

## THURSTON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

June 7, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

### MEETING MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Meeting was called to order by Kathie McWaid at 7 pm.

Fair Board members present: Kathie McWaid, Kya Ramirez, Heidi Thomsen, Theresa Reid, Paul Longwell, Larry Mahan, Mike Rendon, Larry Stamp, Don Wadsen, and Peggy Zimmerman.

Excused: None

Unexcused: None

Guests: Ann Shipley, Celeste Winther, Commissioner Gary Edwards, Nicole Martin

#### 2. APPROVE MINUTES OF: May 3, 2023

Motion by Kya Ramirez and seconded by Peggy Zimmerman to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### 3. CORRESPONDENCE: None

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**a. Agriculture** – Committee met. Committee wants to raise the premiums. Theresa explained that the dollar amount for premiums is set. \$14,000 is the budget for premiums. Discussion on the biennial budget development ensued.

**b. Promotions** – Committee met. Talked about the ring toss. June 17<sup>th</sup> – Swede Day parade. Yelm Prairie Days is on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Will be leaving the fairgrounds on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8am to go to Swede Day parade. 2024 Mascot nominees – Porky Pig, Candy Apple, Harriet Horse, or Ralph Rooster. Kids will vote on mascot. Posters to go out in July. Ag displays – have contacted Taylor and the Organic Farm. Have not heard back from them. Lifetime Achievement awards – a couple of nominations went to Kari. Schoolhouse – need to replace the window.

**c. Facilities/Safety** – Did not meet. Mike looked at the schoolhouse window. Looked at the boneyard for trim.

**d. Scrapbook/History** – Have been taking pictures for the scrapbook.

**e. Commercial** – Keep getting vendor applications in.

**f. Still Life** – No report

**g. Entertainment** – Finishing up entertainment. Thursday afternoon is the only day that we have some open times. Will have stilt walkers. We will have the aerialists.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

**a. Other old business** - None

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination** – Need to follow up with Kari on applications.

**b. Pen set up in tent** – Assigned to Ag committee. Will have animal counts by early July.

**c. New fair board member pictures** – Pictures were taken prior to the fair board meeting

#### 7. FAIR FOUNDATION REPORT

**a.** Reported on work that has been done on the gazebo. Replacing the flooring, roof, etc.

#### 8. EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT: Theresa Reid

Camping only available online. Using point and pay for transactions.

Half dome ag structure – looking to get one of these are and use it next year.

Willuweit Pavilion is down. They also took out the waterlines, but we will have waterlines restored before the fair.

We will need to run a magnet over the area to pick up any nails, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

**Next Fair Board Meeting: July 5, 2023**