



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 13, 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, October 13, 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

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Richard Swanke

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

C. Carrol

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schweder/Traxler) to approve the September 8, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. Library storytimes have started, and many events are planned for fall and winter. Carrol noted that the Berlin Library has experienced an increase in circulation in the last year.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion – 2009 Fair

POULTRY BARN VENTILATION

Zills informed Richard Swanke that his previous request to have ventilation installed in the poultry barn had been approved by the Land Conservation Committee. Swanke was directed to bring details to the Property and Insurance Committee.

FAIR PARKING

Zills stated that she had spoken with the Green Lake Police Department. No changes will be made to current street parking during the fair, due to safety and visibility concerns.

COMMERCIAL SPACE VENDOR PROPOSAL/ALCOHOL SALES

Swanke provided the committee with a map of the track area and explained his proposal for alcohol sales during the Thursday night track event. Alcohol would only be allowed in designated areas. Swanke would oversee the process of obtaining appropriate authorities to ensure compliance with age laws. Swanke expressed concern over the fact that only four committee members were present and asked whether the vote could be tabled until a later date.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to vote immediately on the matter of proposed alcohol sales. Motion carried.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to approve the sale of alcohol at the fair as proposed by Richard Swanke. A roll call vote was taken:

McConnell: aye; Williams: aye; Stoddard: no; Schweder: no. Motion failed.

Swanke questioned whether this matter could be voted on again at a later date. Discussion followed. This matter may be revisited or voted on again at future meetings.

10% REVENUE UPDATE

Zills reported that 10% revenue collected from vendors so far was down approximately 30%. However, she is still waiting on revenue from four vendors.

2009 FAIR RAFFLE

Zills reported that a written report (on file) on the gun raffle was submitted to the state.

MAINTAINANCE SALARY COMPARISONS

A written report (on file) was given to the committee for review. At this time, current maintenance staff is under contract.

2010 ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS - APPROVAL

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve and sign entertainment contracts as presented. Motion carried.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR INVENTORY - APPROVAL

A written inventory report (on file) was given to the committee.

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to approve the fair inventory report as presented. Motion carried.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR MISSION STATEMENT - APPROVAL

Zills presented a proposed mission statement for the Green Lake County Fair: *The mission of the Green Lake County Fair is to provide positive youth development and leadership skills, along with promoting family and community involvement through education and tradition.* Discussion followed, with positive feedback.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to approve the fair mission statement as presented. Motion carried.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR ENDOWMENT NEWS RELEASE

Committee members received a written copy of a Green Lake County Fair Endowment news release. No changes were requested. Discussion followed regarding other ways to publicize the endowment. Mailings and educational sessions are being considered.

WAF STATE CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Zills requested that any committee members who wish to attend the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention in January contact the office by the next committee meeting. McConnell stated that she planned on going for one day.

BREAK

9:46 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that a StrongWomen class was successfully implemented and running at the Kindred Hearts Assisted Living Facility with her help. She attended and taught at the Healthy Wisconsin Communities Conference. Spaulding revised the “Dads, Kids and Pizza” program in collaboration with a colleague, and will teach a co-parenting class in October. Spaulding is currently writing for tenure, and her portfolio will be reviewed in November.

Kauffeld: The Tri County Leadership Initiative (TCLI) had its first session at the beginning of October. Kauffeld was a speaker for “Women’s Night Out,” where he spoke on leadership and promoted TCLI. Kauffeld is exploring a grant opportunity for energy conservation in the old courthouse and organized a green technology tour with the FDL County CRD Agent.

Slark: Slark reported that 4-H record books had been judged, and that the Youth Awards and Adult Leader Banquets had been a success. Slark is working on Cloverbud Day for youth in grades K-2. He is working on implementation of a web based companion for the 4-H enrollment program used by 4-H staff. He continues to work with 4-H Leaders, and held a training session for them in September. The 4-H Ambassadors have been busy, and hosted a kickball tournament in September.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Slark (1), Kauffeld (8), and Spaulding (6). Motion carried.

DVD – COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE YOUR MARK

The committee viewed the above DVD. The DVD focused on promoting UW-Extension as an employer. Discussion followed. Comments were positive overall, but several committee members felt that the DVD may be too long.

OFFICE TELEPHONE

Slark asked the committee if they would be in favor of an automated answering system in the UWEX office to increase efficiency. Discussion followed. Reaction was mixed, with some committee members feeling strongly that that automated answering was impersonal. At this time, office staff will continue to answer the phone.

WACEC SURVEY

Committee members answered questions on a short survey regarding the Green Lake UWEX office. Written copy on file.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that options were being considered for the employees remaining in the Courthouse.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that there were new policies for personal appliances in workspaces, and damage and loss.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the committee discussed shortfalls in the budget, wages and health insurance.

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, November 10, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk