development and Relationships Educator – Amanda distributed a hardcopy of her report to Committee Members. Hard copy will be placed on file.

Review Agents/Educators January Programming and activities – Amanda, Jessica and Amy reviewed their January calendars.

Ag and Extension Education Committee Related Items

--Craig Saxe, Area Extension Director - UW-Extension Educator Positions –

Sheena Louise Fugslang, FoodWise Coordinator– Of the six FoodWise educator applicants, four withdrew. There are two remaining with the final interview scheduled for January 21. Interviews will be held at the Crawford County Administration Building.

- Sheena reports she is involved with a Climate Change Leadership team that has been established to help the state address the array of challenges spurred on by climate change and extreme weather events. The varied weather events have affected the three county areas Sheena serves and the primary focus of the team is to provide resiliency education (not climate mitigation) to individuals and communities. The team wants to build a base of cross-categorical educators and help to formulate how extension is going to respond to the issues (ex: flooding, wiping out roads, driveways, bridges, etc.).
- Sheena is working with Dane County to bring a successful county-wide school wellness award to Healthy Roots to support our local schools in their attempts to create a healthy community – wellness environment.

Agriculture Educator Position – Craig reported there are six candidates for preliminary interview. Currently, the final interview is scheduled for January 28 at the Gays Mills Commerce Center. Interview schedule will be established after candidate selection has occurred.

Wade Dull left 10:45 a.m. David Olson, assuming Chairmanship.

Public Comments – None Presented.

Date of next meeting – February 6, 2020, 10 a.m. or immediately following the Fair Committee meeting.

Motion to approve payment of bills by Jerrett, second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Correspondence – None presented.

Adjournment – Motion by Jerrett, second by Kuhn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:53 AM.

Karen Snitker, Ag/Extension Program Assistant