



# ***GREEN LAKE COUNTY***

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

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**October 1, 2019**

**The following documents are included in the packet for the  
Ag/Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting on  
Tuesday, October 8, 2019:**

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educator Report for: Morgan Martinez (4-H Program Coordinator).



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## AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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### *Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice*

**Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019      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. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes: 9/10/19
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) – Chris Kalupa, Berlin Public Library Director
7. **FAIR**
8. 2019 Fair Recap
9. 2020 Fair
10. **UW-EXTENSION**
11. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
12. Area Extension Director Report
13. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
14. Committee Discussion
  - Future Meeting Dates: November 12, 2019
  - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
15. 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 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, September 10, 2019 in the County Board 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: Adam Hady  
Morgan Martinez  
Kathy Ninneman  
Kim Zills

Absent: Ben Jenkins (at Breakfast meeting)

Also Present: Nicole Overbeck, Markesan Public Library Director; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Katie Gellings and her new daughter, Maggie (who is on FMLA until 10-28).

**MINUTES**

***Motion/second (Wallace/Mehn)*** to approve the August 13, 2019 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing.

**COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – NICOLE OVERBECK**

Everyone introduced themselves to Overbeck. Submitted monthly reports on file. Overbeck announced that Mark Arend, Assistant Director of the Winnefox Library System will be retiring and Clairellyn Sommersmith will be his successor. She also highlighted areas in each library.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing.

**2019 FAIR RECAP**

Zills reported she is receiving money, paying bills and state reports are complete.

**2020 FAIR UPDATES**

Zills reported the 2020 fair dates are August 6-9.

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

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

**AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Hady reported everything is going well. The position for the FoodWise coordinator for Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties is posted. The position will have their office located in Marquette County. Hady will also be starting 6 month reviews with educators.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Garro explained the Expenditure Budget Lines to be amended are: \$92.27 from the UWEX Program Donations Account to the Extension Fair Promotions budget.

***Motion/second (Hess/Mehn).*** All ayes. Approved.

**APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS**

***Motion/second (Hess/Wallace).*** All ayes. Approved.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Garro or Ninneman.
- Next regular meeting date: October 8, 2019 in the Training Room at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion/second (Hess/Mehn)*** to adjourn at 9:16 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

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## Green Lake County Library Activities Report for October 2019

**Berlin:** Our big event, the Green Lake County Read with Nicholas Butler, is fast approaching and we are so excited. All 5 Green Lake County libraries are looking forward to hosting the event and welcoming not only our featured author, but our communities as well. The free event is this Saturday, October 5 at 2:00. Please join us at the Berlin High School for refreshments and the author event.

This October, we are having our first ever Halloween Costume Exchange. Families can bring in costumes through October 9, and get a voucher to come back a week later during our costume swap to pick out something new! We are hoping to help families who have growing kids with new interests. It will be a great way to get new costumes for free.

We have several school classes who will be taking advantage of the nice walking weather and visiting the library this month. Our Youth Librarian will be doing a library tour and introducing them to the books and material that will help them in their school work and fun reading. This is a great way to collaborate with our schools and encourage the kids to be active in our library.

Later October brings our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Escape Room from October 24 to October 26. Our theme will be the ever popular Harry Potter. This event was very well received last year and we are excited bring it back again. Watch for sign up to begin soon.

We will be representing the library at the Tri-County Boys & Girls Club Trunk or Treat on October 29. Friends of the Berlin Library will be funding this event through recent sales at their book sale.

This is only a small taste of the exciting events for all ages at our library in October. Check out our website and Facebook page for more details. We are always looking for ways to help our community with their needs making our library Open to All.

**Green Lake:** This October we are starting up a children's story time at 11 am on Tuesdays. We have had an increase of caregivers with young children in the library and are hoping to start the kiddos on some early literacy and love of books. At the same time, we will provide the caregivers with an opportunity to get out of the house and take a break. Margie is really enjoying her new duties with the children at school and we hope to continue the trend here at the library. We are also hosting another Duct Tape Walking Stick Workshop for kids on Tuesday, October 16 in honor of National Walk to School Day.

For adult programming, the big event this month is our Green Lake County Read program with author Nickolas Butler on Saturday, October 5 at 2 pm at the Berlin High School auditorium. This program is free to attend and will have a variety of treats and the author will hold a reading, discussion, sale, and signing of the book. After the Green Lake County Reads program, we are hosting Mark Moran for another What's it Worth Antique Appraisals event on Saturday, October 12 at 9:30 am. If you have any antiques at home that you would like more information on, sign up to see Mark! It's always an interesting and fun event. We have a few other programs planned this month, so be sure to check out the website or Facebook.

**Markesan:** September events at the Markesan Library kept us busy as squirrels gathering food for the winter. The great nonfiction book giveaway was a big success. We freshened our shelves and did some rearranging and made close to \$50 in donations. We offered a pop up craft of air-dry clay photo frames for patrons of all ages. We had a solid turnout for the Secret Life of Pets 2 movie and the Open Mic night. The Markesan Historical Society donated \$250 towards our Ancestry Library Edition database. The library will give a presentation on Ancestry and other library services at the next Markesan Historical Society meeting on October 9. Other upcoming activities include a wooden painted pumpkins & paper hydrangea workshop on Monday, October 7 at 6 pm. For kids, the annual Spooktacular Party will take place on Saturday, October 26 from 10-11:30 am with games, crafts, and snacks. Melanie Simpkins, R.N., will lead a conversation on Advanced Care Planning on Monday, October 28 at 6 pm and then present another class on Brain Health on Thursday, November 14 at 6 pm. November is

also National Novel Writing Month. The library will host a National Novel Writing Month 101 workshop on Monday, October 21 at 6pm. The Markesan Library has also signed up to do an email newsletter through constant contact (& Winnefox) in the hopes of getting more community members to use the library and become aware of all the events and services we have to offer.

**Princeton:** Everyone wants to know when we will be in the newly remodeled and expanded building. While at the time of writing this, I am still getting exact dates of installation, I believe that will be opening and running by the end of October. As soon as exact dates are known they will be announced both on social media and in the newspapers. We are very excited to then celebrate the new building, complete with its new furniture and shelving; our Grand Opening is tentatively scheduled for a Sunday in November. We will be selling all of our furniture and shelving from our old library, so if you know of anyone who is looking for bookcases, let them know.

Because we know November is a long to wait, we invited the public to stop by a couple Saturdays ago, and visit the current progress of the library building. They were encouraged to sign their names on the concrete prior to the installation of the carpeting. Delightedly we welcomed 90 people during this event. We love to see how well the library is supported in the Princeton community. When we pick a date to move back into our building, we know we will have many helping hands.

October events include our Author Event on October 5, pumpkin carving on the 21, and weekly story times, crafts, and book clubs.

Finally, this is the last report, I, Clairellyn, will write. With the board meeting the first week of October to hire a new director, we should have someone in place by the end of the month. My last day will be on October 12. I will still be attending some of these meetings in my new capacity as the Assistant Director of Winnefox Library System, and I will also be excited to introduce you to the new Princeton Library director once they are in place.

**Kingston:** Our Savvy Senior Space is coming along nicely and we hope to have all the work done by November 1<sup>st</sup>. There is new comfy seating, and an added table and chairs. A coffee/snack bar is in the works. There are puzzles and games waiting to be used. And we are also working on some programs to be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10am, starting Nov. 6th. We are still waiting on some book shelves, but feel free to stop in any time and check out our progress. And even though we are calling the room our Savvy Senior Space it is available to all ages and groups.

We also have a BYOB (bring your own bottle) Basket Fundraiser coming up in Nov. We are looking for donated baskets filled with goodies, with the one requirement that they have some kind of bottle in them. Baby bottles, wine bottles, perfume bottles, etc. Any kind of bottle themed basket. The auction will run from Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. And of course we hope to see you all for our Nickolas Butler author visit on Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Berlin High School at 2pm.



**Extension**

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
GREEN LAKE COUNTY



Morgan Martinez  
Green Lake County  
4-H Program Coordinator  
September 2019

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the 4-H Program in September of 2019. During the reporting period, the program coordinator made 146 direct educational and professional contacts.

### **Program Highlights**

#### ***4-H Leaders' Association, Green Lake***

Organized at the county level, the 4-H Leaders' Association works closely with the 4-H Program Coordinator. The club or group brings together volunteers to serve as a venue for volunteer leader training and an organizing mechanism in providing volunteer and financial support for county level educational opportunities for 4-H members and 4-H volunteers. At their September 5, 2019 meeting I providing education on the topics of club charters, 4-H enrollment, partner nondiscrimination letters, and 2019-2020 4-H Program Guide.

#### ***4-H Horse Council, Green Lake***

I attended the Green Lake County 4-H Horse Council meeting on September 9, 2019. The meeting's agenda include program planning and election of executive board. My educational role centered on helping the Horse Council Executive Board facilitate a process to gather input from both youth and adults in planning their programs for the year.

#### ***4-H Club Teamwork Program, Green Lake & Markesan***

I visited two 4-H club monthly meetings, Roy Creek Ramblers in Markesan on September 15 and Three Hilltoppers 4-H Club in Green Lake on September 16, and lead a teamwork program with 4-H young people. Throughout the program youth had to complete a series of relatively simple tasks, with challenges built in, independently and then when working with a partner. Throughout these tasks young people strengthened skills in teamwork, communication, respecting differences, and problem solving to achieve a goal.

#### ***4-H Archery Project, Green Lake***

I met with the Green Lake County 4-H Archery Board of Directors on September 24, 2019 prior to the annual meeting to support them in planning for the new year. The group completed the chartered, established a budget as well as a tentative shooting schedule. At the annual meeting that took place that that evening I provided educational support of providing knowledge on the WI 4-H Shooting Sports policies and training.

## **Networking within Extension and Professional Development Opportunities**

### ***Cooperative Extension County-Based Onboarding Learning Community\*, Madison***

I am excited to be participating in a cohort-based learning opportunity with colleagues across our Institutes who have joined Cooperative Extension in the past 4 months. Over the next year, we will be on a journey of learning together through a combination of monthly interactive Zooms (online video conferencing) and face-to-face meetings.

We held our first face-to-face meeting on August 4-5, 2019 where we discussed demographic mapping of our county, support in program development, and specialist resources that are available at the state level.

### ***Area 14 4-H Professionals Meeting, Montello***

4-H professionals in Area 14 (Counties: Marquette, Juneau, Adams, Waushara, Green Lake) met on September 26, 2019 with our new 4-H Assistant Program Manager Katie Sepnieski. At this meeting we discussed, current expanding access efforts, 4-H camp, and 4-H programming. We are looking forward to collaborating on future programs such as youth officer training.

### ***Wisconsin 4-H Regional Meeting\*, Madison***

On September 27, 2019 4-H professionals from across the state met in at Dane County Extension in Madison. Wisconsin 4-H Assistant Program Managers provided information about topics such as risk management, policy updates, and civil rights reporting.

## **Out of County Days**

- 4 Out of county days for September
  - *Onboarding Face-to-Face Meeting\*, Madison, September 4-5*
  - *Area 14 4-H Professionals Meeting, Montello, September 26*
  - *Wisconsin 4-H Regional Meeting\*, Madison, September 27*
  
- 0 Out of county days planned for October

\* Travel expenses are covered by Extension