



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

September 5, 2018

The following documents are included in the packet for the Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018:

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the August 14, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Letter to Jon Vandeyacht, Veterans Services booth at the Fair
- 6) 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, September 11, 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: 08/14/18
6. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
7. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Public Library, Green Lake
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. Staffing update
15. Area Extension Director Report
16. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
17. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: October 9, 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, August 14, 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
Katie Gellings
Ben Jenkins
Morgan Martinez
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Also Present: Lucy Hazelwood, Markesan Public Library Director; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to approve the July 10, 2018 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – LUCY HAZELWOOD, MARKESAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted monthly reports on file. Hazelwood highlighted areas in each of the library reports. Markesan is also working on a strategic plan survey.

CORRESPONDENCE – One from an anonymous person concerning a fair maintenance person.

2018 FAIR RECAP

Zills reported it was great, including the weather. Revenues have increased. Lots of positive comments from the Friday and Saturday track events. Reabe commented on two booth participants that packed up and left the fair earlier than the specified time on Sunday.

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to have Zills draft a letter and mail to the two booth participants that left the fairgrounds earlier than the specified time. All ayes.

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

Written monthly report on file for Gellings and Jenkins. Gellings, Jenkins, and Martinez gave verbal reports.

2019 BUDGET UPDATE

Dampier wants this as a reoccurring agenda item until it is complete. This next budget year the Fair/Kim's salary will be included on the Fair budget.

4-H COORDINATOR OR POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EXTENSION EDUCATOR POSITION

Dampier explained the effect of the resolutions that have been forwarded to Madison. Waushara will

attain their 4-H position, but will surrender their Ag position. Green Lake will obtain a 4-H Program Coordinator with the help of rollover funds from the CNRD position. The salary range will be \$38,000 - \$47,000, depending on experience and the pay split would be (County 75% / University 25%). The preliminary position description has been accepted.

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/Hess). All ayes. Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION –

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro, Dampier or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: September 11, 2018 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mehn/Wallace) to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

DRAFT

Green Lake County Libraries Activity Report for September 2018

Berlin - As summer is winding down, we reflect on the wonderful programs we were able to offer during our Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program for all ages and are very thankful for the donations received from the Friends of the Library, and local businesses to help fill the gap in our funds. Our goal this year was to encourage literacy throughout the summer months, which would not have been as easy without our library supporters due to tight budgets. In our bonus round of summer reading for the month of August, we had a total of 528 entries, which was up from last year that totaled 356. It is wonderful to see so many patrons using the library services and attending programs.

One popular adult program we have offered has been Yoga in the Library, which we will continue to offer depending on the availability of the instructor. Music enthusiasts and ukulele lovers are looking forward to the return of Tune It Up Ukes, a group jam session and beginner lessons on September 13 at 6:00.

Story times will resume on Wednesdays beginning September 5 at 10, 11, and 2 for local daycare kids, as well as being open to the public. We are thrilled to announce that Teen and Kids science and technology kits purchased with the LSTA grant are almost ready for their debut into our collection. We will be offering programs to introduce the kits and demonstrate how to use the items.

We are very excited for the upcoming Green Lake County Reads events offered at all of the Green Lake libraries. Berlin Library events are Barn Quilts on September 11 at 6:00, Canning Basics on September 25 at 6:00 presented by Katie Gellings of the GLC UW Extension Office, and a book discussion of the County Read book, *The Crops Look Good* by Sara DeLuca on September 19 at 6:00. The main GL County Read event on Saturday, October 6 at 2:00 will include music, refreshments, and a book talk and meet & greet with the author. We hope everyone can make these exciting free events.

Green Lake – September will be a busy month after a bit of a lull, program-wise, in August (only twelve programs in August?! Better get on the stick!) Like all the county libraries, we have programs in support of our County-wide read *The Crops Look Good*, ranging from music to quilts with a stop at aerial photography in-between. I am reading the book aloud Mondays-Thursdays, a Green Lake version of WPR's popular "Chapter a Day" program. We are also holding programs on Freezer Meals, the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas II, and empathy shown by our canine companions. Children's author Tim McCanna visits on September 21, and kids from both local schools are planning an afternoon field trip to the library to see him. The last two days of the month bring Harvest Fest, and the Friends accompanying book sale. Now that's more like it, program-wise! Details can be found at www.greenlakelibrary.org

Kingston – We turned in 3 full boxes of school supplies to the Markesan District Schools that the library has been collecting for the past month. The supplies can be used by any teachers who have a student in their classroom that doesn't have all of the items they need for the school year.

Our Rummage for Reading table will run for the month of Sept. yet and then we will put the items away for next year. We have had a good variety of items for sale on the table all summer, and all proceeds go towards purchasing new books.

We are looking forward to the County-Wide Read in Sept. and the author visit on Oct. 6th. Libraries will be giving away tickets for the author visit the entire month of Sept. and hope for a grand turn-out the day of.

Markesan – Markesan Library is busy with building maintenance this year. We were having some water seepage in the basement so we have installed some buried drain spouts. So far, we think it has been working since we have not had any problems with all the recent rain and flooding. Right now we have a company working on the tuck pointing the brick all around the building, though the majority of the work need is on the old section which was built in 1930. Next we will be working on sidewalk repair. Besides building maintenance the board has been focusing on a strategic plan and a short survey to get us started. Our library will be participating in the county wide read of "The Crops Look Good." We are checking out books in anticipation of our discussion on Tuesday, September 18 at 6:45. We have a Hickory Nut Cracking program on Sept. 5 at 6:30, and a Historical Apron program on Sept. 12 at 6:30. Be sure to go to your local library to get tickets for the author visit on Saturday October 6 at the Markesan Historical Barn.

Princeton - We had a wonderful summer, full of high attendance at programs, higher circulation than in 2017, and lots of readers during our Summer Reading Program. Now that we are into fall, the library prepares excitedly for two big events. One is the Green Lake County Reads. All five libraries are encouraging their patrons to read the same book, The Crops Look Good by Sara DeLuca, come to our many book clubs and farming history programs, and meet Sara DeLuca in person on October 6. We are excited for the community building fostered by this read. The second big news coming out of the Princeton Library is that our expansion project bids are due back on September 11. If the bids come back as estimated, we will have a new expanded and renovated library in Princeton this time next year. We have currently fundraised enough to cover the cost of construction, and are working towards our furniture budget. As such, we have a fundraising event coming up on October 20. Jerry Apps will be joining us at the Green Lake American Legion for dinner, lecture, and discussion. Tickets are \$50 and available at the Princeton Library.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FAIR



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August 20, 2018

Jon Vandeyacht
Green Lake County VSO
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Dear Mr. Vandeyacht:

It has been brought to the attention of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee that despite changing vendor release times to an hour earlier this year, some vendors continued to leave early. It was noted that the Green Lake County Veterans Service Organization left before the 4:00 p.m. release time.

We realize Sunday is a quiet and sometimes uneventful day and we are all tired and ready to wrap up and go home. However, the signed Commercial Exhibitor Space/Food Vendor Contract reads "All exhibitors must remain in place until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday." There are still fairgoers strolling the grounds and inside the buildings at this time and we don't believe it reflects favorably on the Fair if half the exhibits and vendors have left.

It has been approved by the Committee to begin implementing a warning letter to vendors not abiding to the Rules & Regulations contained in the Contract. After one warning, failure to abide may result in fines and/or forfeiture of future exhibiting rights.

Sincerely,

Patricia Garro, Chairman
Green Lake County Agriculture
Extension Education & Fair Committee

- *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.* ●

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in August of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 142 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Berlin Summer Recreation Department Programs

Girl Power – Berlin Senior Center, Berlin

I taught four sessions of Girl Power at the Berlin Senior Center as part of the recreation programming. There were 13 girls enrolled in the class, which was a new rec department program this year. The following are a few pieces of evaluation data I collected by asking program participants what they learned:

“I learned that being pretty on the inside doesn’t mean like your organs are beautiful. It means that you act nice and your attitude is good!”

“That you should never bully even if it makes you feel good because what if you were the one being bullied it would not feed good.”

“We learned about making good choices. Do not take the bad road. Stay doing good things. Choose wisely.”

“I learned about stress, and how to make a stress ball. I learned how people feel when they feel stress. I also know how to deal with my stress now.”

Sharing With Youth Day – Berlin Senior Center, Berlin

Each year, the Summer Recreation Department in Berlin offers a free day of programming for kids. This year I was asked to provide a nutrition program over the lunchtime hour. I had 14 participants who took part in playing a nutrition-focused game, learning about healthy eating habits through MyPlate, and making their own healthy lunch!



United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) Nutrition Lesson – United Methodist Church, Berlin

In mid-August, I taught a nutrition lesson to 21 children at the UMOs Childcare Center in Berlin. I taught them about the food groups on MyPlate, and we discussed what a healthy meal looks like. We did a nutrition activity with coloring our favorite foods in the correct food groups, and we made a healthy snack of fruit and yogurt parfaits.



Community Health Action Team (CHAT) Plunge on ABC’s of Building Blocks for a Brighter Future

On August 22, community leaders and members took place in the second CHAT plunge in Green Lake County. This plunge focused on the early childhood issues of low literacy rates and limited parental support. The attendees learned about brain development especially within the realm trauma-informed care, school programs at Berlin Area School District that help children exceed, community organizations that help children get started in life, and about the services of Caestecker Public Library. The CHAT, which I serve on, will now hold a debriefing in early September to address the issue and find a community-oriented solution.

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 33 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of August. 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.

Out of County Days

- 2 ½ Out of county days for August (ESP Planning Meeting, Oshkosh – 1; ESP Board of Directors Meeting, Madison – ½; JCEP Board Meeting, Stevens Point – 1*)
- 1 ½ Out of county days planned for September (Financial Wellness Coalition Meeting, Wautoma – ½; Fermentation presentation at State Home and Community Education (HCE) Conference – 1)

* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in August of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 84 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Green Lake County Fair

Started the month with the Green Lake County Fair. The fair gave me a great opportunity to meet people (especially farm families) in the local area. Highlights of the event were the quantity and quality of the animal entries. The sheer numbers of dairy cattle, beef cattle, and chickens were quite impressive. People watching the bird show in spite of its long run time were impressed by the thoroughness of the judge and the amount of information that they gained about birds in listening to him. There were two incidents involving dairy animals.

First one spry heifer managed to break her halter in the show ring. The audience and the entrants stayed calm keeping the heifer calm enough for the young woman to put a different halter on her animal. The second was an emergency Saturday night with the tank in the milk house reaching max capacity with two milkings left to go. This was alleviated by allowing a few of the milking animals go home so that the tank would not overflow and thereby avoiding a biohazardous situation. There were minimal complaints from fair goers. Congressman Grothman commented that the fair was one of the nicer fairs around.



Carcass Contest

Brandon Meats once again hosted the carcass contest. The judge, the fairest of the fair, two young helpers and myself spent the afternoon of the 7th judging the hung swine carcasses in the locker at Brandon Meats. Our young helpers seemed to really enjoy looking at all the different animal parts being stored in the cooler. They got to see the immense size of hung steers, learned about scoring pig carcasses by looking at the loin eye, saw a bin full of pig heads, and a stack of skinned lambs. The owner of Brandon Meats was very kind in giving us all a tour of the live animal holding area and the kill floor.



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I participated in a Hops harvest being done by UWEX in conjunction with a trial on hops production and fertilizer rates in field growing conditions. The trials were being done to see what rates of fertilizer in a real world situation would yield the best results. This study has been going on now for four years. As part of this study the hops had to be cut down and trucked to a nearby stripper. Vines had to be weighed and samples had to be collected and sent to be analyzed at a nutrient lab.



Out of County Days

- 3 Out of county days for August (Vernon Shrock [tomato issues], Renk Seed Field day, Hops Harvest, Brattset Pasture Walk, Corn growers disease identification)
- 4 Out of county days planned for September (Michael Fields Hemp Field Day, SCORE presentation by FSA, Face to Face new hires orientation at UW-Madison)