

**Agriculture & Extension Education Committee**  
**February 8, 2010**  
**Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Chair Paul Dean, Wilbur Petroskey, Denny Thompson and Romelle Vandervest. Absent: Tom Rudolph, Mary Benbenek (excused).

**Others present:** Dan Kuzlik, Kari Lazars, Erica Brewster, Jim Winkler, Jim Lillis and Kerri Ison.

**Approve agenda:** Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve minutes:** Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the minutes of January 11, 2009 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Dates of future meetings:**

March 15, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room
April 12, 2010	1:30 p.m.	Extension meeting room

**Introduce Family Living Agent:** Kuzlik introduced Erica Brewster, new Family Living Agent who started on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Brewster is originally from Three Lakes and has been working overseas during the last six years in Madagascar and Vietnam with community-based health and education programs. Dean suggested issuing a press release announcing her arrival with a short biography.

**AIS Coordinator position update:** Kuzlik announced Lawrence Eslinger has accepted the AIS Coordinator position and will start on February 15<sup>th</sup>. His office will be based in the UWEX office at the Airport. Kuzlik noted this is a union position and the job description includes weekend/evening work when necessary. There are still plans to employ two grant-funded LTE positions during the summer.

**Oneida County Fair report:** Kuzlik noted Corporation Counsel is working with the City to draft a memorandum of agreement granting the County access to Pioneer Park on an annual basis for a set number of years for the fair.

**Monthly invoices for Oneida County Fair:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve monthly invoices for the Oneida County Fair. All ayes; motion carried.

**Monthly budget report:** Motion by Petroskey/Vandervest to approve the monthly budget reports for the periods ending 12/31/09 and 1/31/10 as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Approve monthly invoices:** Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**OCEDC monthly update:** None.

**Approve department goal review plan:** Kuzlik reviewed the long-range departmental goal plan noting that items listed are broad-based to be multi-program inclusive. Dean suggested

making County Board aware of specific programming being done by the department. Motion by Vandervest/Petroskey to approve the long-range department plan as presented. Discussion followed. All ayes; motion carried.

**Teen Court update:** Winkler provided a written progress report for Oneida Teen Court. He noted there is good support from the court system and parents are pleased with the program. Winkler is coordinating the program and a staff member assists with paperwork. He has applied for a grant in hopes of hiring a part-time coordinator. Vandervest suggested releasing another story regarding Teen Court to the media to help explain the Teen Court option. Winkler is recruiting teens for the next training session to be held in March in St. Germain. He also plans to meet with Kathy Vic Martini, Mock Trial Coordinator, to possibly partner with that group. Dean suggested "advertising" Teen Court at the schools. Petroskey felt that supervisors are more receptive to oral reports instead of written reports. Lengthy discussion followed.

**Monthly agent reports:** Discussion followed regarding reports provided in packets. Committee members were very interested in the poverty statistics provided by Lazars. Motion by Thompson/Vandervest to approve the monthly agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Out-of-county travel:**

Kuzlik:

2/9-11/10 UWEX Statewide Dept. Head meeting Elkhart Lake, WI\*

\*state expense

Motion by Thompson/Petroskey to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public comment:** None.

**Items for next agenda:** Introduce AIS Coordinator, fair update, teen court.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Vandervest/Thompson to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kerri Ison, Recording Secretary

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Paul Dean, Chair