

WEAFCS Public Policy Committee Meeting via Wisline
Minutes
May 15, 2008
1:00-2:30 p.m.

Present: Maryilyn Kooiker, Marma McIntee, Jennifer Caravella and guest presenters Lori Zierl and Donna Peterson

Excused: Mary Gruenewald

The 3/18/08 minutes were reviewed but not approved based on the low number of committee members present for the wisline.

A secretary was not elected due to only three committee members being on line.

Gail Peavey was welcomed as the new co-chair.

Jennifer mentioned that Rosemary Potter is lined up to talk about public policy education on the Sept. 25 1:00 -2:30 wisline. Jennifer will send a notice out to the UWEX All list inviting others to participate.

Jennifer mentioned that she requested and received a copy of the publication written by Richard Barrows titled *Public Policy Education*. Jennifer will let the members of the committee know that they can request a copy of this from Dan Hill.

Donna Peterson and Lori Zierl each talked about their experiences at PILD. Some of the things they shared include:

- PILD had good, practical speakers during break out sessions
- They each got a better understanding of how Extension's works on the federal level (i.e.) Caroline Kronko the federal program leader for Family Sciences.
- They learned that delegates from Milwaukee County don't have much interaction with their UWEX staff
- Two youth who came for the experience were very impressive and well spoken
- They both thought it was best to have a county constituent talk to legislators about what UWEX means to them or has done for their county at the local level, rather than speaking directly to the legislator as an Extension agent.

It was suggested that a fact sheet be created for other "PILD first-timers" so they know what to expect. Marma said that such a resource may already exist and that the program areas or association can be surveyed in order for us to find this out.

Donna asked if our committee would contact the Dean's office to see if the PowerPoint presentation given to county board participants attending PILD, could be placed on a UWEX web site.

Jennifer talked briefly about her meeting with J. Michael Blaska from the Wisconsin Counties Association. She asked him if he would be willing to present a session on parliamentary

procedure at the 2009 JCEP conference. The committee suggested that Jennifer inquire as to any cost that might be involved in him presenting.

Future wisline dates for the public policy committee were chosen. They include:

11-20-08 1:00-2:30

1-22-09 1:00-2:30

3-19-09 1:00-2:30

Jennifer will schedule these wislines with Judy Ballweg.

No other business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Caravella