

Asotin County Fair Board Meeting August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Call to order at: 1800

**Excuse absent fair board members:** motion to excuse Barb and Courtney by Chad. Arlene 2<sup>nd</sup> Passed

**Bennett Building Rental Request:** Lina Berasza- Valley Spiritual Center, June 21-23, 2024 for Holistic Fair. Want to rent building for two days so they have enough parking. They are a 501(c)(3). Asking for the discounted rate. Contact Shannon Seiler 208-400-1709 as the contact person for the decision.

LC Vally Gratitude banquet- 10/21/2023. Also a 501(c)(3) want to rent it at the discounted rate. They are the AA group we rented to last year.

Jamie made a motion to accept the LC Gratitude Banquet, Shan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

Arlene made a motion to accept the Valley Spiritual Center at the discounted rate as available for the June 2024 dates, Chad 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**Open to the Public-** nothing

**4-H/FFA Boosters/Cattlegirls-** Charlotte says the cattlegirls will start meeting again in September.

**Superintendents-** Arlene hasn't had a meeting yet but she did get some theme ideas from her superintendents. Nicole said she sent some to Jeanene and read them to Peggy to add to the list for consideration.

Nicole- reported that EJ has a mother that has an Autistic child that would like to take a lamb to the fair. Due to the nature of the child's disability, Mark Heitstuman has offered to loan a lamb to the child to show in the market and fitting and showing class, however it will not be sold in the sale.

Nicole reported for horse that the 2024 show dates will be May 11-12.

Nicole stated according to the extension office there was a miscommunication surrounding the Ina Stockdale Scholarship and Mark was working with the family on what they wanted to do for next year. Nicole said that usually the scholarship was awarded at \$50 for the top senior rider in the Reining class. 2022 show there were no seniors and Janice awarded the top intermediate \$250.00. Nicole said she asked why the amount went up and was told "they needed to spend more money out of the account". Mark is working on clear guidelines and Nicole has requested the guidelines be placed in the horse superintendent book for future reference.

**Extension office:** No one present

**Royalty 2023-** Kenzie said she went to Grangeville for 4<sup>th</sup> of July she won the parade for best mounted royalty. The bust out was really fun and she was able to visit with her grandpa.

Next she went to Cheney- she said it was fun and she won the parade there and we are waiting on the trophy. Kenzie reported they had a good luncheon.

Chief Joseph Days- was the best one. The signing tables was super fun and she thought it was great the fair board members were there to support her in the parade.

Sandpoint was last weekend and she helped at the rascals rodeo and it was for developmental delayed kids and only two royalty girls showed up to help. She had a great time with the kids and she got to lead around Bart the pony.

Next weekend is Asotin Days – we are waiting to hear back on if they want her there. Peggy will let Kenzie know if she is needed.

We are not going to Hermiston as they are not asking for royalty to come.

Amber reported for next year, Omak is this upcoming weekend and they received multiple invites to come and maybe next year that would be a good one for the royalty to go to. Amber will give Peggy the contact information for Omak.

**Approve minutes from 6/14/23-** stand approved as read.

**Treasurer's report-** 3 invoices came in:

WA state fair Association dues 500.00

City of Asotin for water usage: 157.50

Precision Sign: \$2120.00- Shan reported this was never paid and she emailed Janice and showed she emailed her the invoice for payment on 4/24/23. Janice replied she must have missed it as she was really busy.

Jamie made a motion to pay, Arlene 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed

**2024 Royalty-** Jayden Perin – introduced herself and her family. Peggy said they will meet to talk about clothes shopping and for her to be thinking about what colors she would like.

**Rodeo-** Nothing to report now.

**Tax Grant-** Paperwork due date September- Peggy tried to go online and look for the paperwork and didn't see it. Chad said he will go look and email Chris Kemp and see if we can get it.

**2024/2025 Grant-** all work done by May 31, 2025- we need to come up with some ideas 1-3. Rules- cannot exceed \$150,000. Chad said the guidelines are they need to meet safety and health parameters for the grounds. Chad highlighted that it can replace HVAC systems. Chad said work has to be completed by May 31, 2025. Peggy states we will need to take a loan from the county to pay for it then reimburse the county. Ventilation for the Bennett Building is easily the front runner with the issue currently happening with the two broken AC units.

Arlene mentioned the paving that needed to be done that was previously discussed.

Shan said we should use the first two as hvac and then the third one as paving.

Steve said the only electrical he knows about is the main electrical at the poles back behind the stock. Jason said that one will probably be the next one to go.

Chad said they also mention fencing and there are areas that are falling down that need to be repaired and replaced. New pens and or bleachers are also on the list as options.

Chad and Shan think we should do a big HVAC and then a small one. Example: Bennett building HVAC and fans for Beef and sheep barns.

Chad asked if someone wants to build a wish list and then we need to get the list with supporting documentation with pictures ex.

Discussions surrounding the top three items needed. Chad explained how you can bundle items together as long as they do not exceed the overall grant allocation.

Many members agreed the HVAC in the Bennett Building should be high on the list.

Top 3:

1. Bennet Building plus all the rest
2. Bennett Building AC
3. Comprehensive Fencing, walkways, ADA accessible bleachers

Chad and Steve will reach out to get bids for electrical, fencing and HVAC.

Jamie said we need to know what we are doing and who we need to contact for our walk through. Clearwater Fence, Jason (Hells Canyon Electric), Hells Canyon Heating and Air and Cory.

Steve will get ahold of all the people and schedule the walk-through date.

Fundraiser Spreadsheet Handout- Everyone has a copy. Peggy will email the form to everyone and Jamie said hopefully next week we will have the flyer. Shan will email everyone the flyer when its done.

Chad said at this time we do not need to rank items from 1 to 3, as we can do that after the walk through and quotes are received.

**Job duty assignment-** Peggy said the job duty assignment spreadsheet needed a new item added. The ribbon boxes need filled each day. Peggy said usually Barb does that and it didn't happen last year. Nicole said she filled the beef, swine and lamb boxes last year. Peggy asked Nicole if she would do it next year and Nicole said she can do it.

**Annual Fundraiser Update-** Need an auctioneer. Charlotte said Tucker is really good. Jamie and Shan said Tucker Cool is really good but he is \$1200. The band is "Running with the Boyz", they are donating an hour of their time. They will be playing normal music from 9-11pm and then 5-6m they will be playing background music.

Jamie will reach out to Patty to get the menu started. Jamie is going to the Asotin auction and will ask what they normally do the end of night pick up for silent auction items. Nicole said we are going to need more help than we had last year. Nicole and Shan said that we could reach out to the FFA groups as high school kids need volunteer hours.

**Chris Seubert-** Not here

**Work days for inmates and jobs-** board will review and will email Peggy time frames.

**Old Business-** Themes will be presented at the next meeting for votes.

**New Business-** Peggy said we need two new laptops. 1 for secretary and one for the fair and rodeo. Chad said to check with the county to see if they had any surplus ones available, Peggy will check. Shan made a motion to approve up to \$1000 per laptop. Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. If the county doesn't have any Peggy will reach out to Chad to shop for laptops.

Nicole discussed the meeting with the extension office, Cami Browne, Sales Committee, Mike Cooper and EJ. She said the discussion really surrounded hog weights and weigh in. Nicole said the discussion of increasing the max weight for hogs at the first weigh in to 150 was decently received and the discussion of removing the first weigh in all together was also discussed. Cami Browne and Mark H discussed how much more susceptible to diseases pigs are. Connie and Warren shared their past experiences when their kids raised hogs and did agree that times have changed. Also discussed was removing the minimum weight from the goats for first weigh in. Mark H also brought up he thought the minimum weight for lambs at fair should be 110lbs. Warren and other sales committee members were going to take the discussion back to the committee. Nicole said they also talked about what to do when/if there was another outbreak and it was decided the group that met will be the group that will get together and decide how to proceed.

Arlene announced that Dave Felkins has passed away who for many years has been our flower judge.

**Meeting adjourned** at 1910