

Attendance: Giorgi DeCarlo (Chair), Kate Whitehorse, Teresa Pitzer, Jaimee Gentile, Chuck Roerich, Ritta Dreier, Julia Garretson, Rachell Coe
Excused: Eli Mazet

Staff: Kirsten Bolton, Vanessa Roy, JJ Hendrix, AJ Jackson Recorder: Diane McWhorter

Guests: Colleen Bauman, Tym Mazet, David Church

Introductions and Announcements: Around the room. The Standards Annual Review will be January 2, 3:00 pm. The Policy Task Force will meet February 13, 2-4 pm. Jaimee will miss the next meeting. Chuck and Ritta will need to leave early tonight.

Board Educational Minute: Diane gave a history of the 1970 and 1971 events which began the Market. Many of the tenets we still work by were established right at the beginning. Lotte Streisinger had been organizing EPIC craft sales for a decade and went to the City Council to ask for a place to sell on public space on Saturdays. They allowed one day, May 9, 1970, and there were 29 vendors in the rain. The Council wanted to evaluate and did grant the rest of the season, beginning June 6th. The charge was 50 cents per space, sometimes \$1. Council was supportive but some of the merchants did not like the vendors. In mid-summer a stilt-walker attracted attention. By Christmas there were 200 vendors so they needed more space and Lotte began asking Lane County for space. There were only three commissioners, and the Market was turned down twice, 2-1, in February and April. Lotte originally asked for the Park Blocks, but finally the market was allowed to use Courthouse Plaza. The Craftsman's Guild had to incorporate a business, hire a manager, and buy liability insurance. There was a board of 5, and costs were \$800 for insurance and \$500 to incorporate, with a manager earning \$25 a week, and an assistant for \$10. Rent was \$25 a week, so space fees went up to \$1.50 per space. Dogs had been banned after being a problem at the first Market. Hours were 10-5, and no jurying was done, just a check to see that things were handmade, grown or gathered. Downtown merchant support and public support were gained to get the Commissioner's support. Things went well until August when the commissioners again said no to the continuation. The Info booth was draped in black and black armbands were worn on the last day, when Presidential candidate George McGovern attended. The Saturday Market Committee met and voted to go to the Butterfly lot as the only option left. They sold there until Christmas and were able have food booths and greatly expand the market. They remained there for the next ten years.

Pressing Member Concerns: Two situations were discussed. Shirab Tenaj asked for the right to continue to use the spaces of Peter LeSeuer of Copper Cobra. He will not be able to continue in PB#317 and HM#42 due to health issues. She has not been a member but is a family member. The members felt that she was doing the work and should be able to continue in those spaces while earning her own points.

However, if she cannot attend regularly, her situation could be re-assessed next year. The point system works if the family members know to join and begin earning points. She and her sons will also need to screen the products in their own names. AJ confirmed that with regular attendance she could maintain 31 points, and would need to sell 12 times in the PB space, and 4 times in the HM space. A family legacy program is in discussion in the Standards Committee. At least one member felt that single people are treated unfairly in similar situations.

***Motion: Grant Shirab Tenaj the spaces from Copper Cobra for one year with three caveats: she and her sons need to become members, maintain her points, and have the products screened in their own names (Teresa/Rachell) 7-0-0

The second situation involved staff so couldn't be discussed at the Board meeting, and the member wasn't in attendance, and hadn't filed a written complaint. Members who were contacted should take their concerns to Kirsten. Personnel Committee will address it if needed.

Board members were reminded that Board communications should be copied to the Secretary if possible. If they receive phone calls, they should request that the member document their concerns in writing. Complaints about staff should be directed to the GM, unless they are about the GM, in which case they go to the Board Chair.

Agenda Review: Remove the Market Supporter Program from the agenda for this month.

***Motion: Approve the agenda (Julia/Teresa) 7-0-0

Approval of Minutes:

***Motion: Approve the Board minutes of November 7th (Teresa/Kate) 6-0-1 (Julia)

Volunteer of the Month: Diane McWhorter

Administrative Report: SM 2018 income was up over SM 2017. November financials will be reported in January. Census was attached. Member total is 603. HM18 is off to a great start, with inspections passed and collections strong. There were a few roof leaks on Thanksgiving weekend. Work task signups are minimal and staff is working some of the shifts. Particularly on December 26th, the staff needs help with all of the tasks to close down the facility.

***Motion: Accept Kirsten's report (Ritta/Julia) 7-0-0

Advertising Report: Vanessa said that evaluations should be filled out each weekend. Due to the feedback, decibel levels are being fine-tuned and Jimmy can be responsive to member needs. The Elf game had 300 entries and was a great success. Womenspace likes the gift tags. There is a suggestion box for dress-up day ideas. The Guidebooks are almost gone. Facebook posts are averaging 25 per week. Instagram posts have jumped tremendously.

***Motion: Accept Vanessa's Advertising Report (Ritta/Kate) 6-0-0 (Jaimee was out of the room.)

Committee and Task Force Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Meeting Evaluation: good work following policies.

***Motion: Adjourn (Ritta/Julia) 6:45 pm

