

Craft Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017 5:30 pm OCF office

Attendance: Jim Sahr, James Nason, Vince LaRoche, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Diane McWhorter, Ken Kirby, Lucy Kingsley

Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Adam Budd, Bill Wright, Judy Hays-Eberts

Introductions and Announcements: Kareng Fund Art Bingo, Feb. 26th, 2-5, Shadowfox/Perk

Agenda Review: Approve the agenda (Jim/Cathy) 6-0-0 All in favor

Minutes Approval: Accept the minutes of January 18, 2017 (Jim/Vince) 6-0-0 All in favor

Jim made a statement in disapproval of making guideline changes about things that should be done case-by-case. The situation he was referring to has been resolved.

Board Liaison Report: Lucy reported that the Guideline changes proposed by both Craft and Food Committee were passed, prohibiting sales of crafts in food booths and food in craft booths during public hours (with the exception of tinctures.) A typo in the FFN was clarified at the Board meeting.

Craft items sold after hours are still covered by the guideline that says that they must be sold within booths, and be handcrafted and sold by the artists. Craft Inventory does not monitor after-hours sales.

Packet Letter: Discussion: Anything to add or change this year? Should crafters be told to contact CI and make sure they are registered in the database to get the letter independently of the Booth Rep? This is already in place as an effort by CI and Registration to build the database, so not necessary. Mentioning the updates to the website would be fine, first checking with Crystalyn and Doug about particulars. Lead with the guideline changes and other new information, be specific about the new credentials that people need to send to Reg to sell tinctures. Make sure crafters know how to use Craft Committee as a resource and that they are welcome. Mention wifi, refer to site issues from the FFN article, urge support of staff and volunteers in working on solutions. There may be other updates put out independently by management. Faerieworlds had a new solution with receivers and a satellite hookup. Mention logo item display opportunity. Include fire and recycling reminders. Tell people to sign up for the FFN, mention CPWG and encourage people to be interested, and to come to CC meetings as well. Make it shorter.

Jury Process: Jury is scheduled for April 7, 2017. Despite the complaints about scores, the choice is to give the scores with each individual jurors' score visible, or no scores at all. It isn't possible within the Zapp system to send only the total score to the applicant, except by individual letters, which is a time issue for the volunteers that using Zapp was intended to eliminate. They could be notified to request their scores if they really want to see them. One-year-only crafters might want to know their rank or see the ranked order. There is a time constraint on having to do the jury process all in one night, but having all the scorers in the same room together works well, so no changes in the process are planned for this year.

FFN article: It's time to remind people about our work again, before Fair. Mention that all booth people are welcome to pitch in on our work at the CPWG. Make sure people know how to contact CC. Talk about

new and exciting crafts, and how to get new items approved. Encourage creativity.

Craft Booths who may not be selling things they make: Complaints continue about booths who are not really hand-crafting or following other guidelines. The process is that written complaints that are forwarded to Craft Inventory are added to their observations, and when they find a guidelines violation, they speak with the member, and apply suggestions or sanctions as needed. Problems have arisen when those members don't agree or want another opinion. There isn't a formal process for follow-up stages of the sanction process. The Craft Policy Working Group has discussed a Review Panel that would serve as an appeal body, composed of representatives of the affected Crews, management, Board, and members. Food Committee has indicated that they would like to share such an appeal process for food booth sanctions.

The CPWG is meeting soon and can work on the RP proposal and get it moving. A former GM actually asked the CPWG to work on that, and Registration has given a detailed beginning that agreed with the work the CPWG had done independently. It wouldn't take much to get it ready to move forward, so CPWG will make it a priority at their next meeting (scheduled for Feb. 12th.)

Next meeting March 8, 2017 5:30 pm.