

Nielsen, chair, called the regular meeting of the Extension Education and Community Development Committee to order at 9:00 a.m., on March 8, 2012 in the UWEX meeting room, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following persons were present: County Board members Dennis Nielsen, Maynard Bedish, Mary Platner, and Fred Radtke; others Nancy Anne Miller, Jenette Jones, Terri Miller, & Rosemary Leveille

The following County Board members was/were excused:

The following County Board members was/were absent:

Media Present: Joe Van Der Laarshot

Approve Agenda: Motion by Radtke, second by Platner to approve the agenda to be handled in any order at the discretion of the Chair. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting was made by Platner, second by Bedish. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) report –

Platner will be attending the meeting in St. Germain on March 9th with Senator Kohl's assistant. She will be thanking him for all of the assistance to UW-Extension and will find out how to connect with the new Senators' staff. Are any of his current staff remaining or will they all be new with the new Senator.

Committee Resource Educator (CRD) Position update –

N. Miller stated that the position will be posted until March 13th. The first round of interviews will take place in the first week of April, the number of potential candidates is not known at this point. The second round will take place the week of April 16th and will involve all of the UW-Extension Committee members along with Nancy Anne Miller, Department Head, and the Kathy Miller, Interim Northern District Director.

Featured Program – Nancy Anne Miller

N. Miller distributed her written report along with copies of a proclamation from Gov. Walker declaring March 1, 2012 as Cooperative Extension Day, a Growth Agenda Accountability Report, 2010-11 from the UW-Extension, a booklet on Reducing Wisconsin's Prescription Drug Abuse: A Call to Action, and an Executive Summary on 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (all on file in the UWEX office). N. Miller stated that the 4-H STEM program has added a knitting component and she will be knitting microbes. She is looking for someone to start a tobacco awareness class, and is involved in the planning stages of a "Wellness Court" with Judge Nielson from Vilas County and Judge Smith from Lac du Flambeau others from the county involved. N. Miller gave each committee member a Youth Resource book and asked if they would go through it and make any changes and/or additions to the events or listing so the book can be updated.

Leonardo DaVinci Idea Book –

Platner mentioned a new book that is out – "DaVinci's Ghost". The book is about how DeVinci's ideas and theories have come to fruition.

Extension Office Sustainability Dialogue –

In the interest of sustainability for the UW-Extension the combining of committees was discussed. Platner stated that committees are to set policy, give input, and support to the department, and administrative duties should be left with the department heads. She also mentioned that in another county the full board has 2

meetings a month one about 2 hours in duration and is informational and consists of department updates and background information for resolution coming to the board; with the other meeting being the business items i.e. resolutions, policy items, etc. Radtke stated that he has spoken to supervisors from other counties that have combined committees and are specifically not happy saying that the combining doesn't always work. He also thinks that if the meetings are streamlined that a meeting every other month or so would be acceptable. Nielsen and Bedish agreed with Platner and Radtke. Nielsen would like to see UW-Extension stay in the forefront. N. Miller stated Dawn Smith, Zoning and Planning Department Head, has agreed to taking care of the recycling grant report due in April. N. Miller also stated that Vilas County is the only remaining county in the state that has a Solid Waste component attached to the CRD program.

Out-of-County travel –

Motion by Platner, second by Bedish to approve the following travel: N. Miller on March 26th & 27th to Madison for an Inclusion and Decision Making professional development training. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Budget Update/Approval of Vouchers –

Leveille distributed a monthly budget update and submitted the following vouchers for payment: Americinn of Ashland-\$70.00; Book World, Inc.-\$19.96; Clermont Printing & Office Products-\$310.70; Colours & Crème-\$27.00; Rosemary Leveille-\$180.44; Nancy Anne Miller-\$363.54; Skyview Lodge-\$218.90; Trig's Food & Drug-\$48.81; UW-Extension-\$15.98; Venture North Creations-\$22.00; and Xerox Corporation-\$848.25.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented was made by Bedish, second by Platner. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Correspondence and Communications –

N. Miller stated that the move to bring UW-Extension together in one office took place. The move itself was done before the carpeting was cleaned or any walls were repaired. She is waiting to find out when this will be done. Platner asked how the "Barracuda" software is being handled by the employees. It was stated that they are working with the IT process for unlocking the site when it is blocked.

Future Meeting Dates/Items –

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Vilas County Courthouse.

Adjournment –

Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Leveille