



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

August 7, 2018

**The following documents are included in the packet for the
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on
Tuesday, August 14, 2018:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the July 10, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educators Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator) and Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Extension Educator).



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AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Green Lake County Government Center, Training Room
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

**Committee
Members**

Patti Garro, Chair

Keith Hess

*Katie Mehn, Vice
Chair*

Kathy Morris

Peter Wallace

*Kathy Ninneman,
Secretary*

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Welcome to the new colleagues
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Minutes: 07/10/18
6. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
7. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) –
Lucy Hazelwood, Markesan Public Library
8. Correspondence
9. **FAIR**
10. 2018 Fair Recap
11. **UW-EXTENSION**
12. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings,
Meetings & Programs
13. 2019 Budget update
14. 4-H Coordinator or Positive Youth Development Extension
Educator position
15. Area Extension Director Report
16. Approval of Educator Out of County Days –
Discussion/Approval
17. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: September 11, 2018
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
18. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so, please notify our office. Sincerely, Kathy Ninneman

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, 294-4032, not later than 3 days before date Of the meeting.



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Garro, at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 10, 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: Patti Garro, Chair
Keith Hess
Katie Mehn, Vice Chair
Kathy Morris
Peter Wallace

Staff Present: Jay Dampier
Ben Jenkins
Morgan Martinez
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Staff Absent: Katie Gellings

Also Present: Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library Director, Green Lake; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman.

WELCOME TO THE NEW COLLEAGUES

Dampier introduced Morgan Martinez and Ben Jenkins and they both gave a brief talk.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve the June 12, 2018 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – LINDA DENELL, CAESTECKER GREEN LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted monthly reports on file. DeNell highlighted areas in each of the library reports. Princeton Library has hired an architect from Fond du Lac and will be visiting four area libraries for ideas.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

2018 CONTRACTS

Zills has all contracts from Swanke. The Princeton Area Community Fund will be in charge of the alcohol sales at the track. Zills is still waiting on the Berlin High School band contract.

2018 FAIR UPDATES ON PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Zills reported the Green Lake County Visitors Bureau is sponsoring the charging station at the fair.

FAIR SET-UP NIGHT/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Zills invited any and all to come to the Fair Set Up night, Thursday, July 26, 6:30-8:30 pm. The Volunteer Schedule has been well received with all hours filled during the fair.

EDUCATORS' SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS & RELEVANT TRAININGS, MEETINGS & PROGRAMS

Written monthly report on file for Gellings, along with Ninneman, who has been filling in for the 4-H program. Jenkins, Martinez and Ninneman gave verbal reports.

4-H COORDINATOR POSITION / RESOLUTION

Schmit explained the Resolution reads the State promised positions in the contracts and has fallen short of their promises.

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to send it on to the County Board for approval and after to the Board of Regents. All ayes. Approved.

AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Dampier gave the Committee a copy of his report and also gave a verbal explanation.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Mehn/Morris). All ayes. Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION –

Educator reports (verbal vs paper copy). The Committee packet will be viewed online and keep the reports of the educators as well. The agenda is the only paper copy the committee would like at the meeting.

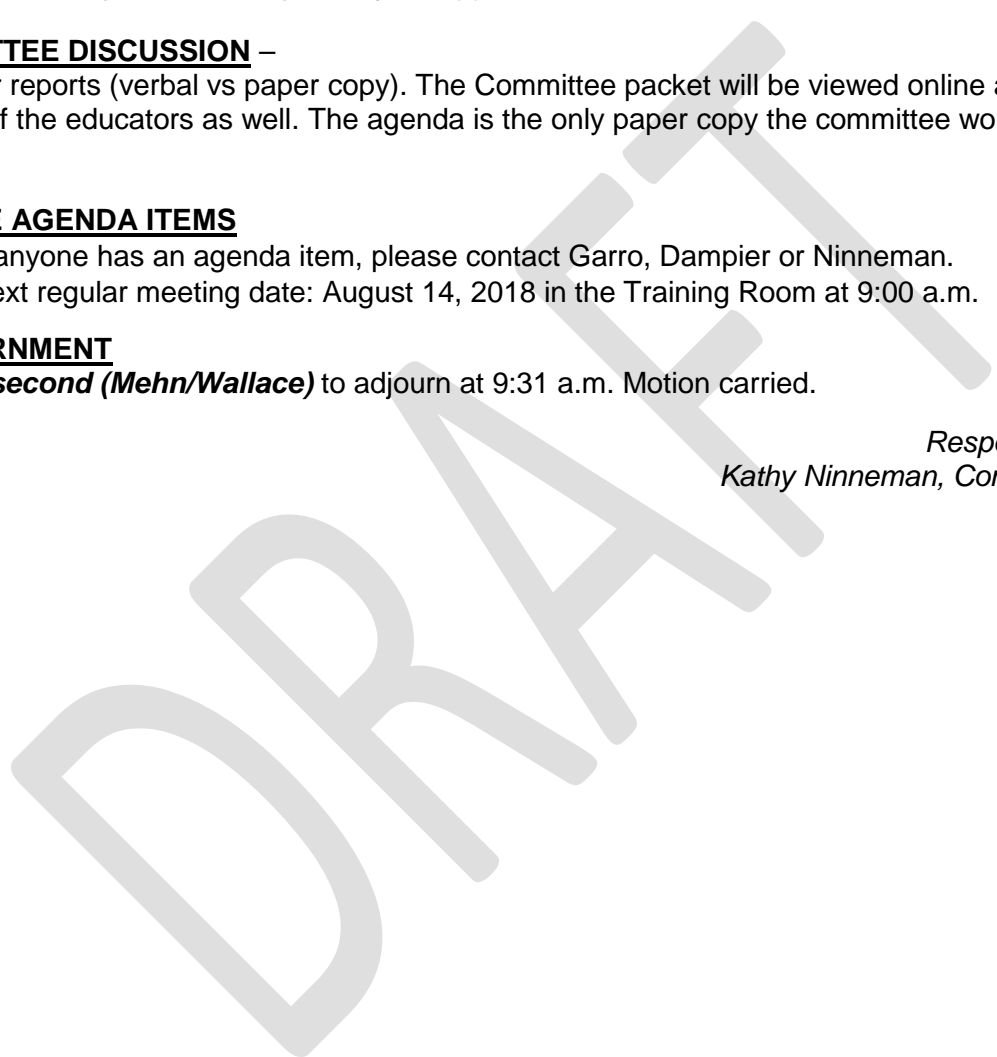
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro, Dampier or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: August 14, 2018 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mehn/Wallace) to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*



Green Lake Libraries Report to Ag and Ext for August 14, 2018

Markesan - Summer library program activities concluded and we look forward to other events. Markesan Library is sponsoring the games for Augustfest on Saturday August 18. Starting at 11 we will have games for children: plinko, pick a duck, corn hole toss, bubbles, as well as a few more. We will also have a rock painting table for all ages. We are most excited about the Chalkwalk, a sidewalk chalk art contest. Registration is only \$15 and will include a box of 48 pastel chalk, and a few supplies. Prizes: \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$50 chamber cash are being covered by sponsors. Deadline to register is August 8, though we may have some extra boxes of chalk for late registrations. So, it may not be too late to sign up. Several outdoor building maintenance projects are keeping us busy such as buried downspouts, sidewalk repair, and tuckpointing on the brick walls. We are also keeping busy with researching all the options for developing a strategic plan. In August we are having a In September we are having a Back to School Reading Challenge. August is "Share your Produce" month. Bring your extra zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, carrots, etc. Or take some of what others have brought in.

Green Lake - We will be celebrating Harry Potter Week August 13-17. The first Harry Potter books were published twenty years ago, so it's time to throw Harry, Ron, Hermione, and the rest a proper party. We will have activities all week long ranging from trivia to cake, and I will be reading aloud the first book (*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*) each day that week from noon to 1:00 for anyone who wants to listen. There may even be butterbeer. There are other things to look forward to, too. Story time at the Green Lake County Fair. The Friends book sale over Art Fair weekend. A presentation by Kim Grveles about how technology is helping scientists unlock the mysteries of bird migration. A class by UW-Extension's Katie Gellings on simplifying meal prep. And picking up a copy of *The Crops Look Good*, our Green Lake County Reads book selection for 2018! I hope you partake in a whole bunch of our offerings.

Berlin - The Berlin Library was definitely buzzing with excitement during the month of July with the Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program for all ages. We hosted musician Bill Kehl, and magician Bruce Hetzler. Both programs were enjoyed by patrons, both young and old. Our finale for the summer programs was a bowling party where a total of 62 readers took part. To be eligible for the bowling party, young readers were required to read for 20 minutes in the library, thus encouraging them to strengthen their reading skills during the summer months.

Overall, our summer reading program participation excelled compared to last year. We had a total of 205 children who turned in 1011 reading cards, and 49 teens who turned in 613 cards! And adults turned in 1193 cards. This outstanding participation was almost double from last year. Most of our prizes were donated by local businesses, who enthusiastically supported the program.

We are encouraging reading throughout the summer by offering more incentive prizes in August with our Keep on Rock' Summer Reading Bonus Round. We are really trying to help kids from going through the summer slide with regards to literacy.

In July, we collaborated with the Berlin Schools to host a Family Book Club. Families were able to pick up a free copy of the book at the library to read ahead of time with their families. The activities at the event were based around the subject matter in the book. Future family events are being planned, following this successful event.

We are very excited to announce that Berlin Library was a recipient of a LSTA grant through the State of Wisconsin DPI. Through this grant, we will be able to add many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) kits and items to our collection. This grant was in collaboration with the Berlin Schools to reinforce skills taught in the classroom. The items will be available for in-house and some for checkout for use in homes. We are very excited to share everything with our patrons.

Princeton - Princeton concluded its Summer Reading Program with an Ice Cream Party on July 27. Close to 80 children signed up to keep track of their reading, with some participants turning in 7, 8, or even 10 punch cards. In addition to our eager readers, we checked out 1,300 children's books during the two months of the program. With all of this, we are taking a respite during the month of August. We will still have some children's crafting, an evening of rock painting, and a program about whooping cranes, but Storytime will be off until September, and we will not have any large scale programming until the fall.

The Library will be celebrating Princeton's Crazy Days on August 11 with a book sale. All items will be \$1 or less. We are also preparing for the Green Lake County Reads in September and early October. The five libraries in the county are encouraging everyone to read *The Crops Look Good* by Sara DeLuca about her family farm western Wisconsin during the middle of the 20th century. We will have related programming throughout the month of September, with Sara coming to read and speak on October 6. Books we given away at the County Fair.

The library's building project and expansion is out for bid. The bids are due the second week of September, and if they come back in as estimated, we should break ground in October. The fundraising committee is still hard at work every Saturday selling 50/50 raffle tickets. We will be hosting Jerry Apps in October as a fundraiser as well. Currently all money donated to the project will be doubled thanks to an anonymous \$25,000 matching donation.

Kingston News - School will be starting in a little over a month, and there are always some children who don't have all the supplies that they need for the year. The KDM Businessmen's Group used to collect school supplies every year to help that cause, but this past March that group dissolved. So the Mill Pond Library in Kingston has decided to keep the ball rolling. We will be collecting school supplies starting this week and going thru the month of August. The collection box will be sitting on the end of the library counter so anyone donating supplies can simply drop them in. Lorrie Jansma, of Marquette, was our first donor, dropping off 24 boxes of crayons. A list of school supplies is on the box at the library. It is also on the Markesan School District website and you'll find it in the last newsletter. If you don't want to do either of those you can always be safe buying basics like notebooks, washable markers, pencils, erasers, glue, etc. Thank you for helping to make sure that every child has all the supplies they need!

We are also in the process of re-arranging our book sections. Our children's chapter books have been moved to a section near the front of the library. The large print books have been moved to the start of our adult fiction section. And the young adult books are being integrated into the adult fiction section. We have had the adult and young adult non-fiction books together for quite some time and saw an increase in circulation when we did that and are hoping for the same outcome in the fiction section.

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in July of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 146 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Girl Club – Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area, Berlin

On July 2, I began teaching the Girl Club program at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin. I taught this same program at the Club last summer. The lessons focus on bullying, self-esteem/self-image, making good choices, safe and unsafe situations, leadership skills, healthy bodies, and stress and emotions. Each lesson is 60 minutes in length and includes an icebreaker game, a lesson, an interactive activity, and a journaling session. Pictures to the right include the lesson on kindness. Each participant decorated two kindness rocks, one for themselves and one to hide in the community to spread kindness. A total of 57 girls have participated in the program, which ends on August 14.



Berlin Summer Recreation Department Programs

Kids in the Kitchen – Berlin Senior Center, Berlin

I have taught two of four Kids in the Kitchen programs at the Berlin Senior Center kitchen as part of the summer recreation program in Berlin. The Kids in the Kitchen program teaches kids (8-12 years old) how to cook simple, healthy snacks by learning basic cooking skills and developing healthy eating habits. Class objectives include:

- Learn the importance of healthy food choices
- Learn how to read, to follow and prepare recipes
- Learn to enjoy new foods
- Learn how to work as a team
- Learn kitchen safety and food prep skills

So far, 24 participants have taken part in two sessions. In the first session, we made apple cinnamon muffins, and in the second session we made rainbow fruit and yogurt parfaits.



Girl Power – Berlin Senior Center, Berlin

I am teaching four sessions of Girl Power (same curriculum and class objectives as Girl Club) at the Berlin Senior Center as part of the recreation programming. There are 13 girls who are enrolled in the class. I look forward to sharing some evaluation data in August when the series is completed.

Financial Wellness Lunch and Learn – Fox River Industries, Berlin

In July, I offered a lunch and learn program at Fox River Industries. This is the same financial wellness lesson I taught during Money Smart Week for Green Lake County employees through the County’s Wellness Works employee wellness program. Participants learned how to plan for unexpected expenses, set a money goal, make a spending plan, and handle day to day spending. There were nine employees who took part in the workshop. Evaluation data recorded after the lesson included:

- 89% of participants reported being confident in using the spending plan they created during the lesson
- 78% of participants reported being confident in their ability to track their spending

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 209 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of July. 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.

Center for Financial Security Workshop – Madison

I attended a Financial Security Workshop on July 10th at the School of Human Ecology in Madison. The Center for Financial Security (CFS) is an applied research center at UW Madison, and a long-time partner of Cooperative Extension. With the merger of Extension to the Madison campus, we learned of enhancement opportunities for collaborations between CFS, and our county work and communities. We learned an overview of CFS activities, other programs at the School of Human Ecology and at UW, and were introduced to some of the faculty and researchers that are part of the Center. We also identified programming and strategies to support longer-term financial education program development.

Farm Technology Days – Marshfield

Despite stabilizing trends in alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, prescription medication, and illicit drug use reported by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, there is clear evidence that substance abuse is pervasive throughout the state of

Wisconsin. Further research shows that parents often overlook everyday items that may indicate that an adolescent is engaging in some form of risky behavior. More so, parents are often apprehensive about talking to their children about risky behaviors and do not know how to appropriately manage these issues or where to seek help.

Family Living Educators from Clark, Green Lake, Marquette, Portage, Waupaca, Waushara, Wood and a state educator collaborated to bring “Hidden in Plain Sight” presentation to individuals visiting Farm Technology Days.

Most parents could walk into their child's room and would recognize drug paraphernalia or alcohol bottles. We showed visitors some of the things they might not think twice about but that could be signs of an alcohol, tobacco or substance abuse problem. This presentation was centered on a teenager's bedroom that was set up as part of the event. Parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers and other adults were able to explore the mock teenager's bedroom to see and identify drug paraphernalia, discover hiding places and discuss other signs that may indicate alcohol, tobacco, vaping, e-cigarettes or other drug use by a teen. The objective of the display was to teach adults how to identify signs, potential hiding places, and items that may point to risky adolescent behavior. A total of 181 individuals participated in the educational event.



Out of County Days

- 1 ½ Out of county days for July (Financial Security Programming Meeting, Madison – 1*; Farm Tech Days – Family Living educational booth, Wood County – ½)
- 1 ½ Out of county days planned for August (

* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in July of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 42 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Farm Policy Meeting put on by Organic Valley, Mt. Calvary

July 6th Glen Grothman was the guest speaker at the Blatz family farm in Mt. Calvary, WI. The issues addressed were organic and the farm bill, fraudulent imports, the importance of preserving the small family farm, and the impact mega-farms are having on the rural community in terms of environment and socio economics.

Produce Auction Twilight Meeting

The produce auction twilight meeting was hosted at Norman Millers farm and had an attendance of approximately 20 growers and their families. Amanda Gevens and Russ Groves were there to do some scouting and explaining as well as to answer any questions that the growers might have as it pertains to pests and diseases. Norman gave the group a guided tour of his field growing operations and talked about the cultural practices that he uses on his own crops.

Turfgrass Clinic at OJ Noer Facility

A great day of networking with UW turf faculty, vendors and industry professionals. Witnessed trials of new lawn varieties and fertilizer applications. Courses were incredibly helpful in helping to identify common pests and diseases of lawns and golf courses. There was also a great demonstration on how to calibrate a Z sprayer which has become a popular choice of application equipment for professionals in the industry.

Farm Technology Days Wood County

In spite of the current state of the Ag economy people turned out in droves to the Farm Technology Days in Wood county. I was mostly there to network and meet more of my new colleagues at the UWEX tent but I also managed to find time to talk to some vendors about the new product offerings as well as their own take on the current state of the industry. Vendors unanimously agreed that farmers need to pay more attention to their bottom line and be more aware of their costs of production. The Beef Council put on an impressive display with two tents of cattle representing associations from well-known breeds such as Hereford and Angus to lesser known breeds such as Pinzgauer, and Blue belts. It was a great opportunity to expand my knowledge of these lesser known cattle breeds and to talk with some of the growers themselves. While at the show I was also able to find out about a program call SCORE which is designed to help aging farmers exit the industry while at the same time helping beginning farmers enter the industry. I look forward to digging into this program further as I'm approached more and more by a new generation that is very interested in farming and the lifestyle it has to offer.

Pasture Walk ParKelm Farm

This offered an opportunity to see how one of our own Green Lake County grazers was fairing in alternative livestock management. Jordan and Natasha Paris hosted the pasture walk and showed us how they are farming in an environmentally conscious way while maintaining profitability. We saw how they have an intensive rotational grazing cycle that included Icelandic Sheep, Hereford Cattle, and Large Black Hogs. Jordan showed us his low cost corral and loading system. By in large it was also a good way to meet people from the local area.

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I took initiative in going to my alma mater (UW Madison) to meet face to face with Doug Reinemann, Brian Hudelson, PJ Liesch, and Irwin Goldman. It was fun to get to know these valuable resources and to get reacquainted

with the campus and its facilities. I feel much better prepared going forward to assist our agricultural community after having this experience.

Out of County Days

- 4 Out of county days for July (Farm Policy Meeting* – Farm Tech Days*- Madison Networking*- Turf grass Clinic*)
- 2 Out of county days planned for August (Soil Health Meeting Fond du Lac*; NRCS Course Montello*)

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