

November 13, 2007

The meeting of the Green Lake County Ag, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson Hollander at 8:32 a.m., on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

M. Hollander, W. Williams, M. Stoddard, and S. McConnell, V. Ammentorp.

EDUCATORS/STAFF PRESENT

J. Hoffman, C. Hargrave, M. Spaulding, D. Slark, A. Kavanaugh, and K. Zills.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

L. DeNell, C. Carroll

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Stoddard/Ammentorp) to approve the October 9, 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Carroll reported that the painted chairs exhibit and silent auction at the Kingston Library were a big success. Remodeling is scheduled to continue. The Haunted Wisconsin program held on October 23 in Berlin was well attended. A children's pottery class is scheduled, along with several other upcoming educational programs.

DeNell reported that the presentation given by Wisconsin author Clark Kidder on orphan trains on October 9 at the Caestecker Public Library was well attended. A meeting was held with a representative from Alliant Energy regarding energy savings for the library. An energy audit will be held. Many activities are planned for the coming months including movies all day on Friday, November 23 for those who need a shopping break.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Zills reported that the Green Lake County Fair won the New or Unique Class of Competitive Exhibits Award for 2007 from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. The award will be presented in Las Vegas at the IAFE Awards Ceremony, although nobody from Green Lake County will attend the event. The plaque will be mailed and Zills will contact the newspaper.

EDUCATOR REPORTS

Written reports are on file for Hargrave, Slark and Spaulding.

Hargrave: Hargrave reported that she has been busy assisting farmers with harvesting related activities. The Seven County team members have decided on winter programming and are working on setting up dates and locations. Hargrave also reported that there has been a proposal to consolidate the Green Lake and Fond du Lac County Farm Service Agencies. She stated that this will make a big impact on area farmers and over eighty people attended a meeting last week, most of whom were not in support of the consolidation. Hargrave is working with the Farm Bureau to develop a survey to better determine the impact consolidation would have.

Slark: Slark reported that 4-H Officer Training was held on November 2. 4-H Ambassadors will be visiting classrooms in Green Lake, Berlin, Princeton and Markesan this month to promote 4-H. Enrollments continue to come in. Slark will be working on the transition from the Blue Ribbon program to 4-H Plus for the 2008 enrollments.

Spaulding: Spaulding reported that there was a very good turnout at her latest *Dads, Kids and Pizza* program. She explained that the program is an outreach to Head Start families to assist fathers and father figures with parenting skills. Spaulding continues to lead monthly meetings of the Green Lake Area Health and Wellness Coalition, along with several other educational outreach programs.

Hoffman: Hoffman reported that he arranged for Small Business Development Center business workshops in Green Lake County starting in 2008. The workshops will include marketing, start-up business planning, business financing and promotion. He also reported that he attended a conflict coaching training.

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to approve out of county days for the educators: Hoffman (4);, Hargrave (1.5);, Slark (1); , and Spaulding (2.5). Motion carried.

WACEC DISTRICT 3 PLANNING MEETING QUESTIONS/RESOLUTIONS

Hollander reported that the meeting will be held in Stevens Point on January 4, 2008. Anyone with questions they want addressed at the meeting may contact Hollander or the UW-Extension office.

REFILLING COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR POSITION

At 9:04 a.m., Hoffman left the room. Discussion followed. *Motion/Second (Stoddard/McConnell)* to refill the Community Resource Development Educator position and to send a request to the Personnel Committee to add this item to their next agenda. Motion carried, with Ammentorp dissenting.

BREAK

9:13 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.



Fair Committee Discussion – 2007 Fair

Hoffman rejoined the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

FOOD STAND/FUNDRAISING PROFITS

Zills reported that final 10% revenues from food vendors totaled \$5,308.51. This was a 2.25% increase over 2006.

FALL DISTRICT MEETING

Hollander and Zills attended the October 10, 2007 WACEC Fall District 3 meeting. Hollander was nominated by Zills and won the Outstanding Fair Person award. The award will be presented at the Fair Convention. *Motion/Second (McConnell, Stoddard)* to approve attendance, banquet costs, and lodging for Hollander and Zills at the upcoming Fair Convention (January 7-9, 2008). Motion carried.

COUNTY FAIR AIDS UPDATE

Zills reported that requested funds were approved.

2008 FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACT

Motion/Second (McConnell, Williams) to approve signing of contract for Peaseblossom Music for the Childcare Providers' Program at the 2008 fair. Motion carried.

FAIR VISITATION/INSPECTION REPORT

Written report on file. Zills reported that all areas scored good or above.

CIP MAILING LIST

Zills handed out the CIP list. She asked that everyone look it over by the December 11, 2007 Agriculture and Extension Committee meeting and bring any errors/changes to her attention.

DISTRICT FAIR MEETING DISCUSSION

Zills explained that counties take turns providing baskets for a raffle at the District Fair Meeting. This year Green Lake and Fond du Lac Counties are responsible. Several options were discussed as to how to solicit items for the basket. A final decision will be made at the December 11 Committee Meeting.

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

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard reported that the committee discussed electrical problems in the courthouse. They will attempt to work with the Finance Committee to obtain funds to fix the problems.
- b. Personnel Committee – Hollander reported that vacation time was carried over by several employees, and approval was granted for several positions to be refilled.
- c. Finance Committee – Ammentorp reported that the budget was approved.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second Stoddard/Williams) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Kavanaugh
Account Clerk II