

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Schweder at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 with certification of the Open Meeting Notice and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Maureen Schweder, Harley Reabe, Michael Stoddard and Nick Toney; Ben Moderow, absent.

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

Nav Ghimire and Beth Johnson (educators), Kathy Ninneman and Kim Zills (staff); John de Montmollin, absent.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Reabe/Toney) to approve the January 14, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

No one.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written reports on file.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT

Mike Starshak commented about the wonderful library system and how friendly they have been to his family. He also thanked Ghimire for his assistance and how fortunate we are to have him in Green Lake County.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schweder received a letter from the Reif family stating that they appreciated Ghimire's work.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2013/2014 Fair

2013 FAIR UPDATES – DISCUSSION

Zills provided the Committee with the State Fair Inspection Report.

2014 UPDATES/CONTRACTS – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Adopt-A-Pen there is approximately the same amount of funds as last year, therefore this project will probably not be completed this year, as planned.

Sponsor/Award letters and Superintendent letters have been mailed out and have received a very good response.

Contracts:

- Wisconsin Farm Team Horsepullers, Inc. for Friday, August 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. It is for \$1,500, which includes insurance, stone boat, weights, judges and announcer.
- Mr. Steve's Productions for Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances (August 1-3, 2014): 6 - 45 minute shows + 6 hours of balloons for a cost of \$2,200.
- Betty Trent Face Painting for Friday, August 1, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a cost of \$200.

Motion/second (Toney/Reabe) to approve the contracts. Motion carried. Approved 4-0.



UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written monthly reports are on file for Ghimire, Johnson and de Montmollin.

1. **John deMontmollin, 4-H Youth Development Educator** – de Montmollin was not present. Nav Ghimire, Agriculture Agent, gave his report from the previous month when he was absent, "Amish Community Survey."
2. **Q&A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports**

CNRED EDUCATOR UPDATES

Ghimire reported that Wednesday, March 5 are the preliminary interviews in Stevens Point and Friday, March 21 there will be interviews in Green Lake County.

FAMILY LIVING EDUCATOR UPDATES

Ghimire reported that Johnson has resigned and a letter has been received by the Committee members. She is working to make the transition in the office as smooth as possible. The Strong Women program that began in January will end in March. Health and Human Social Services will be partnering with Waushara County to facilitate the Raising a Thinking Child program. She will have everything corresponded with Ghimire as far as the things she has left to finish. Johnson thanked the Committee for giving her the opportunity to be the Interim along with the permanent position. The Committee in turn thanked her for serving Green Lake County as the Family Living Educator for the past two years.

RESOLUTION FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Motion/second (Reabe/Toney) to forward the Resolution on to the County Board. Motion carried. Approved 4-0.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE UW-EX TRAINING ROOM

Ghimire spoke on behalf of de Montmollin regarding the Recommendations for the Use of the UW-EX Training Room. There has been research done regarding the current mandate that is in place with the Sheriff and County Clerk and the future of the possibility of 4-H Volunteers being entrusted to oversee night or weekend meetings. Ghimire suggested that the Committee take their time to think about it before making a decision.

4-H AMBASSADOR QUILT REQUEST TO BE ON DISPLAY IN THE TRAINING ROOM

The Committee will be tabling this until more information is available from de Montmollin.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Toney/Stoddard). Approved.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported they have been busy with snow removal and assembling benches and picnic tables, otherwise regular maintenance.

- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported the Highway Department requested approval to fill a vacant position due to the retirement of an employee. They also requested approval to maintain a current LTE position that has to be reviewed every sixty days, because the regular employee is on medical leave. Both requests were approved.
- c. Finance Committee – Reabe reported they reviewed last year's figures and almost all departments came in under budget.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION

Motion/second (Stoddard/Reabe) to approve vouchers for Ag/Extension Education totaling \$1,437.67. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recommendations for the Use of the UW-EX Training Room.
4-H Ambassador Quilt request to be on display in the Training Room.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Toney/Stoddard) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Ninneman
Program Specialist