

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
May 6, 2020 MINUTES

The May 6th, 2020 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:40 PM by Extension Green County Office Manager, Jayne Butts.

Members present were: Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Sue Nelson, Dawn Sass, and Erica Roth. Also present—Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, and via zoom dial in--Jackie McCarville, Agriculture Educator, Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Victoria Solomon, Community Resource Development Educator, Donna Peterson, FoodWise Coordinator, Maria Schmid, FoodWise Educator, Hannah McMunn, Health & Well Being Educator, and Lana Heins, Extension Green County Activity Assistant. Paul Ohlogge, Extension Area Director was absent.

Butts asked for **nominations for Committee Chair**. Erica Roth was nominated & accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Motion by Olson and seconded by Carter to close nominations. Ayes 5; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Roth to continue running.

Roth asked for **nominations for Vice Chair**. Oscar Olson was nominated & accepted the nomination. Motion by Roth and seconded by Carter to close nominations. Ayes 5; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Roth asked for **nominations for Secretary**. Sue Nelson was nominated & accepted the nomination. Motion by Roth and seconded by Carter to close nominations. Ayes 5; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Ellen Andrews**-- Discussed fair concerns, and questions from leaders and families. 4-Day 4H Camp cancelled this year; working on offering a 4-H Cloverbuds Day Camp in August, working on supporting Youth in Government and interviews by virtual meetings. Carter questioned the look of virtual meetings for 4-Hers—Ellen advised may be meeting for select groups for interested parties. Ellen also noted a few 4-H Clubs are staying connected thru Facebook. A number of virtual workshops are coming up in various project areas. In addition, a 4-H Pen Pal program is being implemented. Carter also questioned the status of the fair—basically unknown at this time.
- **Victoria Solomon**—working on programming with the State on Leadership Strengths, continuing support for Youth In Government participants, and finishing Green County Leaders with virtual classes and a virtual graduation. She has also been instrumental in creating online poll worker training (thanks from Dawn for reaching out in the time of need). Victoria also noted she is back working fulltime since March 26, 2020 after being on catastrophic leave since March 19, 2019. Carter questioned a possible training for County Board members regarding Local Government—details to follow. Solomon has also been instrumental in the Annual Water Testing program and the Water Trends program, which will be updated at County Board in June 2020.
- **Donna Peterson**—Working on program about food safety with Rainbow Childcare through Parkside School (if COVID 19 allows scheduling) Did food pantry work with Green Cares in Monticello. Have been providing literature for requests from Jayne/Lana at the Extension office and making numerous revisions to website sources including *Stretching Your Food Dollars*.
- **Maria Schmid** – Noted following through with above items as listed by Donna.
- **Jackie McCarville**—Discussed difficult time to be in Agriculture at this time. Working on ways to advise farmers how to reduce milk production. Starting a new series of talks for Women in Ag entitled “Coffee Talks”, which will cover various topics still being determined.
- **Hannah McMunn** – gave a brief introduction about herself, since just started May 1st!

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 2020 meeting was made by Carter, second Olson. Motion carried.

The committee noted the March 2020 office bills had been taken care of via individual committee sign offs since no April meeting was held. The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for April 2020. The EFT payments totaled \$37.96 and the check payments totaled \$69,010.27. Motion made by Carter, second by Sass to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Extension Director/Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:

Health and Well Being Educator: Since Hannah was here, she covered the updates discussed in the Educator section of the meeting.

COVID-19 Work from Home Updates: All educators are working remotely from home. Jayne/Lana continue to work from the Extension office with limited access to the public.

Update on FoodWise AEEC Attendance: Butts noted Donna Peterson advised after a state meeting update, Nutrition Coordinators would continue to attend AEEC meetings as available Nutrition Educators (Maria) would attend 1-2 meetings per year, therefore allowing her to focus on education.

Update on FoodWise Signed Agreement – Butts noted the yearly agreement for the FoodWise year of October 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2021 was signed by outgoing supervisor Hodgson before he left office in April, due to the FoodWise budget deadline of May 1st. Peterson noted the agreement is an annual item used for budgeting purposes.

Summer Intern/Student Assistant Employment – Butts noted our college intern, who is usually brought in to work in May has been hired, however is on hold pending more information regarding the Green County Fair. If the Green County Fair is cancelled, we may be able to do a modified internship on a different level, therefore, preserving County dollars. In addition, the high school student assistant has been on layoff due to COVID-19 with hopes of hiring her back once the restrictions are lifted.

Other Business:

Update from Paul Ohlrogge, Extension Area Director – Butts noted Ohlrogge is absent due to a re-occurrence of cancer in his wife. In an email he shared the cancer has progressed to her brain/spine, however, a new treatment is available. More information will be shared as possible.

The next meeting will be scheduled for June 3rd, 2020 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Olson, second by Carter to adjourn at 1:40 pm. Motion carried.