

Attendance: Jim Sahr, Sue Theolass, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Ken Kirby, James Nason, Diane McWhorter

Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Guests: Adam Budd, Justin Honea, Crystalyn Autuchovich, Bill Wright

Announcements: Election and Annual Meeting Oct. 20th.

Agenda Approval: ***Motion: Approve agenda (Jim/ Cathy) 6-0-0

Minutes Approval: Minutes of September 12, 2018 ***Motion: Approve the minutes (Cathy/Sue) 6-0-0

Board Liaison Report: Please vote. The NAO report is almost finished, and should make OCF a more effective organization with greater ability to hire a great top administrator.

Member Issue: A discussion was held about a recent NYT article which drew objections. The article was not reviewed or authorized by management or any other staff or PR person. The language didn't fit our event (only "vendors", no crafters) and portrayed a fair that little resembles the actual event.

One action to take is to remove the word "vendor" from the guidelines. A definition of "vendor" was distributed.

Permanent Booth Placement: The group worked on the process and criteria while reviewing the nine applicants. A straw vote indicated that most of the group felt that one to three booths should be awarded. Keeping a substantial inventory of one-year-only booths is helpful to place as many new applicants as possible, as well as handling other situations that come up.

Each applicant's letter was read aloud. The nine applicants all met the criteria of attending at least five Fairs as well as selling at two out of the past three. None of them had infractions or any serious issues that could indicate problems. Jury scores varied, but all had scored high in their jury attempts. Additional considerations were how the crafter presented their crafts, their total time selling at Fair, and the standout quality of their work. It was also noted how many times they had applied for permanent placement.

Three crafters were chosen for permanent placement, booth spaces to be determined after May 1st when available locations will be known. Those were: Bill Allord, Corona, and Keri Roberts. The decision was made by a consensus of the Craft Committee, the Coordinators of Registration and Craft Inventory, and the Operations Manager. Letters will be drafted by the Scribe to both those awarded and those who weren't, wording to be agreed upon by email. Applicants who weren't awarded booths will be welcome to try again next year.

Other Individual Member Letters: Adam, as Coordinator of Craft Inventory, will respond to the letters from four individuals regarding their booth situations and questions, except the one that Ken will contact.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2018, 5:30 pm, town office.

