



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

January 3, 2019

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

- 1) Cover Sheet
- 2) Agenda
- 3) Draft minutes from the December 11, 2018 meeting
- 4) County Library Reports
- 5) Educators Reports for: Katie Gellings (Health & Well-Being Extension Educator) and Ben Jenkins (Agriculture Educator).



GREEN LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURE, EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

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Agriculture, Extension Education & Fair Committee Meeting Notice

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

Absent: Ben Jenkins

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

MINUTES

Motion/second (Hess/Wallace) to approve the November 13, 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 was unable to attend last month's meeting due to a family funeral. Library Legislative Day in Madison is in February.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing.

2018 TRACK EVENT ALCOHOL SALES REVIEW

Zills mailed a letter to Roger Swanson for the track event alcohol and food sales. Swanson said he would be making the payment by December 7. Nothing has been received to date, but could still be coming in the mail.

Motion/second (Morris/Mehn) to set the alcohol at 25%. All ayes. Motion carried.

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Zills gave the copy of her Annual Report.

2019 FAIR UPDATES

Zills needs to contact the Highway Department regarding some repairs on the swine/sheep barn. P&I approved an electrical update, not the responsible of the fair, there is not enough sources for power, a new panel would need to be added. The Livestock Council will be able to proceed to raise funds for the electrical update.

Zills food and non-food contracts for the updated 12% and will be using the new contracts for 2019.

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

Written monthly report on file for Gellings, Jenkins and Ninneman. Gellings gave a verbal report. Dampier read a letter from Jenkins, since he could not attend the meeting, regarding the decline in farm costs.

AGRICULTURE EDUCATOR – OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Dampier reported that he and Jenkins will be traveling to Texas in January for a two day training which is all covered by the state.

STAFFING UPDATE

Dampier reported there is a verbal agreement for the 4-H Program Coordinator position. The criminal background is still needing to be cleared. Target start date is February 1, 2019.

AREA EXTENSION DIRECTOR REPORT

Dampier reported that the AED search was closed on December 10, 2018. There are 11 applicants, some internal and some external. There is no start date as of yet, depending on who is hired.

With Dampier's new role he has requested a possible office located in Green Lake County. P&I approved this at their meeting on December 6, pending a contract with the county and UW-Extension.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR OUT OF COUNTY DAYS

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

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Hess/Mehn) to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ninneman, Committee Secretary*

Green Lake County Library Activities Report for January 2019

Berlin: As we move into the new year, we look forward to fun programming in January for all ages. A very popular program will be Qigong, a gentle form of exercise offered free on Saturday, January 12 at 10:00. A program on January 29 will teach the basics of Bullet Journaling, which has become very popular for those who like to journal. For the kids, we are planning an exciting Harry Potter Book party on January 31. It should be a fun time with games, magic, trivia and we are encouraging costumes! The kids will have a blast!

Our Friends of the Library group is going through some reorganization and will have their first meeting of the year on January 21. They have been very supportive and helpful in sponsoring some of the equipment and programs we would have not been able to afford ourselves.

Look for some exciting new services coming in 2019! We will be adding wireless printing, laminating, basic mailing supplies, and door to car service, just to name a few. We are always looking for ways to improve our service to the community.

Green Lake: We are happy to announce that the library is Crossroads Market's first Rooster Roundup organization of 2019. From now through the 15th, every time you round up at Crossroads, the proceeds will benefit library programs. Please shop early and often. January also marks the return of some favorite programs, so let's get right to those details!

Thursday Morning Conversations are back beginning January 3rd at 10:00. We provide the place (in front of the library fireplace), Sassafras makes the coffee, we procure donuts or other yummy treats from a local grocery store, and everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Some weeks have a topic, some not, all are welcoming and a chance to build community. Please join us.

Later in the month the Academy Award nominees will be announced, which means we will be starting our annual Road to the Oscars film screenings on both Tuesday evenings and (new this year) Thursday afternoons at 1:00.

We have other programs for you to look forward to as well – Inga Witscher makes a return appearance, Micah Sommersmith is giving a concert, we celebrate films with two additional programs, and more. Please check the library website or our Facebook page for details.

Kingston: Our 20th annual cookie walk at the Library was a huge success. The sale of cookies started at 9am and by 8:45 there was a line of people waiting to begin. Ten tables loaded with goodies were available to choose from. At 9am sharp, with a gloved hand and a carry out container, people set off through the library to pick their favorite sweets. Once that important job was done, it was on to the book sale room. Gently used books went out by the bag full. One family had so many bags they set them by the front door and went to pull the car up closer to be able to load easier. Santa was also available for the children. One little boy came with a catalog and had the items circled that he wanted. Santa let out quite the ho ho ho ho when he talked to that little guy. Library personal enjoyed a week off between Christmas and New Years to celebrate the holidays. Watch for future fun events happening at the Mill Pond Library. Happy New Years to all!

Markesan: We have finished off the Christmas events and are looking forward to our winter. We will be having a wood burning demonstration (not starting a fire with wood but burning a design into wood). In conjunction, the wood burning instructor will have his art work on display as well as his wood carved walking canes and walking sticks.

We will have some staff adjustments in the next few months as I have turned in a retirement notice. I first worked as Library Director from December 1990 till summer 1994. From 1994 to 1998 I was involved with the Friends of the Library. Then on April 1, 1998 I was rehired as director. We hope to have someone hired and trained by the end of March.

Princeton: We have received our Wisconsin tax forms, which are now available to the public free of charge. The federal forms should arrive by the end of the month. I will also be documenting this last year for the library's annual report, which compiles budget, circulation, patron numbers, and programs and is sent to the DPI before March. The Winnefox libraries continue to have conversations related to the possible OWLSnet merger, and are in the second full month of trial without Local Holds.

Changes are happening at the Princeton Library as well. We are currently looking for a new staff hire to work 10 hours a week. Applications will be accepted until the 18th. Bids for our expansion project will go live on Tuesday, January 15. They will be available for a month, and we hope to hire a general contractor for the project at the end of February. The fundraising committee has a Getaway Raffle happening soon, with prizes to local restaurants and our grand prize of a week-long stay in the Wisconsin Dells. [Starting Tuesday, January 15, we will be kicking off a seven week Stir-Crazy series, with fun family centered programming.](#) We want to give our patrons something to do outside the house during these long cold nights. For the full list of these programs and more check out the library's Facebook page.

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Family Living Program in December of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 59 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Gifts in a Jar, Boys & Girls Club, Berlin

As part of my winter programming with the Boys & Girls Club in Berlin, I taught a Gifts in a Jar class to 40 4th and 5th graders. We talked about ways to earn money and ways to save money. One way to save money around the holidays or birthdays is to give homemade gifts. Each child was able to make cookie mix in a jar that they can gift to a parent, grandparent, family member, friend, neighbor, teacher, etc. The kids thoroughly enjoyed this project and were very proud of their handmade gifts.

Dual County Financial Wellness Coalition, Horicon Bank, Green Lake

In mid-December, the Financial Wellness Coalition met at Horicon Bank in Green Lake for our quarterly meeting. Helcia Bierman, Bank Manager for Horicon Bank, spoke about what her bank offers to clients and gave us a tour of the nice space. Our meeting mainly focused on what Green Lake County and Waushara County are each doing for Money Smart Week in 2019.



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

I made 154 contacts within the UW Extension system during the month of December. 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.

UW Extension All Program Meeting, Madison

I attended the All Program Meeting in Madison from December 4-6. During the All Program Meeting, I attended workgroup, team and staff meetings for food, nutrition, and physical activity; aging; and Academic Staff. I also attended a Health & Well-Being Institute Meeting, at which we discussed programs and structure moving forward. There were several breakout sessions that I attended to help grow my educational base as well.

WI Initiative to Reduce Rural Cancer (WIRRC) Steering Committee Meeting, Amherst

I was invited to sit on a steering committee for a new project at the UW-Madison Carbone Cancer Center focused on reducing the burden of cancer in rural Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Initiative to Reduce Rural Cancer (WIRRC) aims to develop a thoughtful, community-driven program of research. My role is to provide insight on the cancer-related health capabilities, needs and challenges of rural communities in Wisconsin. Over the next year, the committee will meet a handful of times for meetings and trainings. The Committee will cover the costs of all travel through a stipend.



Newspaper Articles

“Minimize Stress in the New Year” Berlin Journal Newspapers. December 24, 2018. By Katie Gellings, Health & Well-Being Extension Educator

Out of County Days

- 4 Out of county days for December (All-Colleague Meeting, Madison – 3*; WI Initiative to Reduce Rural Cancer Steering Committee Meeting, Stevens Point; 1)
- 0 Out of county days planned for January

* Travel expenses are covered by UW Extension

This report briefly describes the work that was completed within the Agricultural Program in December of 2018. During the reporting period, the educator made 79 direct educational and professional contacts.

Educational Programming, Networking and Outreach in the Local Community

Farm Visits

Farm visits slowed down during December with the colder weather and the Christmas season. A few farmers took advantage of the slower time in their farming schedule to come in and register for upcoming programs such as the PAT.

Planning for winter programming

This month was also busy developing the upcoming programming and establishing dates for educational events. Some events that are now on the calendar are Pesticide Applicator Licensing, Nutrient Management, and Farm Financials. In addition to these Marquette and Green Lake Counties will be jointly hosting an informational meeting on Hemp brining in speakers from both DATCP and the industry. I'm also in collaboration with area sixteen and two other additional area 14 counties to offer a giant grazing seminar to be held in Portage on February 11th.



Networking within UW Extension and Professional Development Opportunities

All Program Meeting

I started out the month by attending the all programs meeting in Madison. It was a great opportunity to meet other educators in UWEX as well as get some face time with the specialists in Madison who help with diagnostics throughout the growing season.

Food and Agriculture Competition- Anti-trust

On the 7th of December the American Antitrust Institute invited educators, farmers, media and government officials to the Law School on the UW Madison Campus to three round table discussions on the topic of Anti-trust violations in regards to who farmers have to purchase their inputs from and to whom they have to market their products through. It was shown that the anti-trust agency in the United States has been lax in enforcing anti-trust laws since the nineteen eighties. It was eye opening to hear about what our farms are up against in terms of getting a fair price for their product that not only covers the cost of production but also pays them a living wage. The urgency of helping our farmer's transition into a form of agriculture that gets them out of the "system" and into more alternative types of farming and marketing was heightened by attending this round table.

Resilient Farms Conference

On the 12th I attended a conference designed to give farmers, educators, and industry professionals a chance to get a feel for what alternatives to our current food system are out there. The conference was set up as a short course with the chance to attend 4 forty five minute classes. Topics included Hemp, Hops, Dairy Processing, Hunting Leases, Custom Grazing and getting your product onto store shelves.

CWAS

On the 14th I attended the CWAS meeting to get more training on how to use the UWEX financial tools in order to assist our farmers in figuring out things like cost of production or whether or not to make large investments. Hopefully the information I gain in using these tools will help our farmers keep from making costly or potentially life altering mistakes in marketing or investing. In the current ag crisis knowledge is critical, it could be the difference between farming another year or being forced to exit.



Out of County Days

- 7 Out of county days for December (All Program Conference*, Food and Agriculture Competition, Resilient Farms, CWAS, Mental Health First Aid)
- 8 Out of county days planned for January (Train the Trainer Produce Safety*, Produce Safety Trainings*)

*Denotes that it was paid for by UWEX



Picture of hemp plants at Michael Fields Institute