

JANUARY 12, 2010

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, January 12, 2010, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, M. Schweder, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler and W. Williams

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

A. Kavanaugh, D. Slark and M. Spaulding

GUESTS PRESENT

None

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

C. Carrol

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Williams/Stoddard) to approve the December 8, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file.

Carrol stated that libraries are preparing for annual reporting. Circulation was up in 2009. Libraries have also been seeing an increase in internet usage, with many people utilizing computers for job seeking.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Richard Swanke was present. Swanke asked whether a vote could be retaken on whether or not alcohol could be sold at the 2010 Green Lake County fair, with the entire committee present. McConnell requested that a vote on alcohol sales be added to the February agenda.

Swanke informed the committee that he would be signing a contract with Puller's Inc. for the 2010 fair tractor pull, and that he planned to speak with Kim Zills regarding a possible rubber chicken fling at the fair.

CORRESPONDENCE

None



Fair Committee Discussion

TRACK EVENTS/FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES

Kavanaugh informed the committee that over the past five years, the average cost of services provided by the Brooklyn Fire Department equaled \$584.02 per year. Because the fair was not charged for 2009 services, a donation to help the fund a traveling educational unit that is used throughout the county may be considered.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to make a \$300.00 donation to fund the traveling educational unit. The check will be written to the Green Lake County Fire Association and forwarded to Gary Podoll, Green Lake County Emergency Management Director. Motion carried.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for the Educators.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that the StrongWomen class in Berlin is going well and has 24 participants. Along with the other members of the Wellness Coalition, Spaulding is using funds obtained from a grant to develop a worksite wellness toolkit for small businesses. Spaulding completed revisions on her portfolio, and will meet with the determining committee in January.

Slark: Slark continues to work with the 4-H Ambassadors, who are doing classroom visits to promote 4-H. He is preparing a training session for 4-H Club Officers, and has been working on improving the shooting sports project, for which Kim Zills submitted a grant application. Year end reporting is complete and Department Head duties ongoing.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Traxler) to approve out of county days for the educators: Slark (3), Kauffeld (0), and Spaulding (.5). Motion carried.

BREAK

9:03 a.m. – Meeting reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

AGRICULTURE AGENT POSITION

Slark reported that over 20 people attended the agriculture visioning session on December 23, 2009. Participants provided feedback and suggestions for issues to be addressed by the incoming Agriculture Agent.

At the December Personnel Committee meeting, committee members voted to leave the Agriculture Agent position vacant at this time, and will revisit the option to fill the position in April. Discussion followed. Several Ag/Extension/Fair Committee members received calls from constituents concerned about the vacancy. McConnell stated that she would request reconsideration for filling the Agriculture Agent position immediately, and have this item placed on the January Personnel Committee agenda.

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 and McConnell attended the meeting. Both attended breakout sessions in addition to the meeting, which they felt were valuable.

WNEP ANNUAL REPORT

Written report on file.

Spaulding explained that the Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) provides nutrition education to low income families. The committee reviewed the report.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the committee discussed the new boat launch fees.
- b. Personnel Committee – No report
- c. Finance Committee – No report

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Traxler/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
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