

April 14, 2009

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 Tuesday, April 14, 2009, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Tom Schmitz, UW-Extension Central District Director

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTIVE(S) PRESENT

C. Carrol

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schweder/Stoddard) to approve the March 10, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Carrol reported that the libraries were celebrating National Library Week. The digital photo session at the Berlin Library is expected to have excellent attendance.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Richard Swanke was present for the Alcohol Sales discussion and vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion – 2009 Fair

ALCOHOL SALES

Richard Swanke was present to propose a plan for fair alcohol sales to the committee. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of other people/groups asking for permission to sell alcohol. After discussion, it was decided by the committee that after the meeting, the matter would be closed for the 2009 fair, with no other proposals allowed for the year.

Swanke proposed that beer be sold during the Thursday night truck and tractor pull. Swanke has been in contact with representatives from the Fire Department, who would be willing to run a stand. Fifty percent of the profits would be given as a donation to the fair. Swanke would take care of hiring police presence for the event, with the Fire Department handling the permit process.

McConnell stated that the committee would take a roll call vote. If approved, alcohol would be sold only during the Thursday night truck and tractor pull, and only for 2009, after which the matter would be revisited. Swanke would be required to work with the committee and office staff to get all details in order. In addition, the 50% donation should not be considered a parameter. The committee would reserve the right to change percentages and requirements in future years if alcohol sales were to continue.

Motion/second (McConnell/Williams) to approve the inclusion of beer sales at the truck and tractor pull sponsored by Richard Swanke, with parameters to be put in place by the Ag/Extension and Fair Committee.

A roll call vote was taken:

McConnell: Aye; Schweder: No; Williams: Aye; Stoddard: No. Motion failed.

Swanke thanked the committee for their consideration and respectfully voiced his disappointment that the entire committee was not present for the vote.

FAIR ENDOWMENT

Kauffeld explained that the UW-Extension office was looking into creating an endowment for the Fair. Kauffeld and Zills had contacted the Oshkosh Foundation. Start up monies could be taken out of a CD which is funded with mandatory vendor contributions. Interest earned would be 4.5%. If the endowment was created by June 1, the Fair would be listed in the next Oshkosh Foundation book. Discussion followed.

McConnell stated that the committee would prefer to meet with a representative from the Oshkosh Foundation before making a decision.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to invite a representative from the Oshkosh Foundation to speak at the May Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee meeting and provide more information on creating an endowment. Motion passed.

FAIR/4-H FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Hargrave reported that raffle tickets were printed and available at many county establishments. She asked that committee members each take a packet of 30 tickets along with a poster to distribute in their respective localities.

FAIR CONTRACTS

Motion/second (McConnell/Williams) to sign presented contracts. Motion carried.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

Committee members were given a list of Wisconsin Association of Fairs district meetings. Hargrave asked if any committee members were interested in attending, although there were no meetings in the area. No committee members will attend.

BREAK

9:57 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that she would be leaving the meeting early to begin her *StrongWomen* class. Response has been excellent and she is confident the program will be very successful. She is also planning a *Money Smart* train the trainer program, and considering doing programming in the new jail, as well as co-parenting programming. She reported that her presentation at the Aging in America Conference went well.

Kauffed: Kauffeld reported that he had been gathering information on the possibility of a Fair endowment. He continues to hold a sustainability and energy webinar series. Kauffeld presented information on LEED certification to the P&I Committee. His *Revitalizing Downtowns* webinars have been very well attended. He also created an RFP for a grant writer position for the Finance Committee.

Hargrave: Hargrave continues to meet with her successful grain marketing clubs, and is assisting the Wood County Agriculture Agent in starting one there. The annual Heart of the Farm conference for women will be held in April, featuring a tour of Central Sands Dairy. Hargrave is assisting the Master Gardeners, who have been doing programming at local libraries. Questions from the public have been pouring in on spring planting concerns.

Slark: Slark is planning several 4-H activities. He is holding a record book writing session, and assisting several older youth, who will lead the session. The annual Foods Revue and Demonstration Day will be held in April, with a good number of youth participating. He has also been planning Camp Counselor Training, which will be held at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells. He attended a UW-Extension session on working with County Board members.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hargrave (3), Slark (5), Kauffeld (4), and Spaulding (3). Motion carried.

TOM SCHMITZ – UW EXTENSION CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Schmitz spoke briefly to the committee and voiced his approval of the UW-Extension staff. He stated that he felt the Agents were doing a good job bringing resources to Green Lake County.

Schmitz asked whether committee members had any comments or suggestions for the staff. Committee members stated that they felt Extension staff was vibrant and eager to make a difference in the county. McConnell noted that it was important to have a contact with the UW system. Schweder stated that she wished more County Board members were aware of the work Extension does.

McConnell asked Schmitz if he had any budget information. Schmitz responded that he was hopeful Extension would not be greatly harmed, as Extension has been prudent in the past.

UW-EXTENSION COUNTY BOARD REPORT DISCUSSION

McConnell reported that the reports for the County Board on Extension were read at the last meeting.

WACEC STATE CONFERENCE – JUNE 15-16, 2009

Registrations for the WACEC State Conference are due on May 22. Any committee members wishing to attend should let the office know.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the maintenance department has been doing a good job. Bids for the building project are coming in under budget.
- b. Personnel Committee – No report.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee was waiting on more building project bids and trying to get a rate finalized for the project.

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, May 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk