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Welcome to a new year with Summerfair Cincinnati!

The Membership Committee has plans for you!

The Membership Committee would like to make changes step-by-step until our monthly general meetings are NOT-TO-MISS events each and every month! What do we have to say about the September meeting? Put your boss on hold; cancel Yoga; set out the dog. Just be in Anderson! We have lots of new things to introduce, prizes to be won, and plans to be made.

Summerfair Cincinnati membership meetings are scheduled through 2008 and will be held at the Anderson Center. Visit the website at www.summerfair.org/calendar.htm for information on the exact locations. The meetings are held the third Thursday of the month for September, October and November, with December being the festive holiday party. In January, we will be announcing new themes for the coming membership meetings. You will be hearing details between now and then, as well as receiving an email survey to help determine the location and day of the week for meetings, and many other things that are important to you! Please take the time to complete the email when it comes to you. We want you to answer completely and honestly. We value your feedback and the answers you provide will help determine much of how the new Summerfair Cincinnati will look and run.

Please plan to attend the September 18 meeting; doors open at 7 p.m. We will have a wrap up to this past year's fair, as well as new information about how Summerfair Cincinnati is leaping into the future!

See you soon!
Membership Committee
Jill Folzenlogen
Anne Poppe
Jayne Utter

Membership Meeting

September 18

Where:
Anderson
Station

When:
7 p.m.
Hospitality
7:30 p.m.
Meeting

What:
•Meet the
Executive
Board
•New
Summerfair
Logo

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
SHARON STRUBBE

Things are beginning to pickup in the Summerfair office! Here's the skinny...

New Office Space

I've met with the Township and the architects on the **build out of the new office space**. After they got my input, it went back to the drawing board and is now out for bids. Right now, the Township is pushing for a February move; however, if that doesn't happen, then nothing will occur until July...after this year's Fair.

The new office space is going to be really cool and will include a **small gallery in which we can display the Summerfair collection!** We will plan an **Open House for membership and the public** in either March or August, depending on when we are able to move in.

Board Retreat

At our annual Board retreat, the Board approved our **new brand identity (logo)** and it will be revealed to the membership at the September membership meeting!

AIA Grant

We've received many applications for the upcoming **AIA grant**. Our Vice President of Grants, Krista Paas, will be enlisting the aid of interested members to help judge the entries.

Poster Competition

The 2009 Poster Competition opened on September 2 with the application online at www.summerfair.org for downloading. I will be attending the annual Johnson Paper Smelt Fry on Thursday, October 16 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the Millennium Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. We have a table exhibit from which we will hand out information on the competition. Since Cyndi Lawson is unable to attend this year, I'm hoping that there are some members who might be interested in helping at the exhibit that day. If you are available, please contact me at 513.531.0050 to discuss the schedule and open times. Thank you for your help!

Membership Meeting Dates

At the annual Board retreat, the dates for the upcoming membership meetings were determined through November 2008. Visit the Summerfair website calendar at www.summerfair.org/calendar for dates and locations...please make sure to check the website every so often, as our Web Guru, Roger Henthorn, makes sure to revise as needed.

FAIR REPORT
FAIR NEWS 2009

Good Gosh, where has the summer gone? It seems like just yesterday that the 2008 fair ended! We still have the poodle-skirt hanging in the closet at our house (wasn't that a fun party; thanks again to Jane and Roger and crew for the festivities)! Joe and Kelly did a fantastic job with Summerfair 2008. Thank You, Kelly & Joe—you've left mighty big shoes to fill in the coming year!

After taking a big breath we're off and running. Already the wheels for the 2009 fair are turning – can you feel the excitement beginning? No Rest for the weary. A big THANK YOU goes out to Cindy Lawson. Cindy has already begun the Poster Design Competition. That calls for at least a couple raffle tickets, don't ya think?! The competition opened September 2 and will close Friday, November 14. Entries will be picked up at the various drop off points on Saturday, November 15. The judging to narrow it down to the finalists will occur Sunday, November 16. The membership meeting where YOU will get to vote will be the following the week. Wow – this November we get to vote on a new president and a new poster; isn't democracy terrific?

We'll need help in picking up the entries and getting them to Cindy and the YMCA for judging – mark November 14, 15 and 16 on your calendars now. Come to the membership meeting this September 18 and learn more about it and sign up to help with this really cool process! If you can't make the meeting this month, but still want to participate, let us know and we'll get the word to Cindy.

See Ya Soon, with more news and opportunities to share!
-Terri & Bill ☺
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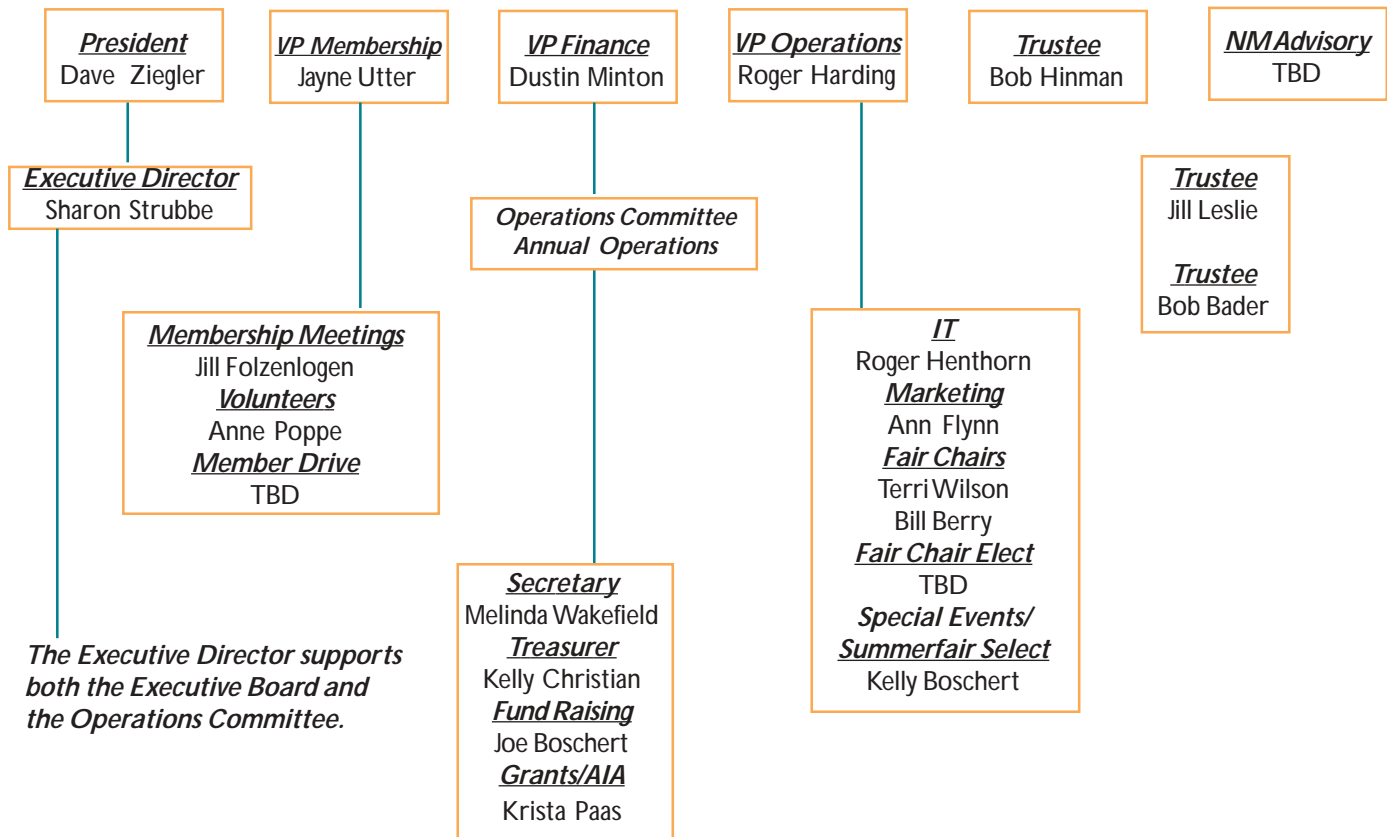
ASK A GREENSHIRT!

Q: Yo – What's up with those blue raffle tickets that have been at recent meetings and events?

A: It's the **Summerfair Do Raffle**, for all the Summerfair Dudes and Dudettes that "Do" Summerfair year-round! Really! For every meeting attended, every event either attended or better yet, helped out with and participated with, for everything you do throughout the year in support of Summerfair and our artists, you get a raffle ticket. THEN on the final meeting before the Fair itself, at the Coney Walk-Thru Chicken Dinner in May, we'll draw the winner(s). Prize announcements are forthcoming – they'll be cool. It's a fun way and our way of saying THANK YOU for all you've done and all you will do throughout the year. So, see you at the next membership meeting, all you Dudes and Dudettes! Raffle tickets all around – there is a roll of 2,000 tickets and we want green shirts to be having so much fun that we go through the whole roll!

SUMMERFAIR CINCINNATI EXECUTIVE BOARD

LONG TERM STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE



- Executive Board positions are appointed by the Executive Board with consultation of the Operations Committee. Executive Board has final decision rights.
- Operations Committee positions and the Executive Board Trustee position are voted in by the general membership.
- The Operations Committee is non-voting but acts as consultants to the Executive Board on voting decisions.
- The Operations Committee consists of “working committees”.
- The Executive Board and Operations Committee conduct a meeting together once per month.
- The Executive Board meets bi-monthly.
- The Executive Director reports directly to the President and attends all meetings.
- The Executive Director Performance Evaluation is conducted by the Executive Board, along with Board of Director input.
- The Vice President of Membership conducts the monthly membership meetings.

- The President and the Vice Presidents of the Executive Board may be from organizations outside of Summerfair. They are not required to be Summerfair members.
- It is recommended, for the first year, a “transitional” Executive Board, whose focus will be to implement the strategic plan and the new initiatives of the organization.

Questions & Principles

- What is the level of decision-making of each organization?
- Define the roles and expectations of the Executive Board.
- Set Executive Board term limits in such a way that all current members may not change at the same time.
- Set principles for adding new committees.
- Create the policy and procedures for voting to expel an Executive Board member or Operations Committee member.

Summerfair Cincinnati Event Calendar

Thursday, September 11 @ 7:30pm – Operations Committee meeting: Anderson Center, large conference room

Thursday, September 18 @ 7:30pm – September Membership meeting: Anderson Station
Welcome Back and Reveal of new SF Brand Identity (logo)

Thursday, October 9 @ 7:30pm – Operations Committee meeting: Anderson Station

Thursday, October 16 @ 7:30pm – October Membership meeting: Anderson Station
AIA Grants Awarded

Thursday, November 13 @ 7:30pm – Operations Committee meeting: Anderson Center, large conference room

Sunday, November 16 @ 1 – 3pm – Poster Competition Judging: ME Lyons YMCA

Thursday, November 20 @ 7:30pm – November Membership meeting: Anderson Station
Poster Competition membership VOTE

You will notice that the upcoming meetings are being held at the Anderson Station (rather than the Anderson Center large conference room). The Anderson Station is the building at the top of the hill in the Metro Park 'N Ride parking lot. (Between the Anderson Towne Center and the Anderson Center, on your right hand side of Five Mile as you come down the hill past the Mall).



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