

AGENDA
Agriculture & Extension Education Committee Meeting
810 Lincoln St, Kewaunee, WI
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
8:30 AM

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Review/Approval of Minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting minutes
5. Public Input
6. Educators Reports – Written/Discussion
7. Department Head/Area Director Report – Rob Burke
 - a. Area updates
8. Travel requests (if any)
9. Review and Set Future Committee Meeting Dates.
10. Adjourn

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Aerica Bjurstrom
Agriculture Agent

Prepared for March 10, 2020

Pesticide Applicator Training – I held Pesticide Applicator Training in Kewaunee and Door Counties in February. I hold an annual training in Luxemburg, this year I had 14 participants. Private pesticide applicators must renew their license every five years (per the Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade & Consumer Protection). The curriculum is created and taught by Extension. With the absence of an agriculture agent in Door County, I also taught the class there this year where eight people recertified their licenses.

Land Rent Survey – The land rent survey collection process has closed and I am currently working on evaluating and summarizing data. I will host a free webinar when data is ready to distribute and archive it so people can watch it later if they like. I'll also make available a fact sheet on land rent rates and factors in the area.

Preparing for 2020 Forage and Soil Meeting – I held a local forage and soil meeting focusing on the challenging fall harvest due to rain and cold temperatures. Speakers (Matt Akins, UW-Madison Dairy Science) spoke on feeding low quality forage to dairy cattle, Francisco Arriaga (UW-Madison Soil Science) spoke on soil compaction and how to recover fields from previous damage, and I spoke on alfalfa research, specifically the alfalfa persistency project. I handed out a brand new publication on 2019 results and how they compare the previous 12 years of the project. I offered 2.5 continuing education credits for Certified Crop Consultants who attended the meeting. GreenStone Farm Credit Services sponsored snacks for attendees.

Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference – I have been a member of the Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference planning committee for over 10 years. The conference moves to a new location each year and this year it was held in Wisconsin Dells in conjunction with the Wisconsin Cattlemen's Association annual winter meeting. The conference planning committee with the Cattlemen's Association on logistics and speakers. Attendees could choose a dairy or beef track of breakout meetings to attend. Over 100 people attended the meeting and feedback was very positive. The meeting will now move to an every-other-year arrangement to be held the opposite year of another large Extension conference, the Midwest Manure Summit. The next Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference will be held in 2022 in Eastern Wisconsin.

Program planning – Programs planned for March – May 2020 include:

- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals – March 5
- Manure Hauler's 101 Meeting (Spanish and English) – March 26
- Dairy/Beef Meeting – April 3
- Agriculture Lender's Update – May 1
- Extension/KCEDC Ag Power Lunch (dairy manager training) - May 7
- Conservation Day – May 13
- Rural Safety Day – May 19
- Scissor cutting project Mid-May through Early June



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Renee Koenig
Associate Professor, Human Development and Relationships Educator
Report for March 2020

Program Development – I met with UW-Madison Extension program managers in Wausau last month to develop programs to meet the changing needs of today's families. Families face challenges and new opportunities to raise children during rapid changes in technology, education and diversity. Family caregivers of older adults also face new challenges as the population ages. I have been writing letters of support for grant proposals and I am involved in developing new programs that the University will extend to families in Wisconsin in schools, child care centers, libraries, community centers, churches, and nursing care facilities.

Home and Community Education – I continue to work with the Kewaunee County Association for Home and Community Education to increase awareness of community organizations and to support families. Last month, I invited the director of the ADRC of the Lakeshore to present on available services and resources. I have also connected the HCE organization to local organizations that support family and children's basic needs. We are currently collecting donations of spices and cooking oils for the local food pantries and we are collecting other needed items for families involved with the violence intervention center.

Aging Mastery Program in Luxemburg – In March, I started the third series of the aging mastery program in Luxemburg. There are 30 men and women ages 61 to 88 attending. The participants learn about a variety of wellness topics including finances, nutrition, exercise, sleep, medications, gratitude, relationships and community involvement and volunteering. The participants set personal goals each week to improve their overall wellbeing and stay more actively involved in their communities.

Parenting Programs – Each month, I provide education to divorcing parents in Kewaunee and Manitowoc Counties. I also meet with parents weekly who are involved with the human service agencies so I can assist them with positive parenting strategies. In March, I have been invited to present to a group of parents who are raising children with special health needs and I will share evidence-based strategies for coping with the challenges of raising children in these unique situations.

Mental Health Presentation to Emergency Workers - In March, I have been invited to present on the topic of mental health and suicide prevention to EMS workers. My presentation will include recent data collected about youth risk behaviors, recognizing warning signs of mental illness, and resources available to help.

Health and Wellbeing Research – I conducted research for national, state and local use in March. I was the primary contributor to the National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) for Impact Reports resulting from Wisconsin's co-parenting education programs. On the state level, I reviewed Wisconsin award applications for the WEAFCFS affiliate organization. On the local level, a non-profit organization and a public health affiliated coalition have requested my assistance with research, data collection and survey development. I have provided data to support the non-profit business with grant writing and strategic planning. I have a plethora of resources to share. You might be interested in a few examples of the data available at: <https://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/316/2018/06/SD01.pdf> and <https://www.wihealthatlas.org/>.



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Kewaunee County 4-H Youth Development Extension Update

Jill Jorgensen, 4-H Youth Development Educator

February 2020

STAR (Students Talking About Respect) and Rising Stars In February, we had our third meeting with 6th grade girls at a local middle school on the topic of relational aggression/bullying and leadership. I work in cooperation with the staff from the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) – who work with the boys in 6th grade on similar topics. In February, we worked through some tools to move from a silent bystander to an ally when you witness a bullying situation. In addition, we talked about ways to support the victim that was bullied.

Rising STARS: In February, I had the opportunity to meet with all the 4th grade students to talk about positive and effective communication and listening skills. Rising STARS is similar to STAR but the topics focused to their grade level and based in the needs identified by the school counseling staff.

Facilitating Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers Online Training: I was selected to facilitate this online course focused on training Extension professionals from throughout the country on the subject of working with volunteers using the ISOTURE model. This is a multi-week training started at the end of January and runs through the beginning of March. During the course, members are part of a training cohort and facilitators use a variety of online learning methods and tools to work with the learners. This has been a great opportunity to both use my skills and build new ones.

Denmark Equestrian Youth Team - Group Facilitation: I was asked by the coaches and youth of the Denmark Youth Equestrian Team to facilitate conflict resolution, team building, and goal setting with the group. They wanted the help of an outside facilitator and some of the members had worked with me in the past and felt I would be a good fit to help the group. They needed assistance working together to overcome issues and work toward new opportunities. I've met with them twice and will be meeting with parents in the near future.



4-H Club Visit: In February I had the opportunity to meet with the Champion Sparkplug 4-H club. During the visit I was able to see the club in action and all of the positive communication, youth leadership, and activities that were occurring during the meeting. I had the opportunity to work with the group on participatory inquiry to work through coming up with a club solution. The group did an amazing job! In addition, I was able to observe a great moment of youth teaching youth through a hands-on demonstration. It is such a great testament to the life skills that young people are building through their 4-H experience – skills that they not only use today but will throughout their life.

Also, I've spent time working with the Silver Creek Cubs 4-H club to transition to new leadership, update new bylaws, and change some club structures and procedures. There have been many pieces and moving parts but we have a great leadership team that is ready for some new opportunities with the group.

Upcoming Events

Project Day: The Kewaunee County annual Project Day planning is under way for 2020. The event is planned for Saturday, March 14th from 9:30am until 2:45 pm. We are currently finalizing older youth and adult presenters as well as volunteers willing to help with the day's activities. We have over 80 youth (both 4-H and non 4-H members) registered to participate in over 19 different classes of the day. Not only does the program provide the youth with new life-skills, but it also is a good method for promoting the 4-H program in Kewaunee County.