

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
June 6, 2018 MINUTES

The June 2018 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Erica Roth, and Jody Hoesly. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, UW-Extension Area Extension Director, Hayley Jordan, Green County Family Living Educator, Ellen Andrews, Green County 4-H Youth Development Educator, Hanna Kearns, Summer Intern, and Jayne Butts, Green County UW-Extension Office Manager.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 2018 meeting was made by Olson, second Hoesly. Motion carried.

Hanna Kearns, Green County UW-Extension Summer Intern, introduced herself. Hanna lives in Orfordville, WI and will be a junior at UW-Platteville this fall, majoring in Ag Education.

Green County Educator Reports— **Ellen Andrews**, discussed 4-H Camp Registrations exceeding our expectations and now has a waiting list for youth to go; discussed 540 youth exhibiting at the Green County Fair with over 4,000 exhibits signed up; and submitted a flyer for a 4-H Youth Day Camp in August for grades 1-3. **Hayley Jordan** discussed doing more training this month & into summer/fall; noted backpack programming is being looked into; reviewed available parenting curriculum; gave an update on meeting attendance (in some cases planning to attend quarterly) and discussed the successful Resilient Farms & Families event. A follow up mini-version of the event will be presented to parish nurses June 16, 2018.

Ohlrogge gave a recap and explanation of the FoodWise SNAP-ED program which provides education to food stamp eligible persons, food pantries, senior centers, & schools with qualifying numbers of free lunch programs. Funding is through the Federal Farm Bill and no additional cost would be absorbed by Green County. Carter moved to approve the FoodWise SNAP-ED program and Roth seconded. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for May 2018 in the amount of \$1,787.57. Motion made by Olson, second by Hoesly to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director:

- Discussed the posted Agriculture Educator position in Green County, with a Dairy Emphasis, noting applications close on 6.15.18. Six applications have been received so far and after an initial cut, the plan is for interviews to be held the week of 6.25.18.
- Discussed the Agriculture Educator position in Lafayette County, with a Crops & Soils emphasis will be posted in July/August.
- Discussed the Leadership Wisconsin contract for Victoria Solomon, Green County UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator will expire in December 2018, resulting in 100% of Victoria's time being back in Green County.

Other Business:

- Butts noted with Green County Fair entries in and Auction information disbursed, 25 youth were ineligible, due to lack of paperwork, changed minds, or animal weight issues.
- Butts discussed Green County Clean Sweep started again on May 1st.
- Butts followed up on a previous poster printer issue asking if the printer becomes inoperable during our busier season prints, to replace the printer. Repair costs had been estimated to exceed \$1200 on the printer that is over 10+ years old. Quotes were presented for between \$2,800 & \$3,500 for a new printer. Olson moved to approve the purchase if needed, seconded by Roth. Motion passed.
- Hodgson questioned paying extra time to Jayne/Lana for extra hours of fair prep, work, etc. Carter moved, Olson seconded. Motion passed.

No regular meeting will be held in July, Butts will need to contact Committee Members to sign the bills when they are ready. A meeting is planned to be scheduled later in June 2018 to do final interviews with Agriculture Educator applicants, to be determined once final applicants are selected.

Motion by Hoesly, second by Roth to adjourn at 1:51 pm. Motion carried.