

Community Partner Advisory Group Meeting
MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2007, Meeting—6:30 PM

UWEX Office -
Government Center—Elkhorn, WI

Hoss Rehberg, Co-Chairman, called the December meeting of the Community Partner Advisory Group to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll call—CPAG members present: Kathy Baumeister, Thomas Ganfield, Mary Kaye Merwin, John Newhouse, Hoss Rehberg, Kathleen Tober, and Mary VanderVeen.

Members not in attendance: Jacqueline Buleje, Bob Handel (excused), Brittany Hammel, Dianne Kegley (excused), Sheri Nelson, Darlene Pinnow (excused), Gen Reed, and Doc Sterken.

Ag and Extension Education Committee present—None

UWEX staff present - Peg Reedy, Agribusiness Agent, and Cristina Parente, WNEP Coordinator

Public in attendance - None.

Approval of the Agenda - There were no withdrawals from the Agenda. Kathy Baumeister moved to approve the agenda and Mary Kaye Merwin seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes – Mary Kaye Merwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007 meeting with a second by Mary VanderVeen. The motion was carried 7-0.

Public comment—There was no public comment.

Cristina Parente, Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Coordinator: Cristina Parente gave a power point presentation on her job in Walworth County with a question and answer period.

4-H Educator Update, CPAG Representation on Interview Committee: Mary Kaye Merwin volunteered to be on the interview committee. The preliminary interviews will be held in Madison on January 23, 2008. Peg Reedy will call Mary Kaye with the final date, location and time when everything is set up.

2007 Wrap up: Peg Reedy will be contacting Kathleen Haas at the State Level and asking her to come to the next CPAG meeting to talk to the committee about what other CPAG groups in the State are doing and to give guidelines and an overview about what CPAGs are doing in the state. It may also be a good idea to ask Mr. Bretl to a meeting to give guidelines on what effects the County Board down-sizing to 11 members will be and what the role of the CPAG will be and whether it will play a part in the overall structure.

Year In Review: At the beginning of last year, Growing Wisconsin workshops were held and Kathleen Tober and Dianne Kegley attended and reported back to the group. Land use was being

discussed in Walworth County, we had a sub committee that came up with a agricultural land use resolution; it was submitted and has been approved by the A&E committee is to be considered by the Smart Growth Committee. We have had department updates from Horticulture, 4-H, and Nutrition Education. CPAG committee members attended the WACEC District 2 meeting that was held in Walworth County. Following the Rural Leadership discussion, Kathy Baumeister applied for the program; she has an interview with the state selection committee. A SWOT Analysis was conducted to determine needs for programming in Walworth County. Peg Reedy will be putting a report together of the year overview for the next Ag and Extension Meeting.

Filling CPAG Vacancies: Terms are expiring for Thomas Ganfield, Brittany Hammel, John Holmes, Sheri Nelson, John Newhouse, Gen Reed, Hoss Rehberg, and Mary VanderVeen. A legal notice and press release has gone out, notifying the public of the need to fill these vacancies. A letter was also sent to all the people who had applied before asking them to re-apply. Committee members knowing of anyone that might be interested, were asked to submit their names or ask them to apply.

UWEX Needs Assessment: Peg Reedy and Jenny Wehmeier posted an internet survey asking for input on needs for county programming. Each CPAG member was asked to distribute a hard copy of the survey to at least five other county residents.

Next Meeting Date—February 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment—Kathleen Tober moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., and Kathy Baumeister seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Submitted by Susan Landreman, recording secretary. Minutes approved by the CPAG Committee on March 31, 2008.