

AGRICULTURE AND EXTENSION
EDUCATION/FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING
Youth & Agriculture Center, Auditorium
Lancaster, WI 53813

Monday

February 12, 2024

The meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Youth & Agriculture Center. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Pat Schroeder. Present in person were Roger Guthrie, Gary Northouse, Kathy Kopp, Joe Mumm, Porter Wagner, Bob Keeney, and Amy Olson. We also had in attendance superintendents from beef, sheep, goat, and dairy along with livestock exhibitor families in those departments.

The meeting notice was posted at the Youth & Agriculture Center, Administrations Building, on the Grant County website and emailed to media.

Motion by Roger Guthrie, seconded by Joe Mumm, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Pat welcomed everyone in attendance this evening and spoke that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the limited space we have in the livestock barn during the fair for animals.

Joe and Amy gave an update on the meetings/survey with goat project members as numbers have increased in that area.

We had a lengthy discussion on ideas from superintendents and families:

- Reconfigure the barn (spacing of pens, how many animals in a pen, tack/fitting space, safety of the fairgoers, room for wheelchairs, rules in each department)
- Add on to the barn
- Build another building (fundraising)
- Pouring a cement slab and using a tent
- Make room in the dairy barn and rotate each species from the livestock barn into the dairy barn every year
- Move the parlor or build one California style
- Limit the number of animals that exhibitors can bring in the beef, sheep, and goat department

After discussion it was agreed upon by the superintendents that the barn would be reconfigured. Goats will be on the north side of the building, beef in the center alley, and sheep on the south side. Some of the sheep will have to flow elsewhere too. Also, Bobbi Jo Riedl offered to put her club in the dairy barn, which would free up space in the livestock barn.

Also discussed was limiting the number of animal entries to the following:

- Beef – 2 steers and 1 breeding = 3 total entries
- Goat – 6 total entries
- Sheep – 6 total entries
- Dairy – stays unlimited

Motion by Gary Northouse, seconded by Kathy Kopp to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Olson, CFE
Grant County Fairgrounds & Operations Director