

Meeting of the Midwest Burners Board of Directors
March 13, 2016
Vinnie's House

The meeting was called to order at 12:25pm. Vinnie, flea, Tiny, Hillary and Jeremy were present.

Finances were discussed:

Total monies including current ticket sales as of 3/12 is \$47278

The issue of how to deal with extra money earned was discussed:

In future budget proposals: 75% of net sales may be available to go back into increased budget which is expected to include increased art grants for each particular event.

Financials report from 2013 and 2014 will be reformatted by Jeremy and posted to the website. 2015 will be available for the public in June.

Concerns with financials were discussed as they are extremely time consuming:

What are the total fees paid to PayPal? Brown Paper Tickets? Burner Tickets?
It was decided to get our own payment processor in the future and to pay a bookkeeper/ paid tax preparer. Hillary will investigate finding this person

InterFuse budget was discussed:

It was decided that budgets for all events must be submitted before Art Grant applications open. A preliminary budget (including major department funds, art grants, land rental and insurance [ECs will procure their own]) is needed 4 months before the event and a detailed budget is needed 6 weeks before ticket sales end.

Art Grant monies were discussed:

\$5000 was requested in the budget
\$1592 has been generated from ticket sale donations
\$666 was raised by the Ignition Art Auction
\$5875 has been awarded so far

It was decided that art grants should comprise 25% of the requested budget for future InterFuses. The board recommends that the Art Grant committee utilize either soft limits, larger limits, or various limits rather than one strict limit for future consideration.

A donation button for our website and the solicitation of donations was discussed:

People may want to make donations at the end of the year for tax write-offs

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A community outreach program was discussed to address the community problems that our event may cause such as traffic, noise complaints.

Tiny will identify the people with whom we need to speak .

Funding was set at \$1000 for this purpose.

Rangers were discussed:

The need was identified in regards to helping support Rangers and Ranger training.

The recording and photography policy was discussed:

Permission is required any time a person is identifiable in an image. No image may be used for commercial purposes.

From the website:

- Ask first – ask before you photograph, ask before you record, ask before you take, ask before you touch. We respect each other as individuals and acknowledge that everyone has differing boundaries. For all-ages events, please obtain parental permission before photographing or videotaping children.

Sound policy was discussed:

Ideas are needed to discover how to make it easier for the sound monitors to do what they are supposed to do: a mass contact tech type of thing.

MWB presence online was discussed:

How do we promote a more positive environment?

The education group is helpful with this

Addition of other burns and dates were discussed:

Kansas - July 22-24

Resonance - October 1 (highly interested in joining)

HOP - has land and is negotiating price
looking at Sept 24th

Hulla will fall around whatever is available

BDR - dates July 8-10

(Gateway = June 9-12)

Each event must have a comptroller, appoint a clerk, and have volunteer coordinators for each department.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm.