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HAVE IDEAS? Let's talk about them!

Program Planning Meeting

July 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Tammy Hewuse, Program VP
404 Vandervort Street, Tomah

Send programming ideas to Tammyhewuse@gmail.com, if you prefer.

Budget

A quorum of members voted by Google Forms regarding the budget that was proposed at our recent annual meeting. Fourteen members voted to approve. Proposed budget has passed.

Tips for contacting your State Legislator* in Wisconsin

shared by Susan Barbee by way of Deb Thiel

1. Always include your address so they know you are a constituent – and mention that in the body of the letter as well.
2. Keep it short and to the point. You don't have to belabor a question, or even justify your point of view with a lot of detail or facts. The most important thing is to make it very clear what you want them to do.
3. Don't combine topics. They keep track of what contact they get about specific things and the point of view of the constituent. If you combine stuff (e.g., do this about the budget and this other thing about fair maps), you just make it harder for their staff to classify your letter.
4. Make it personal. Legislators tend to discount letters that sound like ten other letters they received.
5. Have a specific ask. For example, "Will you support XYZ bill?" or "Will you ensure that a particular thing happens or is funded, etc.?"
6. Ask a question so they have to reply with something other than a form letter.
7. Follow up. If you don't get a reply, contact them again and indicate, nicely, that you expected a reply.

*To find contact information for your legislators, you can call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-362-9472 or use the “Who Are My Legislators?” button on the [Wisconsin State Legislature Home Page](#) and enter your address at the top of the next page.



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“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” - Albert Einstein