



**Board of Directors  
May 18, 2021**

**Opening:** President Jim Nickel opened with Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Nickel led the Homemakers Creed.

**Present:** Jackie Carattini, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Darlene Schumacher, Christine Goodness, Judy Steinert, Linda O'Donnell, Wendy Young, Pat Klein, Connie Eisch and Marilyn Cournoyer.

**Minutes:** Secretary's minutes from the Board Meeting of March 16, 2021 were not read. Motion made by Darlene Schumacher to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Judy Steinert. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Connie Eisch gave the treasurer's report. Report will be filed. Connie mentioned that a check was written to the West District on January 11, 2021 for dues and it has not been cashed yet. Darlene Schumacher will follow up with Joan Staffon. The check that was written for the insurance coverage was returned because they are no longer doing insurance. Wendy did our 990 form for us. The question came up what the insurance covered. It only covered visitors to an event. It was decided to look into insurance coverage for an event rather than the whole year. Jackie will look into what insurance carrier the 4-H uses. It was decided that the July 8, 2021 event would not need to have insurance because there are no visitors.

**Julie Carlson Basket Update:** Connie Eisch reported that she purchased a basket from Ruby Reds and took it over to Julie's home. She was very appreciative. Jackie Carattini mentioned that she received a thank you card from the family and that the contents of the card will be published in the next issue of The Connection.

**Hardship Dues:** Judy Steinert made a motion that dues for members over 80 or due to a hardship are optional. The county would pay the dues for the member. Seconded by Pat Klein. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. We will take a second look at this at the August meeting when we go over the by-laws.

**Connection Update:** The Connection has had a great response from the members and have contributed many articles for it. Keep up the good work.

**Programs:** Linda inquired if there was a resource for lesson material that would be available. She is looking for a list and then post what the possible lessons are and then if anyone is interested in a particular subject. This information would be put in The Connection. Linda's first program (tomato blight) will be published in the next issue of The Connection that was requested by another member.

**Family Outreach Program Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Word From Jackie:** The United Way has a need for readers for Head Start. This is separate from the Bookworms Program. If anyone is interested, contact the United Way.

**Marketing Update:** Carol Gorich has requested that we purchase items from HCE directly from Laurie. The order form is published in The Connection.

**Bookworms Update:** Christine Goodness reported that she received several donations from friends and family members of Julie Carlson. She had to order books and will get the final head count in the fall. Christine was given some miscellaneous books. She contacted the area schools and divided them up between

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the schools that responded to be used at the teacher's discretion. The check book has been found. It was at the extension office. The program is moving along nicely. Christine is looking for help in determining members that would be eligible for the readers award that is presented at the WAHCE State Conference. She has no records to go on. Darlene Schumacher will check with Marianne Geiger to see if the state has any records. Christine gave a financial report for Bookworms and it will be filed. Christine has ordered to 75 sets of books for next year. Distribution in the fall will be adjusted depending upon the head count. Christine has written a letter to be sent to companies asking for donations. She has contacted Worzella Publishing Company. Thrivent is another possibility. Alliant Energy used to give a donation, this might be online. Christine will use her discretion as to when to send out letters to companies for donations. Christine Goodness and Marilyn Cournoyer will collaborate to try and get a grant through Thrivent.

**Cultural arts Update:** The event is July 8, 2021 and the registration forms are due June 7, 2021. Bring the items on July 8th from 9:00 to 9:30am with pickup of items after 11:30am. Mail registration forms to Marilyn Cournoyer. The event is at the Annex building for Family Natural Foods. It is a tan garage on the street opposite of the store.

**Historian Update:** Sandra Deering submitted a nice article for The June Connection. She is looking for more articles for the future. She is looking to start a HCE Book Club.

**Membership Update:** Denise Mancl is writing article for the River Times and she has made membership business cards and membership flyers. IF you need any, please contact Denise Mancl.

**WAHCE State Conference Update:** We are at 71 registrations to date and 37 for the boat tour. The conference committee will be meeting at the hotel in the middle of June and they will then find out if they are good to go for September. Darlene is encouraging the Wood County HCE members to come to the conference or at least make it for the Cultural Arts portion which is on Tuesday. Christine Goodness had a question about scholarships for the convention. There was a small discussion on it and it was mentioned that we would be covering the scholarships later in the meeting. The scholarship for the convention is closed.

**The Update Update:** Wood County HCE will be writing an article for the July issue of The Update. This is an article promoting Wood County HCE. Diane and Jim will write the article.

**The Connection On The State Web Site:** There was a discussion whether or not we should put The Connection on the WAHCE State web site. It was agreed to have them published on the web site but any telephone numbers will have to be removed before they are posted. All articles in The Connection are written by members. Flyers that are in The Connection will not be posted on the web site.

**2022 Awards Update:** Diane has the awards information. There is a brief synopsis of what the awards are and who is eligible. Anyone wanting to apply for any of the awards, please contact Diane for more information on where and how to apply. Diane will help you with any documentation you may need.

**Fall Kick-Off Update:** Fall Kick-Off is scheduled for September 7, 2021. It starts at 9:00am with the location to be determined at a later date. If we have it at a shelter house, it is a first come first serve basis. Nepco Lake is \$600.00. Carol Grorich has table favors already for us. The Nekoosa Library is starting up and that is free. Diane will check with McMillan Library to see if they are opening up. Diane and Jim will check to see what is available. Carol Grorich is looking for yarn for things is making for donation for Wood County HCE. Diane has reserved a four foot table at the WAHCE State Conference. We are looking for pictures of



things that have been done and any articles also. Try to get them to Diane and Jim. Christine will put together something for the Bookworms. There could also be something about Rita Janz. Nicki Jarowski will be asked if she would do that. Carol Grorich made coverlets and we might be able to display one of them. Michelle Hamel was making preemie hats and that may be another thing to get on the board. Marilyn Cournoyer will supply an Ouch Pouch. Keep thinking about ideas.

**By-Laws Update:** Our next Board Meeting is in August at Darlene Schumacher's home and this is when we discuss the By-Laws.

**Club Update:** A couple of the clubs would like to disband but not all of the members want to disband. What about the possibility of starting a new club that could meet at McMillan Library. There appears a good reception from some of the members from the clubs that want to disband. They have the option to be members at large but this would give them the option of still belonging to a club. The Board will form a committee for each of the events that held throughout the year. Diane and Jim will chair a Fall Kick-Off committee.

**Closing:** Jim led the Homemaker's Prayer.

**Board Meeting:** Next Board Meeting is August 17, 2021 at 9:30am at Darlene Schumacher's home. This is a pot-luck meeting.

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Christine Goodness and seconded by Judy Steinert. All in favor. Motion carried.