

Oregon Country Fair Food Committee Meeting
8-25-21

Start time: 5:30 p.m. End Time: 6:42 p.m.

In attendance: Brandelyn (scribe), Larry, Sue, Dan, Caitlin, Danye, Thom, Saman, Dave, Mark

New Food Vendor Criteria/Discussion:

Do we need to look at who might have the ability to move and do a different set up for events in the outside lot during the year?

Growth discussion: How will we cap growth relative to resource availability? Greywater, water, toilets, land use... all committee are looking at this.

2022: No info. yet

FC will need to contact booth reps and see what booths will actually be returning.

We may not want to fill all booth spots that come open to allow for some spaces for rest areas or booths that may return the next year.

We will need to know what the Covid protocols will be at that time. The earlier we ask the more uncertainty there will be. However we should try to find out booths that do know they will not be returning.

New booth call out in January

Food tastings in February

By the end of February we should know who will be back.

Blue sheets could be sent out early.

What questions do we need to ask?

New booth Criteria:

Rubric for event vendors (need to create)

Rubric for new incoming vendors (need to create a new one). Check with Jason to see if he has a copy of the old ones.

Possible issues/things to consider for Booths when we start back up:

(We need to be sensitive to the booths this first year back)

Past probation booth issues. Those booths will need to be reminded of their agreements before the fair starts.

Sourcing issues: some foods are not available anymore, vendors have closed or prices have gone up.

Staffing issues: primary staff may not be returning, new staff may not be as well trained.

Infrastructure issues: wood is more expensive, booths have been put away and may need a lot more work

Financial issues: Many booths may not have the start up money that was available when they were running their booth regularly.

The Food Committee may want to provide resources (i.e. phone and contact info. For local and national lending companies that support small businesses).

Discussion: could fair recoup money for vendor and employee passes AFTER the booth makes money at the end of fair?

Pass increases may be coming as well, this will be a discussion.

Food Vouchers and passes discussion for budget committee.

Workshop Ideas Discussion: On hold.

If we all came up with some ideas or people that would be great include as speaker and then we could access that list when we are ready.

Next Meeting:

Sept. 22nd 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: start or work on booth callouts to see who is coming back?

How are we going to reach vendors?

Blue sheet timing should be decided. Can we invite Caty to the next meeting?

Future agendas: Town Halls, Mandatory Meeting,