

## **Board of Directors Budget Meeting**

**January 26, 2026, 7 pm**

*(Subject to approval by the Board at the March 2026 Board meeting)*

Zoom remote online and live streamed on YouTube

**YouTube recording link:** [https://youtu.be/ku\\_9P86W0ms](https://youtu.be/ku_9P86W0ms)

**Board Directors present:** Anthony “AJ” Jackson (President), Lawrence Taylor, Zahra Indigo Ronlov, Sandra Bauer, Paxton Hoag, Kevin Levy, Trevor Ross (Vice President), Jon Steinhart, John Govsky, John Davis and Teresa Vaughn. Other Board officers present: Hilary Anthony (Treasurer), Jeffrey Rames (Membership Secretary) and Anna DiBenedetto (Recording Secretary). Staff present: Kirsten Bolton (Executive Director), Melissa Swan (Bookkeeper), Vanessa Roy (Marketing Manager), Alex Zabala (Office Manager), Kim Langolf (Event Manager) and Steven Berkson (Facilitator).

### **Announcements**

AJ: We lost George Braddock. George had been working with Sandra and the Budget Committee for a long time. AJ will put forward motions tonight in George’s absence. Please don’t forget George’s contributions to the Fair, especially as it relates to the budget.

### **Agenda Review**

**The Board approved the January 26, 2026, agenda by unanimous consent.**

### **Treasurers’ Report**

Hilary: We are missing George. He was on the Budget Committee for a long time, serving on the Budget Committee for about 10 years, even before he was elected to the Board. Thanks to other Budget Committee members who saw the process through: Sandra Bauer (Board liaison), Steve “Grumpy” Gorham, Bennett Rogers (who has been chairing the meetings), Sean Cummings and Shirley Anderson. Also, Annette and William have been sitting in because they are interested in the process. At the Financial Planning meeting and then Revenue meeting in December, the stated plan has been to not raise fees or prices and try to stabilize population. We didn’t want massive increases. The QuickBooks Budget form is available on the website, showing last year’s budget and this year’s proposed side by side. The revenue portion is what the Board has already approved and what’s presented tonight. There are a few strategic operational changes. They did small increases to Entertainment and Kitchen. There are a few other operational area changes. There are no big surprises, as it is very consistent with recent years. Thanks to staff. Kirsten has been at all of the meetings. The current staff has really stepped up their involvement in Budget process. The total 2026 Expense Budget is \$3,910,833.

**Old Business**

*(YouTube video: 0:05:43)*

**Sandra moved and AJ seconded to approve the Board Budget of \$137,300.  
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**AJ moved and Sandra seconded to approve the Crew Budget of \$1,239,276.  
The motion passed: 11-0.**

*(YouTube video: 0:17:32)*

**Sandra moved and AJ seconded to approve the Culture Jam Budget of \$83,800.  
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**AJ moved and Sandra seconded to approve the Office Management Budget of \$74,400.  
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**Sandra moved and AJ seconded to approve the Site & Facilities Budget of \$669,000.  
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**AJ moved and Sandra seconded to approve the Event Management Budget of \$593,564.  
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

*(YouTube video: 0:30:04)*

**Sandra moved and AJ seconded to approve the General Management Budget of \$1,113,493.  
The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**Next Board Meeting: February 2, 2026, at 7 pm via Zoom**