

Whatcom County Youth Fair Meeting



Date: November 13, 2025

Attendees: Janel Black, Monica Henken, Theresa Greenwood, Caitlyn Olson, Katy Reikes, Joann odgens, Jeff kentch, Jennifer Brokema, Kristi Harting, Holly Lindel, Megan Harting, Tanya Johnson, Shannon Oneil, more

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

Old Business:

Introductions were made around the room

Janel reviewed the purpose for the meeting and reasons for cancelling last year.

2024 check from state fair fund, no more state fair funds (ineligible for 2 years due to 2025 cancellation).

New Business:

Volunteers needed!

Superintendents needed as well for sewing, sheep, Boer goats, poultry, painting/watercolor, swine, beef, photography, horse, and potentially more based on commitments.

o For sure divisions: Dogs, dairy, lawn mowers, goats, cats, entrepreneurship, emergency comms, Chess, country crafts, creative writing, rabbits, wool crafts.

Increasing Fair entry fee:

o Options: \$25 across board, \$25 for most & \$35 for animals
o Jeff moves to increase all divisions to \$30 with a \$25 prize allotment.

Tanya seconds

The motion passes unanimously.

Sponsors/Donors

o Question was asked about packets and if a general mailing goes out? Most of the donors are received by in person visits.

Discussion about a letter and concern with "double dipping" and how most business will be more than willing to support as needed.

Discussion about a letter being sent out by EOY for general cash donations.

Caitlyn will make spreadsheet for donors

Fundraising Ideas

o Car raffle, sculpture raffle, beef raffle?

o Fundraising committee?

Meeting about fundraising later – email to come from Janel

o Silent Auction, potential for a live auction eventually

Website Info

o Go over website for discrepancies, Amanda has been working on update it.

Contact Monica for any changes that need to be made

January meeting

o Board and elections during this meeting

o Contact Monica or Theresa know if you are interested in being a board member.

Need members for scholarship and grant committee

o Committee created: Holly Lindel, Kristi Harting, and John Courtney, Megan

Harting, Tanya Johnson

Silent Auction donation discussion

Rodeo Division

o Kristi talking about places to store old equipment, discussion about who used to run it and potentially bringing it back

Fundraising meeting: December 11th

Next meeting: January 8 th , 2026

Future meetings: February 12 th , March 12 th at Church Road Fire Hall at 7:00pm

Important dates: Registration opens Feb 15 th – Closes March 15 th - Youth Fair April 10 th & 11 th

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm

