



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

December 17, 2008

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, M. Schweder, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler and W. Williams

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

C. Hargrave, A. Kavanaugh, J. Kauffeld, D. Slark, M. Spaulding and K. Zills

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

L. DeNell

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve the November 12, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. DeNell reported that the area libraries are looking for programming ideas for 2009, focusing on financial issues.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for Hargrave, Slark and Kauffeld. No written report was submitted by Spaulding, because of a short month due to maternity leave.

Hargrave: Hargrave reported that she is working on programs related to the cost of production for farmers. Volatile markets, especially in corn, are a challenge for farmers. Hargrave also recently attended a workshop to address e. coli concerns for fairs. She reported that the Green Lake County Fair should consider posting signs reminding attendees to wash their hands after visiting animal exhibits, especially since wooden pens harbor bacteria.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld reported that he assisted with submitting a \$50,000 grant proposal for an energy assessment of county energy consumption, with the long term goal of becoming significantly more efficient in the future. He also presented at area Kiwanis, is hosting a series of webinars, and continues to explore the possibility of making wind turbine bearings in Green Lake County. The Tri County Leadership Initiative participants finished their weekly meetings and continue to work on their project. The project chosen was "Increasing Volunteerism in the Tri-county area."

Slark: Slark reported that the 4-H Ambassadors recently visited private schools in the area. He held adult leader and 4-H officer training, and is working on organizing the Super Saturday event. Slark is involved with the UW-Extension Networking Team, which takes him out of the county two days per month.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she is looking at programming for 2009. She is considering bringing programs to workplaces, as past night programs have not had good turnouts. Spaulding is presenting her Caregiving survey at the national "Aging in America Conference" this spring.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (2.5), Slark (4), Kauffeld (3), and Spaulding (2). Motion carried.

WACEC DISTRICT 3 ANNUAL MEETING

Slark informed the committee that any member interested in attending the WACEC District 3 annual meeting on January 9 in Stevens Point should inform the UW-Extension office before Friday, December 19. McConnell stated that she will be attending.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve per diem for any committee member who attends the WACEC District 3 meeting.

BREAK

9:25 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 9:43 a.m.



CIP MAILING

Zills informed the committee that the 2009 CIP mailing would be mailed at the beginning of January. The committee had no changes or corrections.

STATE FAIR PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT

Zills has not received state premium reimbursement yet.

2008 FAIR INVENTORY

The committee reviewed Zills' fair inventory list. *Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler)* to approve the 2008 fair inventory list.

STATE FAIR CONVENTION

Zills informed the committee that she submitted the registration for the 2009 Fair Convention. Zills will attend on January 12 and 14, 2009 and McConnell will attend on January 13, 2009.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Zills informed the committee that the commemorative rifle to be raffled has been picked up and is in storage with the Sheriff's Department. A raffle license has been applied for. Zills asked for opinions on whether the rifle should be displayed before the raffle. Discussion followed, with agreement that a poster with a photo would suffice. The possibility of soliciting prizes for second and third place prizes was discussed. Zills will target Holiday in Ripon to see if they would donate a gift certificate. A cash prize taken out of the raffle proceeds is also a possibility. The committee was in agreement that because a person must be 18 years of age to register a gun, there should be no age limit on ticket sales. In addition, people involved in the raffle will be allowed to purchase tickets as long as a neutral party draws the winner(s). The committee discussed whether the fair and 4-H project improvements planned with help from proceeds should be specifically worded on the tickets. The consensus was that specific improvements should not be listed. Zills will bring a sample ticket to the next committee meeting so the committee can make comments and changes before printing.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that construction on the new county building will begin in December, 2008. Bids came in under budget.

- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee is looking at ways to save money in the 2010 budget. Planned written reports and discussions with department heads were cancelled. Several committee members commented on their support of the Extension office and the work the office is doing.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the 2009 budget is complete.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Traxler/Stoddard) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk