

2.27.24 Food Committee Notes
Public Session

Attendance: Larry, Dan, Dave, Jill (Blazing Salads), Aaron (Veggie Heaven), Sue, Thom, Caitlin, Saman, Sunny (OCF staff (event manager)), Sebastian (India House) Paxton, Vanessa

Approve minutes from January: Sue motions to approve January minutes, Larry seconds motion, notes approved for January

Liaison report: Passed data privacy policy document at last meeting. No late fees attached to passes for 2023. No movement on changes to refunds. Guideline on sound is being turning into a workgroup and will report back to board by November. Annual report requires a mission statement; the food committee doesn't have one. Requires name, mission, members and their time spent on committee, officers (could be point person), facilitator and scribe.

Staff Report: task force going to FFN for amplified sound to get feedback with hopes to start meetings in April. 3 day tickets going on sale March 15th, presale tickets April 1st. ATT not willing to help with mobile, encourage reaching out to them to pressure them to bring something to fair to improve service. Credo Mobile & Verizon bringing three. Welcome Sunny [to new role as assistant event manager] 2024 guidelines will be ready to go on website when booth reg packet goes out. Database up and running, will be great to receive payment through that, training will need to happen (for Sunshine Database).

Blue Sheet updates:

To date 25 (21 booths, 4 carts) that have not submitted blue sheet. 2 retired booths (Olive Grove, New Day Bakery) and one LOA (Dessert Oasis). Handful of menu change requests (around 9, which includes reducing menus). Determine what the serious deadline is to turn in the Blue Sheet after March 1 and attempt to call booths with reminders to submit the Blue Sheet before the end of "grace Period". Send email out to encourage Blue Sheet completion before March 15th, then call remaining booths. Four Primary transitions and up to 8 Secondary changes requested. Sent form to applicable parties to be reviewed by committee after completion

Supplemental passes: Some booths have valid needs for extra passes and other booths have tenure but don't have the same level of need to operate. Determine what pass needs are in April, send messages out with decisions.

Booth Vacancies: discuss after the March 15th Blue Sheet deadline when there's a better idea of how many vacancies there are for 2024.

New Booth Applicants: about 40 applicants. Committee should review applicants and remove those that are too similar to existing booths or have product that doesn't work well for Oregon Country Fair's needs. Have everyone look through the list and highlight 5 favorites. Committee will start process of narrowing down applicants through email and determine who to invite for a tasting.

Food Carts in Xavanadu: Native American juried crafter marketplace in works to be located in Xavanadu, which may move the food carts in area by up to 12 feet to allow for space between new crafter space and food carts. Relocation may put them away from shade of trees, considerations will be brought to path planning to make accommodation for loss of shade from trees.

Town Hall:

Topics to discuss include: information about Sunshine Database, food pod change, no late fees for passes, lower reefer site, Emerald Ash Borer, ice costs, site report from Alexis, getting other crews there. Add Town Hall to the worksession, pin down agenda and send out a week prior to the Town Hall. Set Town Hall for March 23rd from 4pm-6pm. Schedule work session for March 17th to review Blue Sheets, spaces to be filled, go through new food booth applicants, set town hall agenda (work on agenda via email first). Idea to have time carved out in Town Hall meetings to encourage food booths to share experience with each other and encourage more information sharing with each other, and/or representatives from other crews within the fair to share knowledge.

Video library: create an opportunity for booths to make short videos on how they handle booth functions such as solar power, graywater. Paxton could offer help with video production, get in touch during setup.

Ice Price: Pre Purchased ice listed on Blue Sheet will be \$6.00 a bag and registration will add total to invoice. Pre-Purchased ice cards could be ready by MFBM. On site ice purchases will be \$8.00 per bag onsite. 2024 will be the first year that discounted ice is not available at MFBM and there's concern that there will still be an expectation to have it available at the meeting this year. Hold off on making a decision now and talk to registration, see how comfortable they are with continuing to sell discounted ice at the meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

March 1 Blue Sheet deadline
March 15th end of grace period for Blue Sheet
March 17th work session
March 23rd Town Hall
March 26th Food Committee Meeting

April 9th Food Committee Meeting
April 23rd Food Committee Meeting