

9.26.23 Food Committee Meeting

Open meeting session

Attendance: Vanessa, Dave, Dan, Caitlin, Larry, Thom, Sue, Saman, Sebastian Mekkadath (Indi House) AJ, Paxton, Summer (scribe)

Upcoming meetings:

- Town hall prep meeting Tuesday October 10th.
- Town Hall Sunday October 22nd
- Next food committee meeting on Tuesday October 24th

Mandatory Food Booth Meeting: June 5th (Wednesday). Will contact the church to confirm before it's published.

Vote to approve August 22nd minutes with corrections applied: Motion made by Sue, unanimous

Create Accountability Subcommittee: closed subcommittee meeting to meet on Tuesday November 7th at 6:30

New Food Booth Callout:

- Suggestion to put a message on the website to start getting in applications.
 - Suggestion to put message up October 18th
 - Application period would run from December 1st until deadline
- Determine Dates for application deadline
 - January 19th 2023
- Applications will be accepted regardless of openings.
- Consider automating the application process annually.
- Have an automatic response prepared for applicants that has a timeline laid out.
- Food Committee to respond by March 15th if openings are available or if there is no interest.

Registration and blue sheets

- Discussion to require booth registration fee to blue sheet with deadline of March 1st .
- Coordinate with booth registration to measure interest, determine when combining fee with blue sheet would be possible to roll out, how possible would be to rollout this year if registration is on board with the change and put different proposals forward to see what method works best for registration
- Discuss Booth Reg being initial contact to create more formality for process

Town Hall: make callout for new food committee members. Discuss what ideal qualifications constitute.

Suggested Guidelines changes:

- **Suggestion to remove language from guidelines that states booth and cart sale is prohibited [section 65 booth representatives]** . It's unenforceable, and would be easiest to remove language. Both Food and Craft booths are included in the guideline, but not consistently. Need to have a better understanding of why the language is there; having the language protects the fair by not allowing actual space to be sold. Fair owns the space and the space is separate from business. Pin for now.
- **Remove language that prohibits anyone other than primary secondary for doing business including submitting payment.** check in with booth registration; there are lots of ways they allow things to get done. Situations are going to come up where someone else needs to assist with conducting business and we need to build a way for that to happen. Take another pass later to make it more clear; consider clarifying language that the booth rep is the responsible party, but doesn't prohibit someone else from making payments.
- **Changing leave of absence permission from two sequential years to single year.** It's hard to predict when and if booths are coming back [section 70, end]. Guideline is written for food and craft. Could change to food booths only, and food booths have an allowance of one year leave of absence.
- **Prohibited water storage tanks from being stored year round going out in off season would be simple if we said take it home store offsite.** Current methods of water tank storage present safety concerns. Change would be enforced in 2025 (after the 2024 fair). Could be more problematic with some food booths that have larger water tanks. Site director [Alexis] should be involved in the conversation. Paxton: observed water crew cleaned a whole line of these tanks. A washing station for these on site could have value. Crews and booths could use a standardized type of tank and clean the onsite. Important to acknowledge different booths have different water usage. More discussion needed.
- **change new food booth probation time to guidance period**
- **sync with registration on registration date changes for paperwork**

October Food Committee meeting annual feedback should be synthesized, wrap violations and feedback at the October meeting. Keep meeting public for the first hour and maintain a closed session for the second meeting hour to stay on schedule.

No Closed session at this meeting