The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m by Chair Dan Nankee.

Certification of meeting:
Noted by Paul Ohlrogge that the meeting was posted

Approval of the agenda
Motion by Paull
Second by Bunker – Motion Carried

Approval of the minutes from August 12 meeting
Minutes will be approved the next Extension and Education Committee

Opportunity for public to address the committee – none present
No comments from the audience and members

Discussion to continue meeting in 2015 in the a.m. - Agreed that we will meet again at the end of the summer and preferably in the a.m.

Reports from Staff

Dona Peterson reported on Nutrition Education Programs:
Donna shared information on her narrative for the 2016 budget which begins in October 2015. Donna also gave examples of indirect and direct education. Donna’s budget is good for the next 3 years.

Ruth Schriever reported on Family Living Programs:
Ruth shared information on family income in Iowa County. The Median family income is $70,000 with an annual net of $49,000 – monthly net of $4,090. Ruth also reported on her financial education to high school students and the teaching that goes with the difference with gross and net income. There are 2.96 people in a family in Iowa County.
Melissa Doyle reported on 4-H programs:

Melissa shared information on the 4-H Ambassador program. Several ambassadors participated in the legislative visit day last week at the capitol. These 4-H’s talked about their experiences with 4-H to Senator Marklein and Representative Novak. Melissa is gearing up for the 4-H summer camp where over 100 youth and 30 volunteers will be helping out with the camp at Uphma Woods. Ambassadors recently participated in the Relay for Life event at Harris Park.

Deb Ivey reported on 4-H programs:

Deb reported that the 4-H program is getting ready for the summer session that culminates at the Iowa County Fair over Labor Day weekend. A lot of project work is done in the next 4 months with 4-H project teams. Deb also reported that she has worked with school districts and helped them interpret the data from the Youth Survey. At one school she facilitated discussions with students that focused on the data from the youth survey. How students feel when they are lonely, depressed or in conflict.

Gene Schriefer reported on Agriculture Programs:

Gene share highlights and information on several programs – Driftless Beef Conference an 4 state effort; workshops that share information on the farm bill; Spring Grazing conference; Dairy Forage work and asking assistance form a University State Specialists; flexible leasing programs; Nutrient management programs and the fact 200 farms now have nutrient management plans.

Paul Ohlrogge reported on Community Resource Programs:

The Community Leadership Alliance (CLA) started the 16 year of programming. Paul is chair of the board and chair of the curriculum committee. Also shared information on 2 Natural Resource conferences that had large number of people attend here in SW-WI. Paul also has worked on the Economic Development 101 program with Scott Godfrey and Ann Schramke. Two sessions were held in April and one more scheduled for late May.

VISTA update

Ruth Schriefer shared that we will be having a new VISTA volunteer to the UWEX office and will be working with the Multi-Cultural Outreach Program (MCOP). Ann Korina Burton will start here in mid-June.

Budget for 2015

We had a lengthy discussion on the impacts of the state budget cuts to UWEX.

Adjournment:
Motion by Bunker, second by Paull to adjourn. Carried. (10:30 a.m.)

Submitted by
Paul Ohlrogge and cleared by Supervisor Bruce Paull, Secretary of the committee.