



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

February 12, 2008

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hollander at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Hollander, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, S. McConnell, and V. Ammentorp.

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

M. Spaulding, D. Slark, A. Kavanaugh, and K. Zills.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTIVE(S) PRESENT

L. Hazelwood

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Ammentorp) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Ammentorp/Williams) to approve the January 8, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Hazelwood reported that libraries are beginning to plan summer programs. Although Berlin did not submit a written report, Hazelwood reported that they continue to rearrange to make better use of their facilities. Hollander and Spaulding noted that several winter library programs might make good "Our Day" programs for HCE.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Kavanaugh read a thank you note from former UW-Extension Central District Director Sue Buck, thanking the UW-Extension office and committee for their support over the years.

Spaulding handed out a copy of PowerPoint slides from a presentation done by David Wilson on administrative integration between UW-Extension and the UW Colleges. Discussion followed.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the educators.

Hargrave: Hargrave was not present.

Spaulding: Spaulding shared a care giving survey she distributed to Green Lake County government employees. She plans to share the results with the committee, Green Lake County employees and county board. She reported that she will use the results of the survey to help plan educational programs. Spaulding reported that the February Strengthening Families program went well. Green Lake County Extension will be joining a statewide initiative to create a local advisory group. Spaulding is currently working on a needs survey which will be distributed to the advisory group. Spaulding reported that she has been promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor. The rank change will become effective in July of 2008.

Slark: Slark reported that January was a busy month. Nine 4-H members were awarded trips after Older Youth Awards interviews. In addition, four members will attend Space Camp. Slark commented on how well the interviews were conducted and how impressed the judges were with Green Lake County youth. Slark reported that Super Saturday is scheduled for February 23. Green Lake County is partnering with Marquette County for this event. Slark attended preliminary Community Resource Director interviews.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (4.5);, Slark (4); , and Spaulding (4.5). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF EDUCATORS' PLANS OF WORK

Written reports are on file for the educators.

Slark reported that his two areas of focus will be increasing youth leadership roles, and partnering with other youth organizations. Spaulding reported that her two areas of focus will be care giving and health. Both agents reported that they will continue to work on other areas in addition to these focus areas.

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to approve Agents' Plans of Work. Motion carried.

CARRYOVER LETTER - APPROVAL

The committee reviewed a letter prepared by Kavanaugh for the UW-Extension office budget, requesting that \$4,200 be placed in a carryover account for 2008.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to send the carryover approval letter to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CRD EDUCATOR INTERVIEWS

Slark reported that four qualified applicants will be interviewed in Green Lake County on February 19, 2008. Discussion followed. He also reported that interviews will begin at 8:30 am.

UW-EXTENSION COUNTY BOARD REPORT

Spaulding gave a brief overview of the 2007 UW-Extension Annual Report to the County Board. She asked that the committee review the report and let Zills know of any corrections or suggestions.

BREAK

9:18 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:24 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2008 Fair

MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS - REVIEW

Zills asked that the committee look over independent contractor agreements for Jerome Jahnke and Clark Buchanan. These items will be added to March committee meeting agenda for approval.

PRELIMINARY FAIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Zills shared a preliminary schedule of 2008 Fair events with the committee. She reported that the Fox River Patriots 4-H Club will no longer be doing the tractor pull. Another party may be interested. Discussion followed. The committee requested that if another party takes over the tractor pull, they be asked to attend an upcoming Ag, Extension and Fair committee meeting, or submit a detailed plan for the event to the committee.

2008 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT

Zills reported that she had contracts for a reptile/amphibian exhibit entertainer, face painting entertainer, and a magic/hypnosis entertainer for the 2008 fair.

Motion/second (McConnell/Williams) to approve signing of the entertainment contracts presented. Motion Carried.

STATE FAIR CONVENTION - REPORT

Zills and Hollander reported that they attended the State Fair Convention in January. Zills reported that many counties are no longer printing fairbooks. This may be a possibility for Green Lake County in the future as new computer technology is being implemented. If it is decided in the future to stop printing fairbooks, an alternative form of advertisement would be desirable, as fairbook advertisements are one of the 4-H Leader's Association's biggest sources of revenue. Hollander reported that she attended a session on garbage disposal. A Green Lake County 4-H club may implement a plastic recycling program as a fundraiser.

CARRYOVER LETTER - APPROVAL

The committee reviewed a letter prepared by Zills for the Fair budget, requesting that \$1,800 be placed in a carryover account for 2008.

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to send the carryover approval letter to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – REPORT OF LAST MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETING – INCLUDING Q & A

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that Bill Devine attended the last meeting and expressed a desire to be hired by the county for the possible upcoming building project. Discussion followed.
- b. Personnel Committee – Hollander reported that the committee continues to explore options for a system to track attendance for Green Lake County employees. This has been discussed with County Department Heads. The committee also discussed the Employee Caregiver survey and the change of leadership in the Child Support Department.
- c. Finance Committee – Ammentorp reported that the committee discussed a change in Coroner fees.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room, and the committee will be meeting for CRD Educator interviews on February 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second (Ammentorp/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk II