

Maine State Grange Agricultural Committee

Minutes of November 14, 2017

Committee met to debrief the 2017 year and set up a calendar for 2018

- Agricultural Trade show is January 9-11 at the Augusta Civic Center
Karen will work on filling the schedule of individuals who will sit at our booth. We will work with Sharon to put a display together. The Maine State Grange has registered us for the booth.
- Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for March 13th. Hold the date and more information will be sent out in the New Year. Donations of food, requests for pies and fudge will be sent out in the New Year.
- The Maine State Grange post-secondary Agricultural Scholarships will be edited and available at the Trade Show and then sent to guidance counselors of all schools. Also posted to the website.
- Maine State Grange Farmer of the Year criteria will be revised and renamed Agricultural Enterprise of the Year. Preference will go to grangers but that is not a criteria for selection. We will be requesting that local Granges nominated individual/families and complete the application for the nominee. Suggestions included a framed Certificate and a gift certificate for the winner.
- Maine State Grange Educational Exhibits will be revised to include Informational Exhibits
- Need a subcommittee to set up training of Fair Judges this spring.
- Grange Store at Fryeburg Fair needs more volunteers to sell grange items. More conversation in the future.
- Maine State Grange needs to set up a grange booth for Fryeburg Fair. We need to locate individuals to set up and man the booth. Karen to communicate with Ann Michaud of Fryeburg Fair.
- We will make up one raffle basket for 2018 from the Agricultural Committee. May want to ask other granges or Pomonas to donate a small basket for the Maine State Grange annual session Ag Table in support of the Agricultural Scholarships. We will set up a schedule late spring for people to sit at our Ag Table during the annual session.
- Maine Ag in the Classroom was upcoming and the committee was finding individuals to make pies and to serve at the event.