

Community Partner Advisory Group Meeting
MINUTES

Monday, March 31, 2008, Meeting—6:30 PM

Government Center—Elkhorn, WI

Hoss Rehberg, Co-Chairman, called the March meeting of the Community Partner Advisory Group to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call—CPAG members present: Kathy Baumeister, Dianne Kegley, Zach McKinney, Erin McNally, Mary Kaye Merwin, John Newhouse, Darlene Pinnow, Hoss Rehberg and Mary VanderVeen.

Members not in attendance: Jacqueline Buleje, Bob Handel, Sheri Nelson, Doc Sterken Kathleen Tober.

Ag and Extension Education Committee present—None

UWEX staff present - Peg Reedy, Agribusiness Agent, and Kathy Arndt, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Walworth County UWEX, Kathleen Haas, UW-Extension Madison

Public in attendance – None

Approval of the Agenda - There were no withdrawals from the Agenda. Mary Kaye Merwin moved to approve the agenda and Darlene Pinnow seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-0.

Approval of Minutes – Dianne Kegley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting with a second by Mary Kaye Merwin. The motion was carried 9-0.

Public comment—There was no public comment.

Kathy Arndt, 4-H Youth Development Educator: Kathy Arndt introduced herself to the CPAG group and discussed her vision for Walworth County 4H. She answered questions the group had about the program.

Kathleen Haas, UW-Extension Madison, Community Partner Advisory Groups Advisor: Peg Reedy and Kathleen Haas gave an overview of UW-Extension in Walworth County and a short orientation for CPAG, including the mission statement and goals. The mission of the Community Partner Advisory Group is to help UWEX staff and the Agriculture and Extension Committee implement and sustain high quality education programs that meet the needs and enrich the lives of local citizens and that result in a strong foundation of support for community based extension education. CPAG members need to be the connection between the community and the extension office and the changing demographics and come up with a plan to be able to meet those needs when they arise. Each CPAG member was asked to introduce themselves, share what they do for a living and what activities they participate in, and then answer three questions:

- What do you hope to accomplish tonight?
- What do you hope to start/continue as a CPAG member?
- What do you see as your role as a CPAG member?

Results will be compiled and distributed to members.

JEM Grant Approval: Peg Reedy discussed the JEM grants available through the Wisconsin Department of Tourism and presented her proposal for a grant to fund a barn quilts project to promote rural business and local food in the county. A motion by Kathy Baumeister and a second by Dianne Kegley to forward the grant on to the finance committee and county board for approval passed 9-0.

Filling CPAG Vacancies: Reedy discussed ways to fill vacancies. According to the county ordinance establishing the CPAG, members need to represent the four quadrants of the county. Mary Kaye Merwin was elected chair of the 2008-2009 CPAG and Kathy Baumeister was elected vice-chair.

A CPAG project for 2008: This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date—April 21, 2008

Adjournment—Kathy Baumeister moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., and Dianne Kegley seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Submitted by Susan Landreman, recording secretary. Minutes approved by the CPAG Committee April 21, 2008.