

October 2, 2018 – HCE Board Meeting Minutes – Court House at 9:40

President Carol Grorich opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Homemakers Prayer. Secretary Rita Janz read the minutes and they were accepted as read. Rita gave the treasurers report for Treasurer Connie Eisch. She presented the insurance that HCE wants all counties to have. It is no longer just if you choose to do it, now you must. **A motion** was made by Rita and seconded by Darlene Schumacher “to get the policy from HCE for the year of 2019”. This policy does not need to be informed each time we have an event.

FLE: Jackie Carattini brought the new ‘Guidelines of WAHCE and UW Extension Relationship’. We went through the complete document and she explained the changes as we went along. Questions that were brought up were if it would be allowable to have business cards made up with the HCE information on it for members to give to people when they are asked about HCE. We were told it would be ok, IF we had the flyer made with all the information available at the office., This flyer has been in the works for a couple of years but never finished. There is a microphone and projector available to use for events. The State HCE is still in need of a Marketing Chair. Jackie spoke of the questionnaire that members had been asked to fill out and return about volunteering. West District returned the majority of the information! 83 replied for a value of \$785,201 and if each member volunteered as much as those that replied, the value of volunteer hours would be 3 million dollars. So, make sure you participate in these as this information is used when HCE is presenting us to State organizations. Move and Groove has been changed to Healthy Lifestyles.

Wisconsin Bookworms: Julie Carlson said that all was ready for the new year. She gave the dates of reading and will deliver the books today. Wisconsin Rapids Headstart is changing to a one, all day long class so the Rudolph club will only have to read once a day now. She explained, along with Jackie, the information on the ‘Easy Reader’ program.

State Conference: Darlene said that 279 members attended. The feedback has been that this was one of the best conferences. Hotel, food, presenters, everything added up to a great conference. Next year it will be held in Manitowoc.

Cultural Arts: Darlene reported for Marilyn Cournoyer. Wood County came home with 2 medallions. Marilyn for her Christmas stocking and Darlene for her bracelet. Most of the other entrants from Wood County all received first place ribbons.

Miscellaneous: We planned our 2019 calendar for our booklet for next year. All board meetings and group gatherings were all set. - - - We were reminded to fill out the Member of the Year nominee slips that will be in the newsletter. - - - We corrected the order of the clubs for hosting. - - - Jackie made a suggestion for us to check out for a speaker for International day. - - - Rita will send a thinking of you card to Judy Steinert to let her know we are all thinking of her and her husband. - - - The address of the HCE website is: www.wahceinc.org. Check this site out and there is a LOT of information on it and it is OUR site. We also discussed adding a Wood County HCE page to it. - - -

A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Clare Grosskreutz that a person can change how they receive the connection, by signing a letter stating they are allowing someone else to do it for them.

Respectfully submitted by
Rita Janz, Wood County Secretary

Present: Carol Grorich, Pat Klein, Rita Janz, Sandra Oleson, Linda O’Donnell, Julia Carlson, Clare Grosskreutz, Darlene Schumacher, Jim Nickel, Diane Nickel, Jackie Carattinni, Wendy Young