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Date: Wednesday, January 05, 2022
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Public Registration:

Join Zoom Meeting to be let into the waiting room

<https://larimer-org.zoom.us/j/93331576481>

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Call To Order

Public Comment

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

Draft Minutes for Approval 11/3/2021

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Discussion

4-H

Members: Katie, Pam, Diane, Toby and Bailey

2020-2021 4-H Year

- 4-H Members - 789
- 4-H Members Completed - 683
- 87% Member Completion
- 4-H Leaders - 262
- 4-H Leaders Completed - 256
- 98% Leader Completion
- # of Projects - 1,636
- # of Projects Completed - 1,323
- 81% Project Completion

Reviewing 20-21 & looking forward:

- Numbers of both members and volunteers have dropped but these drops are in line with what is being seen across Colorado and nationally. These drops are interpreted to be significantly impacted by the COVID pandemic.
- The 4-H team is working closely with Cari Brown on marketing efforts through early March in order to try to drive higher enrollment, and attempt to reach more eligible youth.
 - Enrollment is currently low with 174 members and 79 volunteers at some stage of enrollment. Enrollment closes March 15th.
- The 4-H agents are focusing goals for the coming year on strengthening and improving the quality of current program offerings.
- Agents have been working closely with Key Leaders to develop strong programming plan for the 21-22 year.
- We held a variety of educational events and workshops this fall. Some planned workshops which were intended to orient current members to the project and be informational for potential members were cancelled due to lack of interest. Our 4-H programming has not had many 4-H workshops in the Oct-Dec months in recent years, so we expect we can have more success with this approach with more advance advertising and as our 4-H community becomes more familiar with the concept over time.
- We are excited to offer two new projects this year: Beekeeping & Metalworking. Colorado State began offering them as new projects last year.

Achievement Night: Held a successful Achievement Night on November 5th at The Ranch. roughly 150-200 attendees. The Junior Leadership Club decorated and served refreshments. Three senior members served at emcees. Volunteers & members achievements from the year were highlighted.

Early 2022:

- We will kick off the year with orientations across a variety of projects to get current members started and also to serve as opportunities for potential members to learn more about opportunities and consider joining the projects.

Horticulture and Farmers' Market

Members: Alison

Master Gardeners: A very successful year overall with continued volunteer enthusiasm and interest in continuing education. There is hope that hybrid classes will be offered in 2022 with more social interaction options. The Master Gardeners had 4,507 volunteer hours and 1,503 continuing education hours and connected with 7,784 individuals in Larimer County in 2021.

Apprentice Master Gardeners: There are 13 incoming CMG apprentices for 2022 and one transfer (from Texas). They will start training the week of January 10, 2022.

Farmers' Market: Applications are scheduled to open on January 15 for the 2022 season.

Virtual Gardening Classes: With Amy Lentz in Weld County, the virtual gardening webinars will continue on the second Wednesday of each month at noon (12pm), supported by the Loveland Library and Clearview Library District. Different topics will be presented each month. Registration will be required and the recording will be available following the presentation. The CO-Horts Blog (csuhort.blogspot.com) hosts registration and recordings.

January 12: Seed Starting

February 9: Gardening Myths

March 9: Planning the Cut Flower Garden

April 13: Landscape Irrigation

May 11: Managing Japanese Beetle

June 8: Container Gardening

July 13: Dry Shade Gardening

August 10: Pet-Friendly Landscaping
September 14: Fruit Trees
October 12: Plants for Fall Color
November 9: Gardening Year-in-Review
December 14: Evergreens for the Landscape

Food & Nutrition

Members: Amber

Worked in partnership with an Garfield County Director/FCS agent to update the Food Safety Works class curriculum and reformat it to be offered virtually. We co- hosted the first virtual class in December and have another virtual offering in January. The development of this updated curriculum has enabled the opportunity for the class to be offered in Spanish statewide. This should be available this winter.

Working to hire a 1 year FTE (Larimer County) to teach and proctor exams for a Certified Food Protection Manager course to the public. The curriculum offered will be through National Environmental Health Agency (NEHA) in place of the more widely known ServSafe course. The job description will be posted this month.

Had successful virtual classes in November and December including Cottage Foods, High Elevation Baking, Mediterranean Diet and Meal Planning with Confidence.

Will be launching a virtual financial literacy class series this month for Larimer County Human Services clients.

Ag & Natural Resources

Members: Karen

Native Plant Masters - Completed a successful year with 17 volunteers who educated 4,774 adults and 41 youth with information learned in a NPM course. These volunteers provided 638 hours of educational outreach. Begin preparation for 2022 NPM courses.

Colorado Building Farmers Program - Will hold an 8-week hybrid course at the Extension office from January 12 to March 2, 2022.

Emergency Preparedness - Spoke with 6th graders from Walt Clark Middle School about preparing for disasters that can happen in Larimer County (wildfires, floods, tornadoes, snowstorms).

One-on-one contacts and site visits - 226 one-on-one contacts and 36 site visits conducted in 2021.

Radon - Four virtual radon programs scheduled for January, which is Radon Action Month.

Community Development

Members: Sue and Lisa

Sue distributed a class list for January - May 2022. Along with bi-monthly morning meditation sessions, Sue will be offering:

- Jan 14: Hope & Healing
- Feb. 11: Self-care Planning Workshop
- Mar. 9: Emotional Resilience
- April 11: Attend to Pain Mindfully
- May 11: Authentic Connection

Sue and Cheryl launched the new and improved Senior Access Points website! After many, many months in development, the site is now available for Larimer County residents to and family members to search for aging-related resources. Check out the new website: LarimerSeniors.org

Outreach impacts for Senior Access Points:

- The SAP team, with the support of five volunteer ambassadors, distributed 3235 outreach materials in English and 272 magnets in Spanish.

- There were 5977 website users and outreach had produced 207 phone calls to the Office on Aging.
- Outreach was conducted in medical clinics, eye centers, libraries, coffee shops, senior centers and hair salons.
- Five Senior Access Points Ambassadors contributed 110 hours in 2021.

Cheryl did an interview about SAP for KRFC "Community at Work" show. You can listen here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-51483923/senior-access-points-community-at-work-dec-2-2021>

Sue was invited to present on CSU Extension's aging initiatives at the Colorado Counties Incorporated Winter Conference meetings in Colorado Springs in December. The panel discussion was called, "Lifelong Colorado: Community Preparedness for Aging Population"

We will be sending out informational emails to community stakeholders during the month of January regarding information on the Juntos program with an invitation to be part of the conversations. Stakeholder meetings will be held in February/March. For more information please contact Lisa Auer auerlm@larimer.org or Katie Daywalker daywalka@co.larimer.co.us

The Mi Voz/FLTI 10 week Leadership Lab and FLTI 10 week youth program is currently taking applications. The adult class is offered in an English/Spanish language justice model. Please see the fliers in the drive for more information.

Staff Presentation

Lisa: Mi Voz/FLTI Civic Learning Lab

Mi Voz FLTI Leadership Lab

Mi Voz FLTI Leadership Lab PDF

Information Items

Youth Flyer 2022

Larimer Extension Programs

Showcase Video Slides

Discussion

Larimer County Climate Smart Initiative - meeting and survey

Board purpose and function review

- Bylaws review
 - Purpose
 - Membership
- Agenda's and meetings, board feedback

Showcase updates - Cari Brown

Other Business

Board Elections - Chair, Vice Chair

- Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?

Next Meeting Scheduled

3/2/2021: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn