



# *GREEN LAKE COUNTY*

*571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941*

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**March 7, 2018**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Amended Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the February 13, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Report for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator).



**AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR  
MEETING NOTICE**

***Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.  
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room  
571 County Road A, Green Lake, Wisconsin***

**\*AMENDED AGENDA**

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| <p><b>Committee Members:</b><br/>Joanne Guden,<br/><i>Chair</i><br/>Bob Schweder,<br/><i>Vice-Chair</i><br/>Bill Boutwell<br/>Patti Garro<br/>Katie Mehn</p> <p><i>Mailing Address:</i><br/><b>Green Lake County<br/>UW-Extension<br/>PO Box 3188<br/>Green Lake WI 54941-3188<br/>Office: 920-294-4032<br/>FAX: 920-294-4176</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Certification of Open Meeting Notice</li> <li>3. Pledge of Allegiance</li> <li>4. Approval of Agenda</li> <li>5. Approval of February 13, 2018 Minutes</li> <li>6. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit</li> <li>7. Public Appearances</li> <li>8. County Library Services Report – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library, Green Lake             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Submitted Monthly Report</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Correspondence</li> <li>10. <b>FAIR</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 2018 Contracts – Discussion/Approval</li> <li>b. 2018 Fair Updates on Projects and Events</li> </ol> </li> <li>11. <b>UW-EXTENSION</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports &amp; Relevant Trainings, Meetings &amp; Programs</li> <li>b. Ag Educator Search Update – Discussion</li> <li>c. *Ag, Education &amp; Fair Coordinator LTE position – Discussion/Approval</li> <li>d. Staffing Update</li> <li>e. 2017 Annual Report</li> <li>f. Area Extension Director Report</li> <li>g. 2019 MOU Update</li> <li>h. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval</li> <li>i. Committee Discussion</li> </ol> </li> <li>12. Future Agenda Items</li> <li>13. Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, April 10, 2018</li> <li>14. Adjournment</li> </ol> |
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*Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance should contact the UW-Extension Office at 294-4032 no later than Noon on the day preceding the meeting.*



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairman Joanne Guden, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in the Training Room of the Green Lake County Government Center in Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Joanne Guden, Chairman                      Absent: Patti Garro  
Katie Mehn  
Bob Schweder

Staff Present: Jay Dampier  
Katie Gellings  
Kathy Ninneman  
Kim Zills

Also Present: Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Clairellyn Sommersmith, Princeton Public Library Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator.

### **AGENDA**

***Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder)*** to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Schweder/Mehn)*** to approve the January 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** – None.

### **COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – CLAIRELLYN SOMMERSMITH, PRINCETON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Submitted monthly reports on file. Sommersmith highlighted areas in each of the library reports. Guden gave a report on the Winnefox Library committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

### **TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL CONTRACTS**

Guden read the letter received by Rich Swanke.

***Motion/second (Schweder/Mehn)*** to keep the gate tickets at 10%. Motion carried.

### **WAF CONVENTION REPORT**

Zills provided the committee a copy.

### **2018 CONTRACTS**

International Demolition Derby – Saturday, August 4 @ 6 pm, Dennis & Nicki Nelson

Iron Will Dog Sled Exhibition - \$1,000 – two exhibition times 12:00 & 2:00

Science/Magic Show - \$800 – *Alliant Energy will possibly sponsor*

Andy Linder/Hacky Sack - \$350, Friday, August 3

William Cairns/Traveling Theater of Chaos - \$300 (*Gelhar Sand Sponsorship*)

Two Blondes Mentalism & Hypnosis Show - \$1,500 – (*Fair to sponsor*)

Fox of the River Voyageur Canoe Exhibit

Modern Rentals

***Motion/second (Schweder/Mehn)*** to approve the above contracts. Motion carried.

### **PROJECT & SPONSORSHIP UPDATE**

Zills is seeking grants from some businesses and is looking into a “Bullying” presentation at the fair.

### **FRIEND OF THE FAIR UPDATE**

Zills has received \$3,049 to date. She is also looking into a sponsor for a “Charging System Table” for free wifi at the fair.

### **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

Zills already gave a copy to the committee.

**Motion/second (Schweder/Mehn)** to forward to Corporation Counsel for final approval. Motion carried.

### **FAIR PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE BYLAW CHANGES**

Ninneman commented about the Fair Promotions Committee Bylaw changes.

**Motion/second (Schweder/Mehn)** to forward to Corporation Counsel for final approval. Motion carried.

### **EDUCATORS’ SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

Written monthly report on file for Gellings. Gellings also gave a verbal report.

### **AG EDUCATOR SEARCH UPDATE**

Dampier updated the Committee on the search for the Ag Educator position. Interviews were held Friday, February 9. A verbal offer was extended to one candidate and has until Friday, February 16 to accept or reject the offer.

There was further discussion regarding the 4-H position.

### **AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dampier handed out his report and gave a verbal report as well.

### **2019 MOU UPDATE**

Nothing to report.

### **APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

**Motion/second (Schweder/Mehn).** Approved.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION** –

Nothing.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Dampier.
- Next regular meeting date: March 13, 2018 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder)** to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted, Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*

## **Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for March 2018**

**Berlin** – Although February was a short month, we had a very full calendar of events. We held an Adult Pinterest Craft night where staff member Julie Buchholtz taught the craft of book folding. The children's craft of the month was making a Groundhog Day Shadow Puppet Theater. Kids really liked using the flashlights to try out their new shadows. And at our teen craft table, we offered supplies to make their own scratch off Valentine's cards. All of the crafts were free and enjoyed by many.

Other children's programs included I Love My Reading Buddy Day, where kids stopped in to make a fuzzy fleece blanket for their stuffed animals. The next week, we had a Stuffed Animal Slumber Party Sleepover event. Kids brought in their stuffed animal buddies, and left them for the night at the library. We took pictures of their crazy antics in the library after dark and posted them on Facebook for kids and parents to view. This event was a huge success, and will sure to be an annual event.

We also held a "Take your Child to the Library Day" where we forgave children's fines and gave out retro library pins. This was a good way to encourage kids to use their library cards if they were previously blocked with fines.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Quilt Week is planned for March 12 to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Along with quilts displayed throughout the library, we have a Vintage Quilt Bed Turning program where quilt historian, Allison Rainboth will give information on vintage quilts.

We are also offering a free Hickory Nut Workshop. Sarah Naparalla, a member of the Wisconsin Hickory Association will share techniques for preparing, cracking, and picking out hickory nuts.

**Green Lake** – The library meeting rooms have been well used the past few months. As you know we have had a knitting group and Bible study group meeting here on a weekly basis for years. And folks from the Salvation Army, DVR, and other social service organizations regularly use the small meeting room as accessible, neutral places to meet clients. The reorganized Green Lake County Democrats group meets here monthly, as does the East Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association. And a local Cub Scout troop started meeting here earlier this year on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Add in all the various library programs and you will see how busy we keep our custodian.

The week of March 18-24 I will be in Philadelphia for the bi-annual Public Library Association Conference.

Oscar-nominated movie nights continue this month. We have two author visits for you to look forward to on Sunday afternoons. Tia, our reading therapy dog, returns for the kiddos on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Green Lake County Health Nurse Melanie Simpkins continues her program series this month. Lots of things to learn about this month – please visit [www.greenlakelibrary.org](http://www.greenlakelibrary.org) for all the details.

**Kingston** – Our Blind Date with a Book was a huge success last month. Almost all of the 35 blind dates were checked out. If the customer filled out a "rate your date" card their name was entered into a drawing for a basket of candy. And our winner for the basket was Abigail Marcov of Dalton. Our next event will be The Spring Fling on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The library will be serving food that day from 9am until 1pm, and we are looking for vendors to set up in various

spots throughout the library. The cost of a table is \$25.00. Use the entire table or split one with a friend. Come help us celebrate Spring!

The library is getting a little bit of a face lift with some fresh paint on some of the wall areas. We moved to the new building in January of 2003 and it was time. The job was done by Monte Drager, owner of New Beginnings Custom Painting out of Markesan. The entry way was also painted, and a huge column by the desk area. Walking into the library, several patrons have remarked on how much brighter it seems.

**Markesan** – Recently, the Markesan Public Library had a very interesting program about beekeeping. We will be having a new event on March 14 in honor of Pi Day. Local bakers will bring in a wide selection of pies to be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The month of April and May will bring an opportunity for children and adults to have overdue fines forgiven—just in time to have a summer full of relaxing reading. All someone has to do is read! For every 15 minutes a child reads, we will forgive \$1.00 of fines. Adults will have to read 30 minutes for each \$1.00 of fines. In addition, everyone will have to fill out a short questionnaire to verify that they actually did the reading at this time, and the book will have to be from our library, even a free book from our book sale. The cost of lost material will not be included in the forgivable amount.

In May we will have our annual Spring Fling with the Garden Art Auction on May 12, and the kick off for “Plant & Share.” At that time we will be giving out heirloom seeds. People who take seeds will agree to plant the seeds and bring in at least one batch of the harvest. The library will then offer the produce for free. The seed giveaway will be in conjunction with the county wide read held in the fall. The book is called “The Crops look good.”

**Princeton** - We just concluded a Seussical week at the Princeton Library. We saw great turnouts for our evening storytime, oobleck craft, and Wacky Wednesday Treasure Hunt. We concluded Dr. Seuss week with our 65 attendees to our Dr. Seuss Party. In a similar fashion, the library has a week of programs scheduled for the Princeton School spring break during the last week of March. We are now currently hosting four different book clubs at the library, from a teen fantasy book one, to a mystery, a general, and a read what you/share what you want book club over lunch. It has been great getting so many readers back into the library. Additional upcoming programs include a snowy owl presentation on Thursday March 8 and a sturgeon presentation with the DNR on Tuesday March 13. And if you are looking for a library fundraising, stop by our Brat Fry at Sherm's Piggly Wiggly on Saturday March 31. Additionally, the Princeton Chamber of Commerce will match \$5,000 in donations from the community: donations from here until we reach the \$5,000 goal will be doubled. And of course, don't forget to check out all the new items available at the library. We just made a substantial purchase of Large Print fiction titles, we will be getting all the Oscar winner movies as they come in, and we have new collections in our children's nonfiction.

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in February of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 79 direct educational and professional contacts.

**Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community**

*Rent Smart, Markesan High School, Markesan*

During the month of February, I taught a two-part series of Rent Smart to nine juniors and seniors at Markesan High School as part of the Independent Living class. We talked about budgeting for renting, finding a place to rent, rental applications and rental agreements, moving out, and security deposits. The Rent Smart class is of utmost importance to students of this age as they are beginning to plan for their futures.



*Green Lake County Correctional Facility Financial Literacy Workshop, Green Lake*

I continue to teach the financial literacy workshops at the Green Lake County Correctional Facility. The workshops continue to be a popular program within the facility, and they provide important education for this population. The topics covered in February were credit and debt (females only), banking basics (females only), budgeting and money management (males only), and Rent Smart (males only). A total of 13 inmates attended the workshops. The following is based on the evaluation data I collected from the four workshops:

| N = 2 of 2 (February 2018)<br>Credit and Debt              | % Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change | % Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change |
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| I am confident in my ability to get my free credit report. | 50.0%                               | 50.0%   |
| I understand why regular credit checks are important.      | 50.0%                               | 50.0%   |
| I understand the factors that affect my credit score.      | 50.0%                               | 50.0%   |
| I understand ways to increase my credit score.             | 50.0%                               | 50.0%   |
| I understand ways to repair my credit.                     | 50.0%                               | 50.0%   |

Participants shared the following when asked, “What is the most important thing you learned today?”:

- How to order my credit report
- The levels that each thing (ex: credit card, past accounts, etc.) can impact a credit score.

| N = 2 of 2 (February 2018)<br>Banking Basics                                       | % Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change | % Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change |
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| I understand the importance of using a financial institution for my banking needs. | 0.0%                                | 50.0%   |
| I understand how much “not banking” can cost me.                                   | 50.0%                               | 0.0%  |
| I am confident in my ability to write out a check and check register.              | 0.0%                                | 0.0%  |
| I am confident in my ability to balance/reconcile a bank account.                  | 50.0%                               | 0.0%  |
| I understand the common mistakes in managing a bank account.                       | 50.0%                               | 0.0%  |

Participants shared the following when asked, “What is the most important thing you learned today?”:

- How to build credit and save money
- How to open a bank account
- Great review of accounts and correct ways to balance your money

| N = 5 of 5 (February 2018)<br>Budgeting and Money Management           | % Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change | % Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change |
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| I am confident in my ability to make smart money management decisions. | 20.0%                               | 80.0%   |
| I understand the importance of creating a spending plan.               | 20.0%                               | 60.0%   |
| I am confident in my ability to use a spending plan that I created.    | 0.0%                                | 80.0%   |
| I understand the various ways to track spending.                       | 0.0%                                | 100.0%  |

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| I am confident in my ability to track my spending properly. | 20.0% | 80.0% |
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Participants shared the following when asked, “What is the most important new idea you learned today?”:

- I need to save more money. I am going to put more cash in my savings account as well as spend money more wisely.
- I learned how to save for a financial goal. I am going to put away a certain amount each month.
- I learned how easy [it is] to save money for something I want by making a budget plan for it. I am going to use it to buy the car I want.
- The importance in tracking and saving money. I’m going to wait out financial goals and budget my money.
- I learned today that not knowing my spending habits and how much money I’m actually wasting is negatively affecting me and my family.

| N = 4 of 4 (February 2018)<br>Rent Smart   | % Reporting [only] 1 Unit of Change | % Reporting [at least] 2 or > Units of Change |
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| I feel prepared to answer questions from a potential landlord about my rental history and situation. | 0.0%                                | 75.0%   |
| I understand the terms and details of a rental agreement/lease.                                      | 75.0%                               | 25.0%   |
| I understand the procedures to follow when ending a rental agreement/lease.                          | 0.0%                                | 100.0%  |
| I understand the notices a landlord can give a tenant.   | 50.0%                               | 50.0%   |
| I understand the ways to avoid deductions from a security deposit.                                   | 50.0%                               | 25.0%   |

Participants shared the following when asked, “What is the most important new idea you learned today?”:

- Pay your rent!!
- How a lease agreement works
- Get everything in writing. Find legitimate landlord.
- Things to do to get your security deposit back.

### Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 14 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of February. I continue to have a number of professional meetings scheduled with colleagues and mentors to continue to network and learn from my fellow Extension educators.

### Newspaper Articles

“15 Ways to Get Your 5 to 9 A Day: Breakfast Style” Berlin Journal Newspapers. February 26, 2018. By Katie Gellings, Family Living Educator

### Out of County Days

- 1 Out of county days for February (ESP Budget Meeting, Neenah – ½; WAFCS Conference Planning Meeting, Neenah – ½)
- 3 Out of county days planned for March (WAFCS Conference, Lake Delton - 1; Fulfilling the Promise Conference, Wisconsin Dells – 1; ESP Treasurer Audit, Oshkosh - 1)

\* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension