

Oregon Country Fair

Craft Committee Minutes: March 12, 2025

Format: Zoom

Committee attendance: Lucy Kingsley, Sue Theolass, James Nason, John Govsky, Vince LaRochelle

Guests: Paxton, Morningstar (booth reg), Tash, Autumn Maker, Adam

Staff liaison: Vanessa

Other Participants: Christine (Scribe)

Announcements: James wants to pitch a proposal at the end of the meeting.

Agenda Approval: John moved to approve the agenda. James seconded. All voted yes. Agenda approved.

January February meeting minutes approval:

Sue moved for January minutes. James seconded. All in favor.

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John - liaison report: discussion about bylaws change. The change failed. Paxton said Capital Projects passed. There was a good batch of them and we accepted all of them. John said they will be voting next month on whether or not to move ahead with hybrid voting. This would allow for both voting by mail and voting online.

Vanessa - staff report: Spring Fling coming up. Ready to start doing online raffle tickets. Band Call Down Thunder from Bend. May 10 at Wow Hall, 6 pm. Money raised goes to Culture Jam - scholarships for kids have become more accessible this year.

Starting to get Sunshine Database off the ground. Payments should be able to made within Sunshine by end of week. Be patient, things are getting fixed all the time. Reach out to office with any inventory related questions.

Survey: has gone out. Lucy hasn't heard from anyone on the committee about how the results are going. Sent an email to Kristi asking for a short check in. She wrote back, 150 responses have come in. Can meet timeline to have results by the 28th

Retreat: Location is at Alice's - as you're driving down Chickadee, turn to the left on the hub, there's a driveway on the left that goes to Alice's, it's a house, there's a colorful sign. The Hub is large utility buildings, vehicles and a yurt. Alice's is right across Chickadee from that. There's a nice size kitchen, bathroom upstairs and downstairs. And a good size meeting room with a table that can hold 15 people.

Friday evening is a social time. We have to feed ourselves. Bring something for yourself as well as something to share.

Present on site: Sue

Virtual: Vince, John

Jay, Kim, Ken - Lucy will send a note

Meet at 11 or so on Saturday, settle in, social time. Then for the rest of the afternoon booth rep conversation starting around 2:30.

Jury norming is happening on Saturday. That's the meeting of the jurors where they review their instructions.

Have the conversation about the jurying process on Sunday at 10 am.

Invite Craft Inventory, Booth Reg, Morningstar, Doug, someone from Site Crew, someone from Construction. Lucy will get in touch with Kristi to let her know we'll be talking about the survey on Sunday so people on the crew can be present for that. Morningstar will be there on Saturday.

Vanessa will create the Zoom links.

Jury process

James's proposal:

Problems with the system are that a level of bias is introduced. We don't monitor their progress, they may wait till the last moment and then race through it. But nothing prevents them from handing the task off to an unqualified person. No easy way for jurors to ask questions and get quick answers.

Possible solution: create a second jury of 6-10 jurors of crafters, retired crafters, elders. To pare off lower scorers and reduce pool to 300-350 so regular jury can return to in-person one day event.

This would prevent all problems listed. Directly involve the population in the task of who gets to join our ranks. Crafters were not included in the process originally, which is a serious flaw. We will experience a surge in applications next year due to economic conditions being enacted by the federal government. We need to act now.

New business for April: We will talk about the Town Hall.

Meeting evaluation: Sue says she wishes the whole committee could get together. Hard to do this without everyone here. Lucy will send a note to Ken and Jay letting them know about the schedule. Adam said "best meeting ever." James has sent out the proposal. Please contact him if you didn't receive it.

Next meeting: 4/16/2025 5:30-7:30 Zoom. Agreed to meet on the 16th instead of the 9th because the jury is done on the 9th.