

Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education & Fair Committee
MINUTES
June 12, 2007

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, June 12, 2007, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: M. Hollander, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, V. Ammentorp and S. McConnell.

Agents/Staff Present: J. Hoffman, C. Hargrave, M. Spaulding, D. Slark, K. Zills and A. Leppin.

Library Services Represented by: L. Darnell.

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

M/S(Ammentorp/Williams) to approve the May 8, 2007 minutes with correction. Slark's report should have read he attended the CYFAR Conference in Chicago, not SYFAR.. Motion carried.

Library Services Report: Written report is on file. Linda Darnell, Caestecker Librarian, was present to respond to questions and comments. Discussion held on counties receiving bills from outside counties for library services rendered to out-of-county residents. Darnell said that these bills, authorized by the State Legislature, allow libraries to bill counties for library services for those who use the system and live outside of the county. Committee questioned who received the revenues the libraries generated for these out of county residents and who pays the bills. Revenues go to the libraries, and the counties pick up the tab for out of county residents who use the libraries.

Public Appearances/Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Educator Reports: Written reports are on file.

Hoffman: Reported on the status of the Green Lake County Literacy Council. Discussion held on how to improve and broaden the county literacy problem by working with ADVOCAP and the Literacy Council. More volunteers are needed.

Hargrave: Reported that the Crop Walk will be June 18th on the Hargrave Farm. Annie's Project for farm women went very well. Focus on the Farm will be held at the Bahn Farm in Berlin on July 17th. Hargrave stated that she has completed her dissertation and submitted it for her Master's Degree. Some editing and corrections were made, and she is waiting to hear from them.

Slark: Continues to plan and direct the 9-day American Spirit Trip with 42 good kids attending. Continues to work with 4-County Camp planning continues as well as with the 4-H Ambassadors on Focus on the Farm and Fair planning.

Spaulding: Reported on Marshfield Clinic's huge efforts regarding consumer health education. She also reported that she plans to have gained tenure by 5/15/11, and have her mini portfolio ready in the spring of 2008.

M/S(Stoddard/Williams) to approve out-of-county dates for the educators: Hargrave: 2; Hoffman: 5; Slark:11; and Spaulding: 1.5. Motion carried.

Discussion about Jeff Hoffman Facilitating a Community Meeting to Discuss the Courthouse Building Project: Hoffman requested committee's approval to facilitate a meeting about the Courthouse Building Project with the County Board on June 18th at 6:00 p.m. Discussion held. **M/S(McConnell/Amentorp)** to approve Hoffman facilitating the Courthouse Building Project Meeting with the County Board. Motion carried.

Refill Administrative Assistant Position: Leppin announced she will be retiring from her Administrative Assistant position at the UWEX office effective October 1, 2007. Her last day of work will be around August 23, 2007. **M/S(Stoddard/Amentorp)** to refill the position and send a revised job description on to Personnel. Motion carried.

Break: 9:25a.m. Meeting Resumed at 9:30 a.m.

Fair Committee Discussion – 2007 Fair:

Schedule of Events – Review: Zills shared handed out the Schedule of Events booklet for the 2007 fair. The committee is to go through it and highlight the events and where they would like to assist. Angie, the summer intern, will be contacting committee members later in July to fill in the dates they wish to volunteer at the Fair Office.

Contracts – Approval: Zills presented three contracts for committee approval: two from the Fox River Patriots 4-H Club and one from Pulvermacher for the ATV Races. Discussion held on the proposed fireworks. Zills will check further about insurance and bring that information to the next meeting.

Fair Committee Meeting With A & P: After discussion, a wrap-up meeting with the carnival, (A&P), will be held on Sunday, August 5, at 4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Maintenance Projects – Discussion: Zills informed the committee of a small list of electrical repairs needed to be done and she will send the list to Pulvermachers. She reported the ramp on the storage shed also needs to be replaced.

Publicity Materials: Zills requested that each committee members take their box of publicity materials with them when they leave the meeting today.

WAF Mailings: Zills will wait for the next newsletter mailing to follow-up on whether or not to contact the Wisconsin Association of Fairs regarding mailings.

Committee Discussion:

Property & Insurance Committee: Stoddard reported that P&I has approved the Horse Council request to use the Fairgrounds. The request will now go to the Highway Committee for their approval.

Personnel Committee: Nothing new

Finance Committee: Ammentorp reported that the carry-over funds have been approved. The fair's outstanding highway bills will be paid out of Green Lake County General Fund, and a new system of checks & balances has been put in place and this shouldn't happen again.

Agriculture/Extension Education and Fair Vouchers: M/S(Stoddard/Williams) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

Next meeting date; July 10, 2007.

M/S(Stoddard/Ammertorp) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Leppin
Administrative Assistant