



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

December 5, 2018

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

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the November 13, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educators Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator) and Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Extension Educator), and 4-H support staff, Kathy Ninneman.



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AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

Date: Tuesday, December 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. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes: 11/13/18
5. Public Comments – 3 Minute Limit
6. County Library Services Report (submitted monthly report) – Linda DeNell, Caestecker Public Library Director
7. Winnefox Library Report – Kathy Morris
8. Correspondence
9. **FAIR**
10. Track Event Alcohol Sales Review
11. 2018 Annual Report
12. 2019 Contracts
13. 2019 Fair updates
14. **UW-EXTENSION**
15. Educators' Summary of Monthly Reports & Relevant Trainings, Meetings & Programs
16. Agriculture Educator – Out of State Travel
17. Staffing update
18. Area Extension Director update
19. Approval of Educator Out of County Days – Discussion/Approval
20. Committee Discussion
 - Future Meeting Dates: January 8, 2019
 - Future Agenda items for action & discussion
21. 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, November 13, 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
Kathy Ninneman
Kim Zills

Also Present: Linda DeNell, Caestecker Public Library Director, Green Lake; Harley Reabe, County Board Chairman.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to approve the October 9, 2018 minutes with no additions or corrections. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing.

COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT – LINDA DENELL, CAESTECKER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Submitted monthly reports on file. DeNell highlighted areas in each of the library reports.

WINNEFOX LIBRARY REPORT

Morris said the meetings are every other month, so no meeting this month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing.

2018 TRACK EVENT ALCOHOL SALES REVIEW

Zills has not received a payment to date from Swanson for the 40% both alcohol and food sales at the fair. The Committee would like Zills to send a letter to Swanson stating he has until November 30, 2018 to respond back when she can expect his payment.

The Committee discussed changing the percentage for food and alcohol vendors.

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to increase all food and non-food vendors that do not pay booth space to 12%, with the exception of alcohol. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Committee will further research the alcohol percentage.

2019 CONTRACTS

- Dizzy D Balloons: \$1350 – 3 days
- Aww Snap Photo Booth - \$800
- Strutz Entertainment: Farmer Figg's Barnyard Science Show - \$995
- A&P Carnival

Motion/second (Hess/Morris) to approve these contracts. All ayes. Motion carried.

2019 FAIR UPDATES

Zills has two youth exhibitors that came up with the fair theme and will be helping plan the details. Zills met with Reabe to discuss some of the fairground updates. The dairy barn had a leaky roof which has been taken care of. The electrical will be the sole responsibility of the Livestock Council. The rotting wood in the sheep/swine barn will be fixed by the Highway Department. And lastly, the painting of the sheep/swine barn is being looked into what is most economical.

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

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

2019 BUDGET UPDATE

Dampier reported it should be getting approved tonight.

STAFFING UPDATE

Dampier reported there were three final interview candidates for the 4-H Program Coordinator on October 22, 2018. He said he told the candidates he would be doing reference checks in the next three weeks. A possible start date could be January/February 2019.

AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Dampier gave the Committee a copy of his last report, as he has accepted a state-level position as the Outreach Program Manager for the Horticulture Program. He will begin those duties December 1. Dampier thanked the Committee for their professionalism and support through these difficult times of the nExt Gen reorganization.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

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

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Mehn/Hess) to adjourn at 9:49 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

Green Lake County Library Activities Report for December 2018

Berlin: At the Berlin Library, we are busy getting ready for the upcoming Holiday Season with decorating our live tree, putting up our historic 12 Days of Christmas display and adding a festive look to our library. We have several holiday programs to add to the festive atmosphere. We have an adult Holiday Decorating program, kid's crafts and movies for all ages. We are very excited to have Mr. and Mrs. Claus visit for a special story time on December 20. After enjoying stories, games and crafts, kids will be able to tell Santa what they want for Christmas and pose for pictures.

We are excited to host a live performance of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Christmas Memories, on Monday, December 10. Laura will reminisce about her family from her childhood days and will bring along some of her beloved Christmas gifts. This is sure to be a wonderful program for all ages.

As the colder weather comes, we remind patrons that we offer home delivery to shut-ins in the Berlin area. We have several patrons who are thankful to get books during the long winter days and our staff enjoys taking the library to them.

Green Lake: Breakfast with Santa and the Friends Book and Cookie Sales were this past Saturday, and were a smashing success. I am so grateful for volunteers (and husbands) who made multiple trips to replenish supplies as needed. And for the patience of breakfasters!

We have some other programs still coming this month. Tuesday, December 4, local space enthusiast Mike Nofz is giving a talk celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 8 mission, called *Christmas at the Moon*. The program begins at 6:30. We will have a couple of weeks of "Merry Matinees" – Christmas movies at 1:00 on Thursdays December 6 and 13. Flip o' the Coin, a local group specializing in Irish music, will give a concert in front of the fireplace on Saturday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m. Pat Dobrinska will be here that morning, too, talking with folks after the concert about her latest picture book. And we wrap up our Year of the Bird celebrations with a program by Bill Mueller, Director of the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory. Bill will be here on Tuesday, December 11, to talk about the birds who stick through the Wisconsin winter with us, and also to give us information on participating in the Christmas Bird Count, the longest ongoing citizen science initiative. Bill's talk begins at 6:30 p.m.

The library will be closed December 23-25 for the holidays, and open 9-1 on New Year's Eve.

Kingston: Marquette has a new author in residence, Renee Cybul. She is the married mom of 2 adult children, and proud Grandma of 3. She taught 5th and 6th grade school in IL for 27 years. She loved reading to her own children, and instilling the love of reading in her students. Having always loved to read and write as a child, writing the book "Middle Me" fulfilled a dream for her. She wrote the book for her granddaughter, who is in the middle of a brother sandwich. Do you have pesky siblings that just won't leave you alone? Did you ever dream of being able to walk freely through your house without being bombarded by toys? Imagine being the only sister, stuck with 2 very annoying brothers who just won't leave you alone! This is the story of Annie in Middle Me. And now, at the Kingston library, you can win an autographed copy of the book by guessing how many candies are in the candy jar. The contest will run for 2 weeks

through Thursday, Dec. 13th. So when you stop at the library in the next few weeks, take time to make a guess.

Have you written your letter to Santa yet? He will be visiting the Kingston Library on Saturday, Dec. 15th from 9am to 11am while the 20th annual Cookie Walk is going on. You can stop in tell Santa in person what you'd like for Christmas, buy some homemade cookies for the holidays, and check out the great selection of books for sale. There will also be 3 boxes of mystery gifts again this year. One for a gentleman, one for a lady, and one for children. You can purchase tickets to win any of the boxes from now until the 15th, with the drawing being held that morning at 11am. Sing with me....Santa Claus is coming to town!!

Markesan: Markesan Public Library is finishing up the last two session of our holiday make and take workshops. Some of the workshops were so successful that we had to have second sessions. We are looking forward to our open house on Friday Dec 7 from 5:00 pm to 6 pm, with music provided by Micah Sommersmith of Princeton. There will be cookies! We are working toward planning our workshops for the rest of the winter and spring. We finished our National Novel Writing Month activities. We were happy to have one person actually start writing a novel and keep it up the whole month! Rumor has it there is another writer working on a novel but could not make it to our final party. If you have ever been interested in doing research using Ancestry, come to our library and use it. We will have it available through June 2019. Also, if you are looking for continuing education, check out the Gale Courses available at all the county library's websites for no cost. We have had many positive comments from teens to adults. There is a wide variety of topics available—definitely worth checking out.

Princeton: The Friends of the Library are currently running their Christmas Sale, which ends on December 8. This coincides with the Friends Cookie Walk, which includes \$5 cookie dozens. Patrons can select from a variety of homemade cookies. And because we can't get away from the festive fun, the library has their Gingerbread Houses craft on December 15, and a cozy pajama Storytime on December 18. The front window of the library is also decorated with holiday cheer. Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the library hosted family movies, crafts, and gave away hundreds of children's books after the Christmas in Princeton Parade.

With the colder weather we miss some of our regular patrons, so if you are looking for something to do on these cold dark evening, come on down to the library. We have tables for puzzles or board games. Our youngest patrons always delight in the toys we have, from our kitchen set, to our puppets, to our dollhouse. Enjoy the cozy atmosphere while browsing our CD collection, or our fiction titles. With all the end of the year best lists coming out, there are lots of book recommendations out there that a librarian would be happy to help you acquire. And don't forget the Bookpage, a book review magazine all the libraries carry, which might help you find the perfect book for someone on your gift list.

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in November of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 68 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

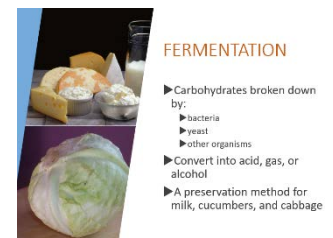
Kids in the Kitchen, Boys & Girls Club, Berlin

As part of the fall/winter programming at the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin, I am teaching a Kids in the Kitchen cooking program. The Kids in the Kitchen program teaches kids how to cook simple, healthy snacks by learning basic cooking skills and developing healthy eating habits. I am teaching a class for each age group (K-1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th-5th grade). Each program runs for 1 hour in length with a group of 20 participants. The food that we cook depends on the age group and ability level. We have made fruit salad, apple pizza, black bean salsa & homemade tortilla chips, and fruit kabobs.



Fermentation 101, Berlin Public Library

On a mid-November evening I taught a fermentation program at the Berlin Library for 13 participants. We covered food safety and proper recipes for safe and healthy fermenting of foods. This program was a follow-up request to the canning basics program I did at the Berlin Library earlier this fall.



Community Support Program (CSP) Basic Budgeting Workshop

I was asked to teach a short basic budgeting workshop to CSP clients during their regularly scheduled session. I talked about the importance of having a budget, how to set up a budget, tracking spending, and how to limit holiday spending with 5 CSP clients.

Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 72 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of November. 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.

Taking Care of You Facilitator Training, Stevens Point

I attended the Taking Care of You training last week to become a trained facilitator. The Taking Care of You program is a four-session, community-based group program that is designed for adults of any age and involves discussions, experiential exercises, and lessons. Participants who attend the Taking Care of You program will increase their knowledge of healthy strategies and skills to manage their stress levels and will be better able to take care of their overall health. Participants' improved ability to take care of mental, physical, and spiritual health will prevent future health conditions, reduce health care use, lower health care costs and improve community well-being. I plan to teach a least on Taking Care of You program this winter.



Newspaper Articles

“Take Charge of Holiday Spending” Berlin Journal Newspapers. November 26, 2018. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Extension Educator

Out of County Days

- 2 Out of county days for November (2018 WI Cancer Summit, Madison – 1; Taking Care of You program training, Stevens Point – 1*)
- 4 Out of county days planned for December (All-Colleague Meeting, Madison – 3*; WI Initiative to Reduce Rural Cancer Steering Committee Meeting, Stevens Point; 1)

* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension

Ben Jenkins

Agricultural Educator Green Lake County

Report for November 2018

During this period the educator made 67 professional and educational contacts.

Farm Succession Meeting Richland Center

I was invited to present a financial tool that I had developed to other ag agents who are part of the Farm Management Team. It was a chance for me to get some feedback from my peers before I present this to the farmers of Green Lake County at the end of January.

BSE Bootcamp

Spent two days in Dane County learning about the latest technological advancements in agriculture. Topics covered were robotics, drones, greenhouse energy use, vegetable storage, bunker silos, and tractor safety.

Healthy Soils

Learned about improving soil health and water quality through use of cover crops. Discussed what cover crops to use and when also talked about how cover crops compared with commercial fertilizers. Also discussed were the pros and cons of different test methods as well as proper sampling.

November 2018

Report by Kathy Ninneman



Green Lake County 4-H Club and Group Charters—Green Lake County has nine 4-H clubs and six group charters. These clubs and groups are required by the state to fill out a charter each year and report their financials along with yearly goals. These are uploaded to the state and reviewed. *This is a 4-H educator advisor role, along with support staff.*

4-H Horse Council Meeting, November 5—7:00 pm. I attended this meeting as the 4-H representative. The president compiles the agenda. They discussed fundraising ideas for the coming year, and a possible tour of the WI Equine in Oconomowoc. They congratulated several youth for their awards at Gymkhana & the State Horse Expo. *This is a chartered 4-H club and is usually attended by the 4-H educator.*

4-H Youth Awards Program—November 11—4:00 pm. This is the county wide recognition awards program for their year end achievements. I organize the program, mail out the invitations, along with ordering awards and printing certificates. I also advise the 4-H Ambassadors on their specific tasks for hosting it. *This is usually attended by the 4-H educator.*



4-H Archery Project Meeting—November 13—7:00 pm. This group is very busy planning new things for the upcoming year. They have some fundraising ideas, along with contacting some local organizations for donations. There are a couple of adults who wish to become certified instructors, which is held in April 2019. They are also brainstorming for year end recognition awards. *This is a chartered 4-H group and is usually attended by the 4-H educator.*

