

Attendance: Jim Sahr, (facilitator) Kim Allen, Anita Parish, Diane McWhorter, Ken Kirby, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Sue Theolass, Lucy Kingsley. Other participants: Jeff Allen, Bill Wright, Jeff Harrison, Justin Honea

Minutes Approval: minutes of March 13, 2013

\*\*\*Motion: Accept the minutes (Kim) All in favor

Update from Jeff Harrison: Jeff filled us in on his many meetings in the process of sanctioning a member/booth rep, a situation which has been developing over the previous year. The person has clarified that he is not a craftsperson, and is no longer the booth rep of that booth, yet he desires to retain his participation in that booth. Solutions are now being explored at the operational management level. This is an uncommon situation and requires careful process. Craft Inventory and Craft Committee agree that although the perception may be that “bad booth reps” are a problem, it is extremely rare. The Craft Committee repeated our trust for Jeff and the ways he works through these situations. Patience and compassion have been used throughout. We also expressed support for our committee member whose trust was breached when her letter to the Board was released to the public without her permission.

Jury Results: Craft Committee, Registration, and Craft Inventory collaborate on choosing the number of juried artisans to be added each year. This is a factor of available space, the scores of the juried, and projections about how many of the wait-share list participants will find space this year. It is a complex decision. The pool of applicants was especially large this year. Next year there may be more space with the new map changes, and population increase is always a concern. It isn't good to accept people who really can't find space, so Registration is diligent about using the wait/share list and one-year-only booths to place everyone possible, and they are mostly successful in getting each person placed each year.

\*\*\*Motion: Draw the line at 43 [points] (Jim/Ken) Motion passes, 5-2-1 (Sue abstained due to conflict of interest).

This decision will offer participation to 53 artisans, 36 new and 17 returning. They are juried in for two years to aid them in finding space.

Fair Family Art Booth: This concept was again discussed at the Board meeting, and Craft Committee again agreed that only juried artisans should be allowed to sell crafts to the public.

Succession and Memorials: The fact that the craft goes with the craftsperson and the booth belongs to the Fair sometimes feels harsh when someone passes on. Often people left behind are not familiar with the guidelines and procedures for the exit process for their loved one. Family succession of a sort is possible when family members participate

in the crafting and successfully jury to continue, but this happens well before a crafter's death. This process works and probably doesn't need adjustments, but Craft Committee could help with some kind of policy statement/ letter to gently inform survivors of the process and their options, or to stand as a document to inform all members.

The guidelines are already full of details and this would be more of a separate policy statement, or a paragraph that pulls things together in one place. We can also include our ideas for aging in place and preparing for a different level of participation. A compassionate response to an emotional issue seems to be needed, beyond the personal response of whatever volunteers or staff end up having this discussion with members. Some type of crafters group could form to guide other artisans in the process. Food booths face these same issues, and discussion would be helpful. We would also like to address the practices of naming and putting things on site to memorialize individuals, to suggest appropriate actions as this practice increases. This policy-crafting would be done in collaboration with management and Board as needed, and some is beyond the Committee purview. The Committee will work on this in August or September.

Email Packet Letter: Because we missed the deadline for the packet, our letter was sent by email. We would like to send snail mail copies to all of the booth reps who don't have email, and Cathy will see that this is completed.

Next meeting May 8, 6:00 pm.