

Attendance: Jim Sahr, Kim Allen, Sue Theolass, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, James Nason, Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Adam Budd, Crystalyn Autochovich, Corona, Bill Wright Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Agenda Approval: ***Approve the agenda (Jim/Sue) All in favor

Minutes Approval: ***Approve the minutes from the September 14th meeting (Sue/Jim) All in favor

Board Liaison Report: Sue noticed a few crafts booths who were not cleaned up completely, noted them, and they will be notified by email if they have tasks to do.

Ingestibles: Tinctures and extracts could be separated out by Craft Inventory and a specific guideline change might not be necessary, as the guidelines are seldom that specific about particular crafts. Perhaps #51 could be altered to say that “No food or drink may be sold in craft booths.” Tinctures are not food or drinks. Details on herbal products could be in the craft specifics used by Craft Inventory.

The craft specifics could say “Herbal tinctures, herbal elixirs, and herbal oils are the only ingestible items allowed for sale in craft booths. These items must comply with all applicable state and federal laws.”

A guideline should also be added (after checking with the Food Committee) to say that “**No handcrafted items (material crafts) may be sold in food booths.**” This would apply during public hours, as outlined in #59.

The one for crafts should follow #51, Prohibited items. That one is simple and direct and shouldn't be added to. Inserting one more would be the clearest way to get the knowledge across. This could bump the present #52 to #53.

Proposed language: #52: No food and drink may be sold in a craft booth. Herbal tinctures, herbal extracts, and herbal oils are the only ingestible items allowed for sale in craft booths. These items must comply with all applicable state and federal laws.

***Motion: Make this the guideline with Russell's approval (Sue/Kim) All in favor 7-0-0

This will be discussed again at the next meeting to decide if “oils” should maybe be eliminated to avoid flavored oils being included. More precise language will be crafted.

There was a short discussion of the purpose and progress of the CPD and craft-specifics. It's unclear whether it will go farther than the present use as a tool by CI in making decisions about particular crafts or crafters. There has been discussion on various levels about taking the craft and food portions out of the general guidelines so that that booklet is just the items that apply to all members. The craft and food-specific parts would go to those vendors. Publishing the craft specifics would help dispel the perception that decisions by CI are arbitrary or not transparent. Making the information accessible would help everyone understand the basis of the policies and procedures.

Service Booths: Saturday Market guidelines were read. Having a category separate from food and

material crafts could be useful but it would be good to keep it simple. Folding esoteric crafters into the service category would make it complicated. The co-mingled booths are a complication that would have to be worked out. Booth transfers would be addressed by inserting into #63

“Each craft, food, or service booth must have a corresponding booth rep who is a craft, food, or service vendor and uses a vendor wristband.”

Some members felt that it would create headaches to create a new category outside of craft and food booths. Allowing for material and service crafts would be simpler. Esoteric or service craft jury and compliance procedures could be tightened up.

There isn't a guideline at present that says that craft booths should remain craft booths and food booths should remain food booths.

Justin, Cami and Jeff will be invited to come to the next meeting to discuss the service booth category idea. (Diane)

Commemorative Sales: Our discussion with Ruby at the last meeting opened up two opportunities: 1. bids will be accepted from fair family crafters to print the commemorative t-shirts and bandanas (as a start toward having more handcrafted items in the mix) and 2. Logo items may be displayed in at least one of the commemorative sales booths.

From the September minutes: Actions: Make a recommendation on how to connect Commemorative Sales with logo crafters, and to crew coordinators to contact Fair artisans with the bidding process for at least a few of the articles they sell. An article in the FFN would also help inform the Fair family. Put this on the agenda for the October meeting. Lucy and Sue will work on a draft recommendation.

Putting a person on either of those actions would help move things forward. Putting a notice on the logo items jury form and online would take care of notifying them that the opportunity is open, as well as an announcement in the FFN. We could specify a contact person or email for commemoratives who would be willing to coordinate it. Members wishing to display items could provide booth numbers, business cards, or their location on the map.

Focusing solely on the shirts and bandanas at first seems a way to ease into a new arrangement. The sarongs, which were the focus of a complaint, were not addressed as the arrangement seemed to be functioning well in place, and there was no desire to try to change everything at once. Commemorative sales is a very important piece of OCF income so expenses need to stay low, and Ruby's concerns are that any new vendor agreements bring reliability, affordability, and quality. Sue will clarify with Ruby how the bidding process could begin, and a process for the logo item display.

It doesn't feel great to see items for sale that are not handcrafted, and the coordinator is aware of that and willing to make adjustments if she can. It could take a few years and will require some flexibility, but the process is opening and that's a step forward. There is no requirement that Commemorative Sales follow any handcrafted guidelines, but their willingness to look into the issues is encouraging for crafters.

A discussion of booth numbers revealed that people don't necessarily navigate the Fair by the booth

numbers. Perhaps more uniform signs could help. Registration could be asked to request that from Signs and Banners.

If complaints about particular crafters are coming, it would be good to go back and look at the review panel structure again to provide an appeal process for sanctioned crafters.

Next meeting November 9, 5:30 pm. Agenda items: Guideline revisions regarding service booths and ingestibles.