

April 2011 VAC work session:

Present: Paxton Hoag, Kat Kirkpatrick, Diane Albino, Kathee Lavine, Joseph Newton

Guests present: Kristie Krinock, Mark Pankratz, Robbie Waller

Present by Skype: Peter Cornelison

Not present: Percy Hilo, Andrew Knight

Recap of where we left off at last work session and things we have to talk about today:

Revisiting the goals - do they still represent who we are?

OCF advocacy guide and working with a practice project
State of the Vision report

Housekeeping tasks:

We need a new convener and scribe - Kat is going to remain a working VAC member, but she is going to back away from convening and scribing for awhile (too many other things taking up her time currently).

Action item: It was decided that we would **ask the scribe tribe for a scribe**, and Kristie Krinock, our new soon to be new member (she needs to send a letter of interest and the board needs to appoint her as a member still) has volunteered to herd us cats by being **the convener** and help with other administrative things. Paxton as co-convener is our leader with the history needed for continuity.

We decided we still **need to recruit more members**. It's hard to get things done and we're all busy. Joseph mentioned **our need for staff support**.

We looked at why we couldn't get more done with the people we have and decided that perhaps we need **more in-person work sessions**.

Decision: A vote was taken and it was decided that **we will have 4 quarterly in-person 4 hour meetings each year and will have monthly phone conference check-in meetings** to keep us on track in between the in-person meetings. Those monthly check-in meetings will remain by conference call on the **third Thursday of each month at 5:30pm**. The in-person meetings will be planned as they come up.

Decision: The next in-person meeting will be **Saturday, May 7th from 1pm-5pm in the town office** before the Spring Fling. Kat was the only one present that that date won't work for, but she might conference call in if possible.

Decision: We still have a **face-to-face meeting pre-fair at 2pm on Wednesday before the fair** at the Survey/GOTV office by Front Porch.

Paxton mentioned **Go To Meeting as a replacement** way to have meetings long distance. One of its features is that while we can hear people over the computer during the meeting, we can also look at documents together at the same time during the meeting on the computer.

Revisiting the goals

We discussed **revisiting the goals**. Last year in our State of the Vision report, we recommended to the board that it

was time to revisit the goals and make sure they adequately reflect our goals. Historically, it was Vision Quest who led the process to get fair family input about the goals and do word smithing before bringing the goals to the board for approval. We decided it was our job as the VAC to lead the task of revisiting the goals.

Earlier, we discussed the fact that the goals as they are written sound overly lawyerly and did not reflect the sensibilities of the fair. Kat continues to point out that we need to point out the values our goals are based on. Peter and Mark were going to reword the goals so that they sounded more fair-like, but in working with them, we realized that they need more than just light word smithing, and doing more than that would require getting fair family-wide input.

Decision: We decided that we'd like to start the process of getting fair family to think about how the goals are serving us, but that **we don't want to have a big open session to discuss the goals this year.** Instead, we'd like to do more work with the goals as they are first. We are considering **hosting a goal discussion day in April of 2012.** Joseph reminded us of the importance of following through and bringing it all together after we ask for that broad fair family input.

Decision: We decided we need to have a yearly **presence at the evaluation meeting,** both to learn what's going on around the fair and to present a short report of what the VAC is doing.

Laminate project

Decision: We will **make laminates that display the goals** on one side and ask that question about how well the goals are currently representing who we are and an invitation to go to the Love Lounge to write their ideas about it in the journals there. Paxton offered to donate up to 1,000 laminate sleeves, and Robbie and Kristie both have laminating machines we could use. We plan to set up a work session for those interested to help make those. We will all bring graphics ideas to the May work session.

Decision: We will put the goals in the FFN and ask the same question to get people revisiting the goals.

Love Lounge

That got us talking about the Love Lounge and how we might want to use it this year.

Decision: We want to **continue to use Love Lounge to display our goals**, engage fair family and fair goers around our goals, and have journals for people to respond to the fair in.

Decision: We don't have any kind of budget for decorating the Love Lounge and it's too late this year to ask for one. So we've decided to just **donate items and small amounts of money from our own pocket** this year. (Except for Kathee who bankrolled the entire Love Lounge decorating last year.)

We also decided to **organize some sort of craft day** for those interested to help decorate Love Lounge. Kristie has a friend who will hand paint our goals on a nice piece of wood. Robbie said he will help us find a piece of wood for that. Kathee wants to make some pillows. We still have the piece

of metal for the magnets we used last year. We need some new journals, but maybe we could buy less expensive artist's notebooks and glue fabric on the covers.

Our on line presence

We discussed **our on line presence** and how it could be better. Joseph will help us with that once we figure out what we want to put out there.

OCF advocacy guide

We discussed our plans to form some sort of **OCF advocacy guide**. We have a subcommittee that's supposed to work on that. Joseph said he'd try to get something together by the next work session in May. We also imagined **how we might work with project champions who come to us for help ascertaining their best next steps**.

State of the Vision report

Decision: We discussed **our yearly State of the Vision report**, our only task with a big deadline and the tracking task that's core to our committee's mission. We decided to keep using the format we agreed on last year, and add to the list of projects and their current status. Diane suggested that we go through the list of capital projects and look to see which goals they address and add those to the SOTV report. However, due to the conflicting camping crew meeting, we decided to put off that discussion until the May work session.

Proposed agenda for May 7th work session:

Evaluate capital projects

discuss working with project champions

discuss OCF advocacy guide

discuss needs around State of the Vision report

discuss our on line presence and what we want to put out there

organize laminate project and schedule work session

put something in FFN with our goals and the question we ask about the goals

organize love lounge decorating project and schedule work session

when is next meeting?

what is the agenda for the next meeting?