

Budget Committee December 6, 2023

Present: Hilary Anthony, Sandra Bauer, Steve Gorham, Bennet Rogers, Kirsten Bolton, Sue Theolass, Shirley Anderson, Mark Malaska

Minutes: table review. Kirsten will email draft directly.

Bennet facilitating

Agenda Review:

Topic 1 Food voucher denomination—Bennet set timer for 17 minutes

Add Topic 2 Overview of crews

Topic 3 Begin crew review—.

Topic 1: Food voucher denomination. Discussion of alternatives to one food voucher denominated at \$3 and allocated per hour of volunteer service during qualifying event hours. In 2023, OCF issued about 100K food vouchers, and we need to reduce the number. Discussion of food vouchers set to two hours, four hours, by day. Discussion of multiple denominations. Discussion of raising value per hour. In order to raise value per hour by 50 cents, booths would need to issue change for the single food vouchers denominated at \$3.50. Kirsten pointed out that could be burdensome. Hilary asked that the issue of change/coins be discussed at the mandatory food booth meeting.

Topic 2: Hilary briefly pointed out that the requests in the crew budgets exceed prior year passes by about 500 (using each day pass as 1/3 of a camping pass); and by about \$50,000.

Topic 3: Crews: Discussed and agreed: the general approach will be to collect crew recommendations to be approved at completion of crew review. If committee members cannot reach agreement of particular crews, or particular line items, a majority vote on the detail will prevail

Admissions: No request submitted. Recommend budget same as 2023, except reduce VIP passes by 5. Decreased VIP by 5 to 40.

Advertising: Variance from prior year due to transfers to media team.

4A—The five crew that were transferred to 4A/prepost had been added in 2018 for Wednesday and Thursday (prepost) and had been under the direction of Jennifer. Those passes were transferred out in 2023 to be part of the pre/post group that was made into a crew. 4A budget recommended at 2023 level.

4A altered abled—added as crew, increase coord expense, add \$200 supplies. Staff levels, same as 2023. (which was 5 that had been in 4A 2018-2022, plus an additional 5 crew)

Archeology—Alexis crew, return to later

Art barn—Add 250 for second coordinator expense, recalculated food vouchers at proper level (2023 had been over allocated). Staff worked with art barn on the schedule/food vouchers

Meeting evaluation:

Big appreciation for Bennet's facilitation and the smooth meeting.