

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

Other Participants: Adam Budd, Thurman Scheumack, Ann Bennett Rogers, Jay Shuster, Vanessa Roy, Dani Derrick, Melissa Scherlie, John Govsky

Introductions and Announcements: Holiday Market begins November 19th and 20th and continues until December 24th at 4:00 pm. This will be the last meeting of the year for the committee as there is no December meeting. Ann announced that she was recently elected to the Board. She wanted the Committee to know

Agenda Review: add Booth Representative Description to Old Business if there is time.

***Motion: Approve the agenda (Vince/Lucy) 7-0-0

Minutes Approval: Minutes of October 12, 2022

***Motion: Approve the minutes (Lucy/Ken) 7-0-0

Guest Concerns: Thurman Scheumack was suspended by Craft Inventory after the 2022 event. He preferred to make the discussion public when informed that generally individual crafter discussions were handled confidentially. Because the Craft Inventory Coordinator had not arrived, the discussion was put off until they arrived.

Ann Bennett Rogers announced that she was recently elected to the Board. She wanted the Committee to know that three booths at the 2022 event were sanctioned for not following the guidelines regarding having Archeology Crew present when digging.

Board Liaison Report: Sue reported that there were about 1300 votes with about 5000 ballots mailed. She listed the newly elected Board members, the President and the Vice-Presidents, and the Officers. Robin Bernardi has resigned from her position coordinating Culture Jam but will remain long enough to mentor a new person in the job. Norma will serve as an interim Board Scribe until the position can be filled, and minutes will be abbreviated.

The remaining funds from the SVOG will be carried over and spent by February. The Guideline Change process deadline was moved to the 15th of December. The Committee recordings motion has been put back on the agenda for the fifth time. Any feedback should be emailed to sue. The Food Committee has decided to accept applications for 2023 despite not knowing how many potential openings there are for Food Booths.

Staff Reports: Vanessa reported that planning for the Spring Fling is underway and a Reach for the Peach direct donation campaign has begun. There will be a stakeholders meeting for Fair Cares and the Grievance policy on December 8th. It is Budget time with a meeting tomorrow. Entertainment applications are now available on the website.

Coordinators Reports: Adam had fielded a question about acupuncture in a booth but he checked with management and an attorney had previously advised that it would not be an allowed craft service at OCF.

Thurman Scheumack Concern: Thurman was again offered the option of a closed meeting for confidentiality but felt that he was addressing a greater fair wide issue and that the guidelines should be changed to accommodate businesses like his, so he preferred a public discussion.

[However, the details of the sanctions are still confidential from the Craft Inventory Crew and Craft Committee standpoint, so much of the long discussion will not be related in detail.]

Thurman outlined his position on the suspension. He admitted that he uses apprentices to make and sell his products as he has for 30 years. A recent news article stated that he has four full-time and two part-time employees. He has had multiple interactions with Craft Inventory over the years, in which he has been informed that jurying his “helpers” would be his avenue to continue to sell. When he failed to take that action, he received the suspension.

The solution offered by Craft Inventory to lift the suspension was that his apprentices should jury in order to make and sell their brooms within the guidelines. The guideline states: #61: *...All crafts sold at the Fair must be handcrafted, handmade, homegrown, handgathered, or significantly altered by the person(s) who had the craft approved by the OCF....The craft must be made, displayed, and sold by the Crafter who juried that craft.*

Further, Helper is defined in the Craft Policy Summary: *Helper: a person who makes minor contributions that assist the crafter in producing the work brought to the Fair. In no case can the entirety of helpers' contribution outweigh the contribution of the juried crafter.*

The Committee supported the position of Craft Inventory that the apprentices should jury in order to perform the crafting, demonstrating, and selling of the crafts in question.

Teas, Tinctures and Ingestibles: No further progress was made on the guidelines regarding Tinctures and Ingestibles. Teas and Tea blends could be another category as prepackaged products with a specific set of requirements to be determined. This item will appear on a future agenda.

The January meeting has been changed to a Tuesday, January 11th.

Adjourned 7:30 pm