

The Executive Board of the EMC Fair would like to say Thank You to everyone that participated in the survey. To say we have faced challenges this year is an understatement. However, we want everyone to know that all decisions made, are made with the exhibitors and their family's best interest in mind. This letter is a response to the feedback we received on the survey, to ensure you that all responses were read, discussed and took into consideration. In hopes that if a future survey is created, you will again participate knowing that your feedback does play a part in the future decision making of our fair. There were 65 responses, and of those the positive remarks/comments strongly superseded the "NO" responses.

Survey responses can be viewed by clicking the link below, each question will show you the number of yes/no responses. You can also see the individual comments in which we are responding to.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-BN3QBP7G7/>

Question #1: Did you like the online number draw? (62 Yes / 3 No)

At the scheduled time of the number draw process there were restrictions pertaining to the amount of people to be gathered in one place. We discussed this option with the committee chairman and teachers from each school and this was agreed upon as the best option during the current times. We also felt it would be a nice gesture to have the teachers from each school to randomly draw for the exhibitors so that all chapters/clubs were represented.

Question #2: Did you like the check in process? (63 Yes / 2 No)

We realize that more signs and possibly more direction was needed. Moving forward if this process is to be repeated there will be more clarity. This was a learning curve for us as well. Overall, we tried to do our best during that time and saw where improvements can and need to be made. As for large groups gathering, it was hard for us to monitor all areas. We hope that in the future everyone will take it upon themselves to try and follow all requests such as this individually.

Question #3: Did you like the parking arrangement? (62 Yes / 2 No)

This was another decision in hopes to help during the current situation but looking back we see where improvements can be made. We understand that everyone enjoys the interaction, but this is what we were trying to avoid at that time. Being able to see the kids select is not a requirement of the selection process. It is something that we try to avoid/limit each year. Due to the intention is for the kids to select the animals on their own with no help from teacher and/or any other individual per the rule book: Page 4, Rule 10 also under each animal division (example steer: Page 19, Rule 2)

Question #4: Did you like the selection process? (49 Yes / 16 No)

Majority of the "No" responses pertained to the kids not being allowed to get the pigs out and see them walk. This decision was made during the meeting with the committee chairman and a teacher from each school. The main reason for that is to limit the amount of people needed inside the selection area. There were comments that pertained to the number of volunteers that stood outside the pens in groups and not social distancing. Again, it's hard for us to monitor all areas, this is another area that individuals will have to be better at personally monitoring their actions. As for when a volunteer's kid enters the

selection area that parent leave the selection area and returns after their child has selected, per the rule book: example goats (Page 12, Rule 10).

Question #5: Were volunteers able to answer questions and give proper directions? (63 Yes / 2 No)

We hoped that the signs we had up assisted with directions of the check in and parking areas, however we realize this is an area that could be improved on if needed in the future. All exhibitors were asked if they understood the process and/or explained how it would work. The volunteers that ran the stop watches to monitor each child's viewing/selection time also communicated with them as to how much time was remaining during each phase of the selection process.

Question #6: Were the volunteers courteous? (62 Yes / 3 No)

Our hope is that all volunteers treat the exhibitors and parents in a courteous manner, and like wise of the parents/exhibitors to the volunteers. As said previously we cannot monitor everyone and their actions and can only hope that in the future everyone can be aware of their actions.

Question #7: Would you like to see the same process repeated next year? (48 Yes / 17 No)

We can again revisit the concerns of being able to take the animals out, longer selection times, etc. prior to the next selection. This will be a decision once again to be made by the executive board, board of directors, and committee chairman. As the rule book states the intention is, has been, and will always be for the child to select the animal on their own, with no assistance from anyone. We understand parents would like to have or be able to take pictures at selection, this is another area that we have took into consideration and will continue to try and come up with a solution for in the future.

Question #8: Did you like the drive thru deposit collections? (61 Yes / 4 No)

This was a very last-minute decision and we are extremely pleased at how well the process worked. Based off the responses this was liked by everyone else as well. Out of the 4 "No" responses there was only one that addressed an actual concern. Which was to make this an online process and be able to pay online. We are currently pursuing the software that would make this possible.

Question #9: Any Additional questions/concerns/comments: (30 Answered / 35 Skipped)

We truly appreciate the positive comments. We are all volunteers and do the best we can to try and keep a great tradition alive for the kids of East Montgomery County. Again, I want to assure you that all comments/suggestions were read/discussed We want all our process to be beneficial for not only us as an organization but you as the exhibitors, families and spectators as well.

We welcome you to visit www.emcfa.com to view the rule book and meeting schedule. As well as attend the next general meeting. We will continue to navigate the remainder of this year with the exhibitors and their family, and our volunteers health and best interest as our top priority.