

10.22.23 Food Committee Meeting Notes

Public Session

Attendance: Larry, Casey Fife (and baby), Dan Mix, AJ, Dave, Sue, Vanessa Caitlin, Danya, Thom, Saman, Paxton

Vote to approve August meeting notes: Larry set motion to approve, Sue seconded motion, vote unanimous in favor

Vote to approve September meeting notes: Larry set motion to approve, Sue seconded motion, vote unanimous in favor

New Vendor Food Application:

Reviewing new application as a group. Changes to the amount of buckets for durables. Vendors can say how much they want and work with durables on individual needs. Dates on forms correct (posted on .net as soon as now, .com on November 1 2023 deadline to apply 1/19/24 5pm)

Blue sheet form: due March 1 2024, added language that form is mandatory, contact info for primary secondary, silver star special, hours, menu offerings durables and ice cards. Clarify how money is handled for ice before making the final decision; ice has been cash only, changing to take cards would have to accommodate processing fees and may increase prices. Ice helps draw people to food booth meeting but has the drawback of having business conducted at meeting. Could suspend ice transactions until after the meeting and help with ice transactions afterwards to reduce burden for Norma. Having registration and ice cards happen in the same transaction eliminates the need for two separate lines.

MFBM March 1st. Need for heavy communication, post in fair family news for November and December. Send Vanessa a copy of blue sheets for the .net site. Guidelines goes up November 1st and deadline 12/15. Vanessa to change dates. Durables information on blue sheet not an order, rather an estimate of vendor need. Will provide contact info for durables. Mark and Alexis should be copied on durable communications.

Review Town Hall:

Noticed we fill time with the issues that we have, then the town hall is done. Feels more like making announcements and it's difficult to capture the community aspect in zoom format. Consider return to in person or hybrid format for town halls.

Guideline changes:

1. **Remove language to remove booth or cart sale:** hold of from now
2. **Change language to prohibit booth business, including payment, to be conducted by anyone other than Primary or Secondary booth rep:** check with booth registration and learn what they would like to have allowed

3. **Changing sequential leave of absence from two consecutive years to single year with provision for specific life events:** Hard to distinguish separation between craft and food booths, pause on reducing leave of absence time for now
4. **Prohibit water tank storage onsite:** more discussion needed, expand the conversation to other parties
5. **Add specific year requirements for primary and secondary booth reps:** transitions to 5 years experience in the past 10 years with at least 3 consecutive years within the 5 year minimum. Secondary would require 2 years of experience within the past 5 years.
 - a. Outlier situations will always exist
 - b. discuss how to approach requirements with new booths
 - c. Guideline change to act as guidance
 - d. Work on exact language for guideline change
 - e. to be voted on next meeting
6. **Change new booth probation to guidance period:** approved
7. **Add expectations to remove food from premises by one week after event, distinguish from non food storage:**
 - a. needs more discussion
 - b. Communicate with site manager to ensure their support
 - c. Include food and chemicals
 - d. Explosives: take into account that some booths need propane to be removed by third party. Guidance for propane tanks already exists
8. **Removal of post event commissary reporting** in favor of more comprehensive form of reporting (blue sheet)
 - a. Not something we follow up on and information is on the blue sheet
 - b. Information included on license
 - c. Existing language protects fair from potential negligence; food committee is not the entity that would be following up
9. **Remove requirement for booths to provide sanitizer for public:**
 - a. Current requirement is suggested two gallons available for past two years
 - b. Guideline put in by management
 - c. guideline states must be available on the counter, no official requirement on amount available