

Barter Fair Task Force
Tuesday April 8, 2014 7-9pm
OCF Office

Present: Sue, Lucy, Paxton, Jon, Spirit
GoTo Mtg: Jefry, Sara
Facilitator: Colleen
Minutes: Spirit
GoTo Mod: Paxton

Announcements: Spring Fling raffle tickets are on sale to benefit Culture Jam.

Reports:

Board Liaison (Sue) – Motion to postpone was read at last night's Board Meeting.

“Due to the unprecedented site damage due to winter storms, it is so moved that the Barter Fair be postponed in 2014 and return to the Fair in 2015. The BFTF is directed to continue working towards implementing a 2015 Barter Fair.”

Letters were read by Recycling and Pre-Post in support of the motion.

Board received letter from BFTF in support of the motion.

Motion passed 7-1-1.

Barter Fair Task Force is to continue to work towards a 2015 Barter Fair.

Group Discussion re: Board Mtg

- Group felt negative remarks made by a board member were misrepresentative of staff and BFTF.

- It was mentioned to try to hear comments without getting offended.

- Paxton shares he voted to postpone in part due to understanding the work done by the Task Force.

Chose to support the motion because of what he senses from GM and OM as well as knowing the work done by TF.

- Barter Fair has never been supported and we have the opportunity to change dynamic. Feels we now have the support needed to bring our dream to fruition in 2015.

- Jefry never doubted we (BFTF) were the decision in regards to our letter in support of the motion.

The group expressed feeling as though management participation has been a positive contribution. BFTF was not pressured into supporting a pause.

Growing confidence we can build a successful barter fair because we are arriving together.

Question of whether to address the Board re: the misrepresentation that the TF was pressured. Most feel that addressing it via our discussion, Board liaison, Committee report and/or personally would be a preferred way to go.

Stakeholder report (Jon):

Spoke with Rebecca Gandy. It would be good if we can move the BF away from the 8. Discussed possible traffic patterns.

Sub-Group report (Jefry):

Checks BF yahoo account 2x daily. No emails. No emails of interest for BF managers and no responses

since info went out in booth packets. Not anticipating a huge influx of email responses. Feels most crafters may not follow FFN and do not really know what's happening til they arrive at OCF. How can we reach more FF?

Old Business:

Process Discussion (Jon):

Expressed personal choice to vote to postpone. Voted because it was not viable for multiple reasons, including staff feeling pressured. Not us being pressured. Did not like the BFTF email discussion regarding the motion to postpone. In depth conversations and decisions should happen at our meetings. Reminder to be respectful of other TF members when speaking in regards to BFTF. (Jon)
- Agreeance that important discussions should wait when possible. This situation was time sensitive and the email discussion happened to avoid the TF feeling blindsided. There was not a big show of support for an emergency meeting. Not ideal situation. (Spirit)

Where we go from here:

Outreach:

Wristband booth is a good place to elicit contact information and inquiry about vending in 2015. Paxton will type up ½ sheet flyer to be distributed. Approx 500. If more are needed we can make copies on site.

Selection Committee (Lucy):

Discussion re: selection committee for BFTF liaisons and Managers.

Management, BUMs, Liaisons. Some would prefer the BFTF be the ones to vet potential managers and then recommend to management. There was discussion regarding this in February. Spirit to check minutes and get back to group.

Time Lapse Camera on Monday (Paxton):

Time Lapse camera on Monday to record traffic/foot patterns and potential location for BF. Most felt this was a benefit. Some unsure. Paxton to do the work and report back to TF. Something similar was done in Path Planning on a Saturday. People were videoed and interviewed.

Letter in FFN:

Lucy to modify previous letter and send it out to the group. Needs timely response due to leaving town. Letter to include message of postponement. Outreach for folks who want to vend and/or manage the BF. Emphasize email communication but include both email and snail mail addys.

Work Plan:

Needs reworked. Spirit to type up workplan. Would like to solicit feedback from TF about direction we are headed. Per discussion Spirit will type up Workplan and send it out to BFTF. Actions needing done for 2015 include: outreach to potential BF members, Online registration form/process, find BF managers, elections of officers (annually?), location, budget.

Location:

Excited to look at location options. Having the time to find what works.

Meetings:

Meet in May. Discuss future meetings at that point. June mtgs generally not attended well due to folks being so busy. If June meeting necessary perhaps potluck on site would be good way to go. Concern over distraction. Future meeting schedule TBD.

Quorum/participation:

We did not have a quorum to vote. Group agreed Sara would be a positive addition to the Task Force. Has been attending meetings and taking on tasks. Spirit to email Catherine (Smilee) regarding letter of BFTF resignation to the Bod, due to lack of participation. Sara to send in letter of interest to the Board.

Kiosk:

Jon has access to portable 3 fold kiosk structure and strategy to avoid vandalism (as happened in 2013). Would like input on the content. Possibility of sharing kiosk with Path Planning. Potential AND concern of using it to receiving flyers/info. Discussion to continue at May meeting.

New Business:

Barter Fair crew 2015:

- Revisit BF crew discussion
- How to distribute flyers (discussion cont.)
- Kiosk content

Cont:

Colleen asks group about mentoring Spirit as facilitator. Spirit would appreciate the opportunity to learn within this group as we are functional and work well together. Great learning experience. Thumbs up from group.

Homework:

Evaluation:

Very good meeting. Efficient and concise. Progress. Yes yes yes and didn't glad we didn't waste too much time on negativity experienced at last night's meeting. Got a lot done. Looking forward to getting more done. Ditto ditto ditto. Appreciates feedback to one another. Lots of love and great to work together. Movement. Keeping focused and staying on track is great.

Next meeting scheduled for May 6th 7-9pm (Jon's bday)

