



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION
& FAIR COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 8, 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, December 8, 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

None

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

None

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

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

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion

WI ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS DONATION

Zills asked the committee whether they would like to make a donation toward hospitality at the WI Association of Fairs (WAF) convention in January. Each county was asked to make a donation of goods or money. Discussion followed.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to make a \$25.00 donation to the WAF, utilizing Community Involvement Program (CIP) money. Motion carried.

2010 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS

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

Zills noted that she had obtained free rooms from the Heidel House for several fair entertainers in exchange for advertising.

OSHKOSH AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

Zills informed the committee that she will be mailing in a grant application for funds available through the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation. Any money obtained would be used to buy equipment for the 4-H shooting sports project area at the fair.

TRACK EVENTS/FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

Zills informed the committee that the fair would not be charged for emergency services already received at the 2009 Fair. After speaking with Gary Podoll, Zills learned that a goodwill donation to the emergency services traveling educational unit would be very much appreciated. Discussion followed. Zills will prepare a report listing the prices paid in past years for emergency services. The committee will review the report at the next meeting for the purpose of deciding how large of a donation should be considered.

2010 DEMOLITON DERBY CONTRACT

Zills reported that by signing a contract with Action Auto Promotions for the demo derby, prices decrease each year of the contract. Because the demo derby has been a success at the Green Lake County Fair, Jerry Paulus, Action Auto Promotions representative, asked whether it would be possible for the fair to increase prize money in 2010, due to the large number of drivers participating. Discussion followed.

Motion/second (McConnell/Stoddard) to increase prize money for demolition derby participants by \$300 in 2010. Motion carried.

GRAVEL FOR CARNIVAL AREA

Zills informed the committee that there are spots in the carnival area which need gravel. The carnival staff brought this to her attention following the last fair. Zills will ask Egbert Excavating in the spring if it would be possible to have the gravel donated.

BREAK

9:06 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that a StrongWomen class will be held starting in January at the Berlin School District, registration is currently at 20. Another class will held in Green Lake beginning in February. Spaulding developed an online survey, which will be used to help restructure the Wellness Coalition, and is revising her tenure portfolio which will be resubmitted in January.

Kauffeld: Kauffeld spoke in Janesville on sustainability. He is assisting with a \$50,000 grant application, and continues to facilitate monthly Sustainability Team meetings. TCLI has wrapped up classroom sessions and the group is working on their six month project. Kauffeld completed requested revisions on the Parks and Recreation five year plan.

Slark: Slark is working with the 4-H Ambassadors, who are doing classroom visits in area schools to promote 4-H. He is planning a resume and cover letter workshop for youth planning on applying for award trips. Slark is working with 4-H leaders to educate them about a companion computer program to the office 4-H program, which will allow them to access select information from home. Work continues with the Horse Council and Livestock Committee. Slark is helping these groups to evaluate their regulations and meeting procedures.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county days for the educators: Slark (1), Kauffeld (2), and Spaulding (1). Motion carried.

AGRICULTURE AGENT POSITION

Slark informed the committee that the request to refill the Agriculture Agent position will be on the next Personnel Committee agenda. A visioning session designed to include community members will take place on December 23, 2009. During the

session, Slark hopes to gain a better understanding of what qualifications and expertise the ideal Agriculture Agent would have.

EDUCATION IN NEW JAIL FACILITIES

Spaulding informed the committee that she had not heard anything further on the possibility of UWEX doing programming in the jail.

WACEC DISTRICT THREE ANNUAL MEETING

The Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees (WACEC) District 3 Annual Meeting will take place on January 8, 2010 in Wisconsin Rapids. Slark asked if any committee members would be attending. McConnell plans to attend, along with Slark.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Williams) to approve out of county travel for McConnell. Motion carried.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the building project is under budget.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported that the committee has been involved in union negotiations.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the 2010 budget was approved.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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