

Attendance: Ken Kirby, sue theolass, James Nason, Kim Allen, Diane McWhorter Excused: Lucy Kingsley
Scribe: Diane McWhorter

Other Participants: Stormie True, John Govsky, Jay Shuster, Vanessa Roy, Justin Honea, Dani Derrick, Katy Parker

Introductions and Announcements: Vanessa will be the Craft Committee Staff Liaison. Stormie served on the jury this year. James had his tinfoil hats juried in and will be selling and giving them away.

Agenda Approval: ***Motion: Approve the agenda (James/Diane) 5-0-0

Minutes Approval: Minutes of April 20,2022 ***Motion: Approve the minutes (Ken/James) 5-0-0

Board Liaison Report: sue announced a Special Meeting of the Board next Tuesday to address the booster issues. There is a proposal to drop the booster requirement and feedback is requested. It looks like about 20 food booths will not attend the event for various reasons. All of the crews are working hard already getting the event rolling.

Coordinators Reports: Justin reported for Booth Registration. They are challenged by how many booths are dropping out (about 50 so far) and what has to happen to those physical booths to make them usable and safe. The Upper River Loop has been closed due to erosion and about five booths will be relocated. The Wait-Share list has about 50 crafters on it and it will be difficult to fill all the open booths this year. Two booths in Xavanadu have been moved to accommodate a new BIPOC Sanctuary space. The vaccine and booster issues have made it necessary to do a lot of extra contacting individual crafters and Booth Reps and if the booster requirement is lifted some work will have to be done again. About 25 of the 65 crew members will be new people so there is just a lot to do. Displaced crafters (whose Booth Reps are not coming) should contact Booth Reg. There will probably be more single-crafter and one-year-only booths than usual.

Katy echoed that things are going along about as well as they can.

Staff Reports: Vanessa reported that ticket sales are pretty much on-point (Friday: 3286, Saturday: 3619, and Sunday: 1953, out of 10,000 per day.) The poster looks great and is in demand. In response to a question about the Virtual Fair, she doesn't know about any conversations regarding any of the continuing efforts from the past two years, such as livestreaming or presentations for those who can't attend.

Old Business: Jury: The cut-off number was decided at the last meeting. Stormie gave her perspectives as a juror, and as a BIPOC artist. She knows diversity was a concern of the committee, but there was no way for the jurors to know the ethnicity of the applicant artists, so it was difficult to make any judgments that would promote greater diversity in the crafter population. It would have to be designed into the information collected. There were some questions about cultural appropriation and how to address that.

The organization has not made a clear policy regarding cultural appropriation and discussions still need to be held to make any recommendations to the Board for policy language. Stormie was thanked and assured that the jurors did the job they were asked to do which was evaluate the applicants.

Ken outlined that the instructions to the jury usually are about the aesthetic qualities of the craft, the level of craftsmanship, and the “wow factor” or “fair -worthiness” of the items. There isn’t any information about cultural or ethnic identities on the application, so the jurors may have not had sufficient instruction on that issue.

Stormie agreed on the three categories, “fair worthy”, craftsmanship, and their aesthetical feelings about the crafts. The jurors felt that as BIPOC individuals, they had a responsibility to address diversity concerns, but were confused by the lack of information to address that.

Ken added that there may have been some vagueness about that direction to address diversity in the jury process, which isn’t a completed process, so it will be important to continue discussions on those topics.

New Business: June meeting: Members decided to cancel the June meeting to focus on the work needed to have the event and their own work.

There was a brief discussion about the booster issue as there was not a published motion, just a topic on the link announcement. The language of “up to date” was the issue to be decided.

Members were encouraged to help the new crafters and anyone else who does not know what’s happening concerning the event. Appreciation was expressed for all the work people are doing and did over the pandemic years.

Agenda items for August: Jury System, post-event reports. Next meeting August 10th.

Adjourned 6:35 pm.