

**EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2021**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Josh Docheff
Larry Hooker
Erin Mathews
Gary Schaneman
Lori Stevens
Sheila Beckley-FCS Program Update

Olga Gonzalez
Pat Kindvall
Commissioner Saine
Sean Short
William Nelson
Cindy Nosko-Minutes

ABSENT:

Amy Cooksey
William Owsley

Ron Marshall
Daryl Weist

Larry Hooker welcomed the group and called the meeting of the Weld County Extension Advisory Council to order at 12:00 p.m.

Sheila Beckley gave an update on the FCS (Family Consumer Science) program. She started with CSU Extension on August 3, 2020 and has been working from home since the pandemic. The classes I taught in 2020 were Nutrition Trends, Mediterranean Diet, Elevation baking-4 sessions, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness. Worked with the libraries to set them up. She was also able to be trained in: All my Money which is a literacy program for low income families, 10 Signs of Alzheimer's, Dementia Conversations, Dining with Diabetes and made demo videos on basic cooking on Facebook. In 2021 Sheila started teaching/co-teaching. Some of the classes were the same as last year such as Nutrition Trends and the Mediterranean Diet that comes with a recipe kit. Both are always a popular course to take. She will be teaching an emergency and disaster preparedness program in the next couple of months.

Alzheimer's Association and the High Plains Library District are looking into the possibility of in-person classes may be in August or September depending.

Sheila has done some recipe development like Elevation baking and developed a kit for the High Plains Library District. It was a bit of a logistical challenge since the High Plains Library District is comprised of about 14 different libraries in different locations, but it is going well.

She also did some recipes for the Weld County Food Bank. They were looking for some recipes for pantry staples that go into the regular stuff and the boxed stuff that go to Seniors. They gave Sheila a list of the pantry staples they had and requested recipe from them. In the fall last year, the Food Bank received large amounts of livestock that was donated and they had them turned into ground meats (pork, beef, goat, etc.), and they asked Sheila if she could do some recipes for them to cook ground meats.

Also did a lecture and demo video for the Mediterranean Diet and was available to viewers at their convenience. There were about 20 that took it the class so was worth it.

For this year, Sheila had a chance to work with the PRU group to build a curriculum for things like High Elevation baking and Meal Planning with Confidence. She was able to work with the logo, layout, and design of the videos for these items.

For the other part that was not associated with her position, Sheila volunteered to assist with the making of the logo for "Money Smart". She took the opportunity and learn new technology to make the logo and design and made 8 short videos on Money Smart. She also helped with the purchase of promotional materials and putting the logo on them.

With the "Meal Planning with Confidence" there were 3 people working on this project getting the content and recipes for the curriculum handouts such as recipe guides and weekly meal planning forms.

Sheila learned how to use Adobe heavily this past year due to a lot of libraries wanting to do virtual programming, so she learned very rapidly how to use Adobe Premium Rush and Adobe premium pro to make the videos such as Elevation Baking, Mediterranean Diet, Soft Rolls, Hard Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, etc. What made it interesting is that the libraries wanted the lecture and demo videos to only be an hour long for their clientele.

Right now, the networks that Sheila has been working to establish are Healthy Eating Group, Aging Well Collaborative Impact Group, Weld Senior Networking, Alzheimer's Association, Weld Food Bank and High Plains Library District.

A question was asked about how a person can access the trainings that are available. Sheila responded that the library does have a Facebook page and possibly twitter on social media. CSU also has YouTube channels that are available for downloadable videos.

To register for an upcoming lecture, there is a cost to register thru Sheila. The library district does have some videos at no charge.

Larry gave us the director's report. We were at full staff but unfortunately Nancy Gogreve-Extension Admin/Fair Secretary resigned her position effective June 14, 2021. We have gotten approval to begin the rehire process immediately so hoping the candidate will be in place by the time Fair begins.

We will be having a "normal" fair this year and it will be open to the public. The 4-H/FFA competitive events as usual; there will be vendors and entertainment and the Jr. Livestock Sale will be as normal too. The livestock will come in one day, show the next and go home.

CSU budget is forecasting a drop of \$143 million in Revenue – still feeling the COVID affects – decrease in enrollment, drop-in support from the State for Higher Education. The net effect to the Extension are that the only raises may be a cost of living and that is being voted on now.

The Weld County budgeted for the Fair and Extension portions are being finalized right now and they will be turned on Friday June 18th.

Commissioner Lori Saine gave the Commissioner's report. She was asked to be a judge for the costume contest for the Dairy Extravaganza. The costumes were so cute, there was even one that was dressed up as a ghost buster and the cow was the giant marshmallow man. They were so cute.

Larry Hooker gave everyone an update on the CSU Community Needs Assessment. The survey was sent out to most of everyone for responses. We did get the final version of the survey and it has been distributed already to all the 4-H families and all the different program networks we have. Larry did talk with Tonya at Health Alliance and she was going to help get it distributed to the health side. It's all done by email so will go right into the Weld County Survey and that is supposed to be completed about the 27th of July. We then pull it all together, get the information and start looking at how we can apply the responses to our program areas. Hoping by the middle of Fall we should have a better handle of the information we need.

The job announcement for the Weld County Extension Director went out on June 13th and the deadline for applications is July 6th. They will then have about 3 weeks of going through all the applications to narrowing it down for the hiring pool so they can start to set up the interviews. We do have one agent on the committee. It would normally have been Larry, but since he is applying for the position, he is not eligible to be on the search committee. There are no dates yet but as information comes in, we'll let you know.

No new business was brought up so the next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021, and Jenette Masarie, Fair Coordinator will be giving the program update. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.