

5.23.23 Food Committee Meeting Public Session

Attendance: Larry, Dave, Sue, Caitlin, Saman, Danya, Vanessa, Mason (water crew) Michael (and Marcy) Hutton (Cheezy Weezys), Emily (Psychedelic Thai), Cayce Pia, CLU-Ricardo B Contreras, Eve (Go Giddy Pop) Krystal (Water Crew) Doug (registration) Aaron Moffett (Veggie Heaven) Summer (scribe)

New Vendor Orientation

Please put questions in chat; raise hand

Does everyone have access to guidelines? (put in chat)

Please familiarize yourself with guidelines, info on parking, registrations etc.

Camping:

Camping crew will be at Mandatory FBM, camping will be tough this year

Plumbing, graywater & freshwater

(addressing Water Crew) it's especially important for us to educate new vendors about greywater and freshwater; anything that can help new vendors is important

Mason (Water Crew) Fully agree, in the past we have struggled with new vendors and it's something we are working on. Water crew has underground water system hookups to provide water for people. What we need is an obvious place to put water in, or someone to be present to get water. City of Eugene reps have useful information on what's needed and expected for setting systems up, will be at MFBM June 7th. Dave recommends a female 1.5" connection for water crew to easily connect. Food booths with different examples of great setups: Ritta's, Mario's, Blitz.

Contact information for Water Crew:

- watercrewocf@ gmail.com
- (onsite) Tinkerbell 68
- (onsite) Find someone at water tower across from Warebarn/Upper Reefer (past Ritz)
- (onsite) use Water Crew Notebook at main camp

Electrical and Construction:

Power and construction will be specific for each of you. All power must be generated without gasoline or generators. Most people use batteries, solar panels. The more independent you can be the better. For lighting, you can use battery or propane powered lamps. Can be complex and expensive, talk to food booths who have experience. Date for beginning construction is June 3rd, construction is not allowed beforehand as Whitebird is not there yet. Site is a lot less crowded during the week.

Main camp notebooks: Main Camp is the hub for all the crews. You can leave questions, notices in the notebooks for different crews when something comes up such as downed trees, bees, water, etc. Sierra (site manager) can be contacted with questions about driving in the eight. To get onsite, best chances are to have a Full Load Teddy. Do not cut branches, digging; go to main camp and contact the appropriate crew.

Aesthetics:

If you've been to fair you know the vibe: no tarps, vinyl signs, artificial things. Want it to be natural. Any questions, just ask and the committee can use experience to point you in the right direction. This year because of the Emerald Ash Borer: do not bring natural wood into the fair. Signs cannot be more than 16 sqft., must not be vinyl/plastic. Tents must be covered.

To get a copy of guidelines go by fair office, registration and MFBM

Registration:

Registration is becoming more electronic than years past. Everyone should have received a handful of emails by now, put info into the system, such as passes, parking stickers. Booth fee deadline June 1st, before MFBM. New this year: Tuesday July 4th 10am-2pm banding people in town at the same location as MFBM. Prices go up, so pay sooner than later to save money, pay ahead if you know a spot will be filled.

Youth 11-12, Teen 13-18, 19+ adult. Registration will be at MFBM to take your money and answer questions. All passes must be paid for ahead of time to get banded on Tuesday.

Booth reg can be emailed at: boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org

Credential & Access:

If you have a camping pass, you will have a wristband and can stay overnight. If you don't, you are a dayworker, can come in early but needs to leave with the sweep. Day passes are unlimited; camping is limited and additional camping passes are only granted on case by case and need. Teen passes are wristband, can stay overnight but must have one responsible adult for every two teens.

Keep in Mind:

Cell phone communication is unreliable,
Fair is cash only, ATM's onsite.

7:54 end orientation, begin committee meeting

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Friendly Street Pub/Bar to meet 4:00 before MFBM (don't forget two tastings at MFBM)

Cody Fuller primary food rep position for Divine Balance: haven't gotten forms back from him. Tragedy that put him in this position, June 13th (if needed) for meeting. Wait for his questions, will be probationary

Met with Stephen (Membership Secretary): talking about using a communication forum, would need moderation but could be an informational resource. Like Slack, discord.

Handwashing & Carts:

A few booths and carts get exceptions (ex fudge) and there are concerns about safety; all food vendors should be held to standards that support sanitization such as handwashing setup. Suggest making a statement at MFBM. Handwashing is important. There are 8-10 booths that don't get licensed through Lane County. The Food Committee has the right to determine safety standards along with Lane County per the guidelines. Should be clear about the standard of sanitation. We can tell them they need to have a hand washing station. Check on Thursday before the Fair and insist on handwashing before being allowed to be open.

Supplemental pass requests:

Getting quite a lot of requests, guidelines require hours which isn't always the case. The Food Committee considers the amount of work required for a specific product, hours of service. It needs to be documented when need doesn't present itself after passes already received. Blintz booth (example) gave a schedule for 40 passes; Cascadia shaved ice wants to add to the menu but has also said they need more passes to run their operation as it is now. Review list, go over during the meeting on 15th. What should the criteria be? Further discussion of criteria over email.

Motion to approve minutes: Sue raised motion, Caitlin second: vote unanimous

Craft Committee/ Booth Reg want to use New Day Bakery space for one year, to fill space. If New Day Bakery does not come back next year, the space will be used for food.

MFMB is next meeting:

2 tastings at MFBM, meet beforehand at Friendly Neighborhood Pub meeting.

Tuesday June 13th meeting is a business meeting (if we need it; send a zoom link now, don't post link).