



The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairman, Joanne Guden, at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 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
Patti Garro
Katie Mehn
David Richter
Bob Schweder

Staff Present: Jay Dampier
John de Montmollin
Katie Gellings
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills
Amanda Miller

Absent: Nav Ghimire

Others Present: Will Andreson, North Central Regional Director; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman; Linda DeNell, Caestecker Library, Green Lake; Tony Daley, Berlin Journal newspapers; Richard Swanke, Pullers Inc.

AGENDA

Motion/second (Garro/Richter) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve the August 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES – None.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – LINDA DENELL

Submitted monthly reports on file. DeNell gave a brief verbal report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing.

FAIR RECAP

Zills didn't have a lot to report, besides some invoices that have come in and contracts for next month. Garro reported that she has spoken with Swanke and Zills regarding some fair improvements and changes.

YOUTH EXHIBIT COMMITTEE

de Montmollin met with the Youth Exhibit Committee after the fair. The following are recommendations.

1. Exhibit Entry Deadline – the (Y.E.C.) is recommending that the words “no appeals,” be included with the fair entry deadline. ***Motion/second (Garro/Richter)*** to include the words “no appeals” to the entry deadline which also states “no exceptions.”
2. Adoption of Bylaws – tabled to next meeting until the Corporation Counsel has had a chance to look them over.

3. Pen Fees – Recommendation from the Y.E.C. to not implement pen fees for exhibitors. No action taken. Chairman Reabe commented that if a pen fee was implemented in the future that the committee should consider establishing a scholarship fund for youth in financial need.

CHANCELLOR SANDEEN TOWN HALL MEETING

Dampier condensed the Chancellor's town hall meeting video for the committee members to view.

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

Written monthly reports on file for Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, and Miller were reviewed. Dampier, de Montmollin, Gellings, Ghimire and Miller gave brief verbal reports of their present programming.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERIM NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Guden welcomed Will Andreson, new North Central Regional Director, as of July 1. Andreson began working as an extension educator for 14 years in Iron County, four years as department head and two years as co-department head.

His goal is to visit all 19 counties in the North Central Region by the middle of October. He has enjoyed meeting all of the county partners and building relationships. He is hoping that everyone can remain patient and strong during this transition.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: FRINGE CALCULATION

Dampier distributed a "UW-Madison Research and Sponsored Programs Notice 2016-2" to the committee. Supervisor Richter questioned why the 50% increase when counties are seeing a 30-35% increase. Andreson explained the fringe calculation was due to retirements and health insurance.

nEXT GENERATION OF UW-EXTENSION

de Montmollin gave an update on the nEXT Generation needs assessment survey that was distributed to all 72 counties and tribal nations. de Montmollin added 64 of the 72 counties responded with 257 individual responses. This information will be used in determining the gap between current programming and future programming.

The 4-H work group is finalizing their current programming assessment survey which will shortly be distributed to all county 4-H programs.

EDUCATOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Ghimire will be traveling to Sacramento, CA, September 26-28 for the Journal of Extension Committee. All expenses are paid through JOE, except for his time out of the office.

Gellings was elected president-elect to Epsilon Sigma Phi and one of the responsibilities is to attend the ESP National Conference. She will be traveling to Cape May, NJ, October 24-28 for the ESP National Conference. All travel expenses are paid through a scholarship that she received and the Wisconsin Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve Ghimire and Gellings out of state travel.

POSITION DESCRIPTION UPDATE

Dampier gave the Committee an "original version" of the position description for the Program Specialist. He is currently working on separating the two position descriptions and will bring it to the committee next month.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder). Approved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Guden wrote and mailed a thank you to the Amish auction board.

VOUCHERS

Motion/second (Richter/Garro) to approve the vouchers for Ag/Extension Education and Fair as presented totaling \$41,987.78. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- nEXT Generation
- nEXT Generation Resolutions
- Program Specialist position description update.
- If anyone has an agenda item, please contact Dampier.
- Next regular meeting date: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the Training Room at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mehn/Schweder) to adjourn at 11:01 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Program Specialist*