

Arts in Nature Fest Apr. 27 Meeting Notes

We agreed that based on our experience and feedback from folks attending, the 2015 Arts in Nature Fest was a success in spite of the rain and change in venue. Vendors did well, were happy, and want to come back next year. Folks attending reported having a good time and enjoyed the variety of activities available and the energy and vibes of the festival. The performers were pleased with the sound, and the kids loved the Kids Zone.

There were issues with electricity for the food vendors which were eventually resolved. In the future we should make sure that the circuits available meet the needs of the vendors. If we know the amps in the circuits available we can better determine the number of booths requiring electricity that we can accommodate.

It was recommended that we move the Jam and Slam to an area near the food and other vendors where there will be greater exposure. Vendors playing music at their booths should be asked to keep the volume low. It was also suggested that we do not start scheduled activities until 10 a.m. to give folks a chance to move from the opening ceremony to the activity; and that activities taking place in the same area be separated by 15 minutes to give time for set-up and take-down.

One of the positive aspects of the festival was that with some exceptions the activities were centralized and folks had easy access to the different locations. With regards to the Nature Area, it may be better to try to centralize activities rather than spread them throughout the Nature Area as was planned for this year. We could have some time specific activities planned in the Nature Area (scavenger hunt, gold rush stories, etc.) but keep most of the activities in the area near the amphitheater. Everyone felt that having a critical mass in the main part of the festival contributed to the fun atmosphere that many folks commented on.

Kim, Drew, Sharai, John, Buzz and Nancy agreed to send thank you letters to our Sponsors. David will print the letters; Buzz will distribute them along with a list of who to send them to. Drew will write letter to the Editor of the Georgetown Gazette thanking all the folks involved with the Festival.

All receipts and any money from the event should be given to Kim for processing. Buzz will prepare a folder with the documents and processes followed in putting on this year's festival and have Liz post it on the FONA web page for future use as needed.

Alan recorded the performances in the multipurpose room. He will edit them and give the edit to Buzz who will have it put on KFOK for rebroadcast.

Next year we need to have a process for handling any medical emergencies. This could be a good quality first aid kit for minor scrapes and bruises, and a phone number for contacting medical personal in the case of serious medical emergencies.

The 2016 Arts in Nature Festival will take place on Saturday April 30. We will post this on the FONA and facebook pages. The folks scheduling baseball and the prom will be notified in an attempt to avoid conflicting events on the same day.

The meeting ended with a toast of sparkling cider on a job well done!!