

Lincoln County Fair Board Minutes
November 6, 2009

We began the meeting with a potluck dinner. Josie called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Phil, Sarah, Lydia, Dan, Marissa Dormaier and Sharon were in attendance. Gerry was recovering from a heart attack.

Sharon reported that the fair was given a partial grant to construct the judging arena. We will have to be creative to find funding for the rest of it. We will probably look to getting a pole building instead of a steel structure as originally planned.

We talked extensively about budget. We need to come up with some creative ways to cut corners and still have a profitable fair. The sponsor letters went out before the end of October. Sharon will make follow calls after the first of the year.

Ideas were suggested for off-season revenue. There was much discussion about having an indoor swap meet after the vehicles are removed from the out buildings. It was suggested we charge \$20.00 a table. It will be discussed at the first meeting in 2010.

Also what about a Christmas Craft Bazaar? It would be the same as the swap meet. People would rent out tables to sell their wares.

The County Commissioners have cut \$6000.00 from the Fair's budget for 2010. After he feels better, Gerry will request the Commissioners to allow the fair to pay back half of our loans in 2010 and half in 2011.

Dan reported that the City of Davenport will be installing new water meters for the Main Building and RV area. He also has removed all of the flush valves from the toilets in the Home Arts and Horse restrooms. This will preserve them indefinitely.

Marissa reported that she and Mackenzie have represented the LC Fair & Rodeo at Ag Days, the Palouse Fair, Spokane County Fair, Rockford Fair & Parade and will be participating in Hometown Christmas.

Could a panel company be contacted to order uniform 10' x 10' stall doors on the red horse barn? Since each of the doors are different in size could they be revamped to accommodate the 10' door.

There was discussion about using local talent for entertainment. What would we do about using a sound system for it?
ie, fiddlers, vocal talent, standup comedy, juggling---advertise on Craig's List.

What about the kids? Some ideas thrown out were arcade games; bounce house; carnival games headed up by local groups for fundraising.
More of this discussion will need to be determined at the first meeting in 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfull submitted,


Sharon Nighswonger