Food Committee Meeting 9-29-2026

Attendance: Saman, Dan, Aaron, Vanessa, Sue, Jill, Dave, Larry, Kevin, Paxton, Summer (scribe) Ryan (FUBBQ)

Upcoming Dates:

- 10.6.26: Guidelines subcommittee meeting
- 10.20.26: Food Committee Meeting
- 11.6-11.8: Food Committee Retreat
- 11.15.26: Deadline for Guideline submissions

Next Meeting Agenda:

- review experience at CBP meeting (committee Best Practice)
- Our own committee's practice: how we structure ourselves
- Plan retreat, invite attendees. Determine how to record/zoom invites for virtual attendance of retreat
- Registration review, next meeting (doug)
- Review subcommittee work on guideline changes

Motion to approve meeting notes: 7-0-0 motion passed

Durables: Very few booths have the necessity to use wooden or other alternatives to durables. Questions raised on whether compostable alternatives could be more cost effective. Fair has heavy investment in the durables program, any changes are considered unlikely before the 2027 Fair.

Town Hall review: Feedback was largely positive. The committee aspires to continue the town hall format, improve engagement with the food community. More discussion needed on registration, invite Doug to next meeting 10/20 (Jill will reach out to Doug) Consider allowing future town hall discussions to run longer with no obligation for participants to be present entire time, recordings will be posted on the HUB with a link on .net site. Dan can draft a message to go out to food community letting them know where to access recordings.

Guideline change process: Proposed guideline updates will be discussed between October 1 and November 15, with recommendations going to the board in December and votes scheduled for January. A guideline subcommittee was formed to refine proposals. Lots of information to go over, not everything needs to be addressed in this year, prioritize what committee would like to

see happen this year. Committee started discussion on Secondary qualifications & requirements, defining the roles of a secondary including succession. Committee also discussed Day Worker passes for the food community citing concerns on Day worker pass limitations, abuse of day worker passes; it was also noted that Day worker passes allow people to vote and gain eligibility for Elder status. Existing guidelines already prohibit distributing passes to non workers.

Committee meeting structure: idea to create a living document of discussion topics for reference, continue learning and application of Committee Best Practices (CBP). Some discussion on effectiveness of using subcommittees to complete work in a more timely fashion, consensus is that subcommittees are effective but need to put trust into decisions to truly be more efficient. Subcommittees can also be a way to distill committee topics for more efficient discussion with the committee as a whole.

Open meeting language: The committee voted on and approved a motion for the following copy to be posted on site regarding return to open meetings:

- *Food Committee meetings begin open to the community, whether you're a booth representative with a question or concern, or you're simply curious about our process and thinking about getting involved. We encourage anyone interested to attend. Meetings run for two hours and are open by default. If the agenda includes a sensitive or confidential matter, then we may move to a closed session for Food Committee meetings*.
- 7-0-0 motion passed