

Community Partner Advisory Group Meeting
MINUTES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 Meeting—6:30 PM

County Committee Room, Room 111
Government Center—Elkhorn, WI

Jacqueline Buleje, Chairman, called the December 5 meeting of the Community Partner Advisory Group to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll call—CPAG members present: Jacqueline Buleje, Rollie Cooper, Elton Feffer, Thomas Ganfield, John Newhouse, Gen Reed, Hoss Rehberg, and Mary VanderVeen. A quorum was declared. Dianne Kegley arrived at approximately 6:38 p.m.

Members not in attendance: James D’Alessandro, Brittany Hammel, Marilyn Kienbaum, Sheri Nelson, Nina Ruskey, and Kathleen Tober.

Ag and Extension Education Committee present—None.

UWEX staff present— Jenny Wehmeier, UW-Extension Department Head, Peg Reedy, Agribusiness Agent, Christine Regester, Horticulture Agent, and Angie Recknagel, Recording Secretary.

Public in attendance— None.

There were no withdrawals from the Agenda. **Reed moved to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Rehberg. The motion carried 8-0.**

Reed moved to approve the minutes of the June 27 Community Partner Advisory Group meeting, with a second by Rehberg. The motion carried 8-0.

Public comment—There was no public comment.

Review of Parliamentary Procedure—Wehmeier distributed handouts regarding parliamentary procedure. Wehmeier gave a brief review of parliamentary procedure. Discussion included the process of adjourning a meeting.

Status of CPAG membership for 2007— Wehmeier distributed worksheet for potential appointments. Wehmeier asked that current CPAG members return the nominee worksheet in a timely fashion so that letters could be sent to all nominees before the end of the year. Wehmeier also requested that anyone completing a term mail in their postcard to determine vacancies on the committee.

Review of Community Leadership Program Exploration Subcommittee report and recommendations (Ruskey, Reed, Newhouse)— Reed reported that the committee was unable to meet. She also wanted to clarify that the subcommittee consisted of Reed and Buleje. Ruskey presented to the AEE committee on the subject of Community Leadership. **Reed moved to**

recommend reforming this steering committee consisting of Ruskey, Buleje and Reed to further investigate, with a second by Ganfield. The motion carried 9-0.

Value of Agriculture in Walworth County – Report by subcommittee an review and discussion of draft resolution (VanderVeen, Kegley, Tober, and Nelson)— VanderVeen reported that the subcommittee was unable to meet. Reedy reported that the committee did hear from Neal Fraunfelder from the Land Use Resource department regarding the Land Use Plan for the County. Reedy explained that American Farm Land Trust, Dept of Agriculture, and several Agriculture agents are involved in a working land conference that is being held February 26-28th. This conference will be in three different areas of the state. Scott Everett and Ralph Grossi, President of American Farm Land Trust both will be speaking at these conferences. Reedy stated she really wanted one of these conferences to be held in Walworth County as a compromise there will be a conference on this subject in March, 2007 in Walworth County. **VanderVeen moved to provide programs to promote education on this topic within Walworth County with the same subcommittee of VanderVeen, Tober, Kegley and Nelson, to continue work on this, with a second by Kegley. The motion carried 9-0.**

Discussion followed, Ganfield questions if someone from this committee should attend the Land Conference in February. Wehmeier explained there is funding available to send CPAG members to such meetings. Reedy explained the conference would be held in River Falls on February 26th and in Pewaukee on February 28th. **Newhouse moves to send one CPAG delegate to the conference on February 28th, with a second by Ganfield. The motion carried 9-0.**

Discussion followed to decide when the committee should next meet. Members favored meeting after the Land Conference. **Feffer moved to reschedule the regular scheduled meeting on February 27th, 2007 to March 6th, 2007, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., with a second by Rehberg. The motion carried 9-0.**

UWEX Department Report – Departmental updates— Wehmeier distributed the description of the CPAG. Buleje, Rehberg, and Wehmeier had met and discussed on how the group should proceed in the future. Wehmeier wanted to review the CPAG description so everyone is focused on the purpose of this committee. Wehmeier distributed a survey asking the committee to rank the five program areas on which they would like to most hear more information on a specific program area. Results of the informal survey: Agribusiness 1.875, Family Living 2.875, 4-H / Youth Development 2.875, WNEP 4.5, Horticulture 4.75.

Next Meeting Date—The CPAG will next meet on March 6, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. The featured program will be Agribusiness.

Adjournment—**Reed moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m., and Kegley seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.**

Submitted by Angie Recknagel, recording secretary. Minutes approved by the Advisory Group on March 6, 2007.