

Attendance: James Nason, Ken Kirby, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Jim Sahr, Sue Theolass, Vince LaRochelle, Diane McWhorter By Go-To-Meeting: Kim Allen, Amy Ehn Absent: Lucy Kingsley

Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Kevin McLellan, Bill Wright, Adam Budd, Richie Weinman, Anna Weinman-Gonzales, Donna Murray, Crystalyn Frank By GoToMeeting: Jefry Falkenstein

Introductions: around the room Announcements: Ken reminded people to use his current gmail, not the old address.

Guest Concerns: Kevin McLellan detailed his concern with how the guideline change of a year's notice could affect his booth. He was referred to Registration. (Details were confidential.)

Donna Murray: she is gathering info, stories and rumors and gave her reflections on the difficulties of participating in OCF. She mentioned the jury system, valuing crafters and asked about the committee's statement of purpose.

In answer to her question, Jim read the "Paxton motion" from 1998. Cathy read Article II of the Bylaws. A future agenda might have time to review the craft committee documents, mission statement, and group agreements.

Anna Gonzales: She gave some more details of the situation with Richie Weinman's booth. Adam will meet or message with Richie to further clarify their status.

Agenda Review: There were several versions of the agenda proposed prior to the meeting. Cathy asked for a report on Coronavirus in Old Business.

***Motion: Accept the agenda (Cathy/James) 8-1 (Kim)-0

Minutes Approval: The minutes were changed slightly after being sent to the guests who spoke at that meeting.

***Motion: Accept the minutes as amended (Cathy/James) 8-1(Kim)-0

Board Liaison Report: Sue covered the latest virus updates in her report. Wally has put a statement on the .net site and updates will appear there. Staff and Board are well aware of the news and paying attention to the WHO, CDC, and so on. Plans are not in place to close the Fair at this time. There is a Rainy Day Fund for expenses. She encourages people to not panic. Most meetings will be held remotely for the near future.

The Best Practices Committee took time to go over the feedback from the Open House and will report at the April Board meeting.

The Standards Working Group has a large agenda and may not get to a Whistleblower Policy, so it will be put back on the list of Craft Comm. discussion topics. Making a recommendation from the crafter's point of view might be appropriate. Behavior is probably their main focus at present.

Announcement: Cathy, expressing great reluctance, commented upon the fact that a letter was sent by one Committee member to the Board without Committee knowledge, with remarks about the scribe. She encouraged members to bring Committee issues first to the committee. Others shared her concerns.

Coordinator's Reports: Adam reported that the applications will close April 1st, and the jury will be held April 11th at the LCC Longhouse. CI staff members have been vetting the applications and answering questions.

Old Business: Packet Letter: The packet letter is much the same as last year with the addition of a paragraph about the guideline changes and a few other details. There is a proposal to put on the back of the packet letter an opportunity for more information exchange between the committee and other fair family. It would consist of the announcement of a new email list group called Artisan Involvement. People who sign up for the list would receive agendas, approved minutes, and other information. A question to the crafters could be added to the back side of the letter such as "As a Fair participant, what would you like Craft Committee to work on this year?"

It was requested that people be asked to submit an emergency plan. There were several suggestions for wider distribution of the packet letter, such as posting it on the .net site, or handing out a flyer at wristbanding. OCF has a mailchimp account if that would be useful.

***Motion: Accept the packet letter (James/Sue) Amended to add the question to the back side. 8-0-0

Discuss Sale of Business Policy: Straw vote whether or not to add it to the discussion list: 2-6-0

New Business: Review Best Practices Committee Open House: no time at this meeting.

Informing Members: Involve crafters more in committee discussions. The back of the packet letter should address that.

Email Practices: Concerns were expressed about the email exchanges of the last few weeks. Questions are appropriate, but some of the rhetoric has been divisive and unhelpful. Ken gave a few examples, some of which were inaccurate descriptions of committee process and mis-characterizations of intentions. He affirmed that every member of the committee has the interests of all crafters at heart and has made good faith efforts to better the experiences of all fair participants. He feels the committee is on the same track they have been on in the past and that the process has not been rushed or significantly changed.

Diverse opinions are good for the committee but complaints about the committee should be discussed at meetings.

Email discussions are essentially closed meetings and are not good committee process. Sharing emails or email addresses without permission is not ethical. If you don't understand an action or opinion, assume the best and ask questions.

Members do need to be responsible to keep up with Fair business and stay informed.

Appreciation was expressed for the diligence of the Scribe.

Adjourned. Next meeting April 22nd.

