

Oregon Country Fair Food Committee Meeting
4-13-22

Start time: 6:30 p.m. End Time: 8:30 p.m.

In attendance: Larry, Sue, Caitlin, David Dexter, Paxton, Dan, Danye, Dave, Doug Quirk, Katy Parker, Marco Manuel, Jenika, Thom, Justin, Jessie, Kirsten Ed, Brandelyn (scribe)

Guests: David Dexter Nelson

Blue Sheets

Menu changes

Add response needed, change respond by date (by May 26th), extended 5 days

Change header to Blue Sheet vs. Menu change policy?

Booth reps should let OCF food know about foods that they are having to substitute menu items due to unavailability.

Fallow booths discussion: Booth infrastructure, plumbing, water, greywater issues.

Require case by case review. Possibly need to create and incentive for vacating booths to be more hands on in transfer and help incoming vendors. Pass allocation idea, can we offer 2 passes as an incentive. If Fc will be placing strolling vendors into food booths we will need to make that decision very soon. This decision will need to be told to path planning.

Survey: Which carts have expressed interest in moving? We have heard from some strolling vendors which carts would be interested in moving. We have only heard back from 60% of the strolling carts.

Booth Registration: regarding extra passes, management will direct this area. Late charges were incentivized not for budget but to get people to get their booth business done on time. As late as July 1st deadlines have been done in the past. Financial committee and budget committee deal with this issue.

Vaccine Clarification: Board policy that all members must be fully and up to date vaccinated, 2 shots and a booster are required. Five months after the 2nd shot regimen you must get a booster. Having a negative covid test is not accepted. See link on the fair website that connects directly to the CDC website.

Mandatory Food Meeting Hybrid Meeting? Between zoom and in person.

Ticket sales: so far. Tickets are up: 2200, 2500, 1400 Fri, Sat, Sun.

Attendance 35,000 people per day cap was based on research in 2018, 20,000 staff and daily tickets 15,000 per day is normal target attendance.

Durables: Are in the works for this year. OCF ordered 137,000 forks and spoons as back up, biodegradable. They do not break down in high heat like some biodegradables do. Staff will have to buy in cases of 1000. The sooner your staff get their orders in, the better. What is the expected lifespan for the biodegradable forks? Are fair staff expected to reuse them throughout the day? (OCF hopes that fairgoers would reuse them). The fair will try to offer recycling for these.

Bubbles Project: Rising moon has been washing their own plates the last few years. For this year they will not be able to provide this, due to Covid and health and safety concerns. Fairwide this program is yet to be implemented.

Booth Attendance 2022: Many booths are on the fence about whether or not they would like to return. FC should work with booths, to see how we can help them. Supplies, availability, staffing, food sourcing is a major issue. Booth fees are increasing and this is an issue. We should encourage booths to use all their resources to help staff their booths including using teens, day passes, etc.

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Next Meeting:

Wed. April 27th 5:30 p.m.

Agenda/HW:

Survey strollers that want a booth space.

Clarify vaccine booster.

Expected attendance: uncertainty

Blue sheet info.

Hybrid mandatory food meeting

Booth fee change proposal: What can we do to help booths this year?

Rough outline for mandatory, get guest list

Grey water survey

Timeline with dates for timeline to frame meetings to make them efficient and useful so that issues don't fall through the cracks (i.e. What happens when FC).

May 3rd 6:30 p.m.

Schedule proposed new booth rep. Meetings (possibly 27th? Or May 3rd)