

**Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors' Meeting
June 25, 2017, 4 pm, Alice's fire pit**

Board members present: Diane Albino, Chewie Burgess (alternate,) Justin Honea, Jack Makarchek (president), Casey Marks-Fife, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Indigo Ronlov (vice president,) Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence Taylor (alternate), Sue Theolass **Peach Gallery present:** Staff (Crystalyn, Shane, Stephanie), Officers (Hilary, Lynda and Randy) A random number of members and guests

Crystalyn: I would like to move the Signs and Banners motion to next month.

New Business

Casey moved and Jon seconded to fund the Water Protectors travel expenses and move this motion from New Business to Old Business.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Announcements

Chewie: Please don't set up your camp in South Woods until after Wednesday of Fair week. If you need to do this, get permission from the Site and Facilities manager and have them contact the camping coordinators.

Justin: Two announcements on behalf of Booth Registration. Thanks and appreciation to the Board for the funding of the credit card machine. It has changed our reality and the crafters and vendors love it. The goal of the credit card machine was to be out in Wowie with little to no money being taken for payment. We currently only have about 100 vendors left to pay of about 600, so in our arch of transactions we are close to done. We are pushing parking in Valhala. Codi met with them today and the key point is you cannot enter Valhala to park off Highway 126, but you can enter off Suttle and Winery Roads. The cost is \$30 for all weekend and they are providing shuttles all weekend. This is for wristbanded volunteers and staff only.

Martha: There was info in the newspaper on there being road construction this week on Suttle Road.

Shane: The construction will be done before the event. ODOT is well aware of the surfacing and the event coming up and will adjust their schedule.

Jen-Lin: There is a feedback link on oregoncountryfair.net and on oregoncountryfair.org. The election is coming up in October and I'm reminding all that membership is open to SOs. If you have not voted in three years, you will be dropped off the rolls and notified. If you want to run for the Board, now is a good time to begin that process. There is information on what you need on the oregoncountryfair.net site.

Staff and Committee Reports

Crystalyn: Things are going really well. It is starting to dry out. It is inspiring to be here and work with staff and volunteers. The kitchen has done an incredible job.

Shane: The weather's changed for the good. We have the hay down and we will have some camping in South Piggy's. Big shout out to pre-Fair volunteers for all they've done. I've gotten to spend more time with JYD and Construction crews to learn some of their processes and see how thoughtful they are in dealing with vendors and the public. We all need to exercise good communications skills in this time of hard work. I saw our advertising on the first buses in town!

Shelly: We are going to pull this off again! I'm looking forward to milder temperatures next week for the event.

Stephanie: This is my second pre-Fair and I'm much calmer and want to thank everyone for helping get me to this place. On site my job is providing support to the coordinators and the public. We need to share our positivity and good interactions with our patrons and model how we want the world to be.

Robin: I'm holding down the fort at office in town. My hours are 1pm to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Nice to see the gears clicking into place on site.

Food Committee: Sue said that OCF Pizza booth's Jason will not be at the booth due to health reasons, but the booth will be staffed and present.

Member Input

Brad: I had the honor of attending the cultural appropriation workshop on Thursday night. It was profound for me personally. This spring has been good opportunity for me to be introspective and grow. I believe this is the beginning of a long conversation. I thank the Board for making it happen.

Paxton: I want to second what Brad said. It was an education for me.

Martha: I am so sorry I was not included or invited to the workshop. I would like the task force to encourage more diversity. I'd like to suggest you open the doors to everyone.

Indigo: We are working on a yearly offering of a cultural appropriation workshop that is Fair-wide and will happen after the Fair election.

Donations/Secretary Report

Randy: There are no donations this month. In this time as we enter full tilt boogie, let's make an effort to be especially kind to each other.

Treasurers' Report/Budget Items

Lynda: As expenses are starting to roll in, be mindful and make good decision on the money you spend.

Hilary: Big props to Registration for taking the plunge with the credit card machine. We'll have numbers for you after, but I'm really hopeful about it.

Diane: The Diversity Task Force spent \$34 on stamps for the workshop.

Hilary: Just submit an expense report.

Crystalyn: Ticket sales are going well with Friday still outpacing Saturday. Three-day passes are at the top of the sales.

Justin: If someone buys a single day ticket, is prepaid parking also an option on the site?

Crystalyn: Yes.

Old Business

Sue: I am tabling the motion "starting in 2019 the Oregon Country Fair public spaces, with the exception of designated areas in parking lots, will be tobacco free from 12 pm Thursday to 1 pm Monday."

Casey moved and Chewie seconded to designate \$1,040 from the Board change line item to aid transportation costs for the Water Protectors and their families.

Casey: This is for transportation costs for Water Protectors coming from Oregon, Idaho and Minnesota to come to the Oregon Country Fair and partake in a cultural appropriation dialogue.

Garret: I spent the last year at Standing Rock and after watching that protest, I thought bringing native elders here to the Fair would help us move forward.

Stephanie: They are scheduled on Saturday at 1 pm at the Front Porch.

Hilary: Spoken Word has a whole budget, and while I support this I wish the regular budget process were followed.

Joseph: We made a commitment to Standing Rock and this is a follow-through on that commitment. This is about making change in the world.

Brad: I support the concept of them coming and, like Hilary, see the process as the challenge. I believe it is worth supporting even though it falls out of process.

Chewie: I hope the Fair can find a way to support this motion and add some positive reflection.

Sue: I'm curious as to how long has it been known that they were coming.

Casey: This has taken place in the last 10 days or two weeks. The change line item seemed to be the best because of the late timing.

Justin: This was a time slot that was available and lots of entities in the Fair were trying to put this together. I too was nervous about having to do it out of the change line item. The overall benefit is the conversation and to be able to understand their experience and complete the narrative of the Board's actions around Standing Rock.

Indigo: I'm wondering if rather than taking this from the change line item, we simply make a budget adjustment to Spoken Word, for this year only, so that they have the funds from their travel line item to help these people come. Indigo's friendly amendment: "...**adjust Spoken Word's travel budget by \$1,040.**"

Casey and Chewie OK with friendly amendment.

Final motion:

Casey moved and Chewie seconded to adjust Spoken Word's travel budget by \$1,040 to aid in transportation costs for the Water Protectors and their families.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Sue moved and Indigo seconded to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017, Board meeting.

Motion passed: 10-0.

President's Peace

Jack: The title of the meeting that the Board and officers attended was cultural competency. It was a history lesson in dealing with our core values. I believe that they are in line. The sensitivity part is going to bump up against deep held feeling of expression. It is really important that we get this right. It will take time and there will be movement toward policy. We have before us an operational situation brought forth with the t-shirts. It was good reminder that we need to go think about core values. Respecting sensitivity for everybody is the most important thing that we can move forward with. Doing the things as we've always done is going to turn into an interesting discussion. We need to be sensitive to our members on what we are doing. The endgame is we have to show sensitivity and who it benefits. If in doubt, we go with the culture and respect the culture. Our event is coming up, so ask your friends to come to the event. Thank you.