

Attendance: Sue Theolass, James Nason, Vince LaRochelle, Jim Sahr, Kim Allen, Diane McWhorter, Ken Kirby
Excused: Amy Ehn, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Lucy Kingsley
Note: Crystalyn and Shane did arrive but the meeting had already been adjourned.

Other Participants: Adam Budd

Announcements: Kareng Fund Art Bingo, Sunday February 23rd, 4-7pm, Gratitude Brewing 540 E. 8th

Database Town Hall, February 5th at NWYC 6pm. See what the group has done over the past year plus to improve the OCF database.

Agenda Approval: ***Motion: Approve the agenda (Jim/Vince) 6-0-0

Minutes Approval: ***Motion: Approve the minutes (Sue/Diane) 4-0-2 (Kim, Sue) Minutes of Nov. 13.

Guest Concerns: none

Board Liaison Report: A caretaker is being hired and should be in place by the end of March at the latest. There will be Board workshops on specific subjects. Check the calendar (.net website) for dates and subjects.

Old Business: Work Plan:

- Jan: Work Plan, discussion topics, schedule discussions
- Feb: Discussion Topics, Packet Letter
- March: Final Packet Letter
- April: possible change to meeting date to accommodate Jury results
- May: FFN article for June issue
- June:
- July: no meeting
- August:
- September: Permanent Booth Placements preparation
- October: Permanent Booth Placements, Guideline Changes
- November: Guideline changes

Discussion Items: (brought forward from continuing discussions)

- Guideline change adjustments
- Booth classification
- Booth Rep Job Description
- Booth Rep System/transfer
- Crafters' Rights and Responsibilities
- Compassionate Response for Emergencies

Discussion: Guideline changes: Two members are uncomfortable with the changes from two to five years for Booth Rep Transfer, as submitted in Guideline 70 and 69. As the changes were already submitted, it is too late to change them. The Board will be discussing them next Monday.

The logic is that it is consistent with the Permanent Placement guideline and with Food Booth requirements. It's easier for a BR to change than it is for a new person to get a booth under the current guidelines. People have fears that they will be caught short in planning and lose the booth back to Fair.

Opinions differ on the value of booths returning to Fair jurisdiction from Booth Reps' hands. Some changes are brought forward from the Committee's 200-some years of collective experience and are intended to serve the Fair and not anyone's self-interest. It seems reasonable to expect Booth Reps to plan, remembering that the Fair owns the spaces. When the Fair gets a booth back, multiple crafters (who are top-quality from the jury) can benefit from its use as a One-Year-Only or a new permanent placement.

It may be confusing about whether the five years is required to be in that specific booth or just as a crafter at Fair. Suggestions are that there be some language about appeals processes, or the increase be stepped to be a little each year for some time. People affected could be encouraged to bring concerns to Craft Committee where solutions could be brainstormed. The language "Booth Reps already involved in making a Booth Rep change are encouraged to come to Craft Committee for guidance." could be taken to the Board as a way to soften the change. Registration also can craft solutions for people who don't quite have the requirement in place, if needed.

Other suggestions are that guideline changes be worked on earlier in the year for more opportunity to communicate them. October is when we start firming them up and finish them in November to submit by the end of December, though they are discussed all year.

Next month the topic will be Booth Classifications.

Meeting adjourned, 6:30 pm

Next meeting February 12th, 5:30 pm