MRPA Programming Network Meeting Notes: 2/16

Introductions: 38 total participants

Farmers Markets:

* Recruitment
  + MN Farmers Market Association is a great resource
  + Cottage food license – helps to find small businesses and get them involved
  + Eagan:
    - A lot of word of mouth recruitment is happening
    - Make vendor applications simple and easy – helps with the entire process
  + Customers are requesting vendors that they want to see
* Weather Cancellations
  + Smoke was a big issue last summer
  + Have more of an overall weather policy in place
  + National Weather Service is a great resource
    - Have an online form and will reach out if anything comes through last minute
* Dogs?
  + Ok as long as they are not where food is being prepared (ex. In the vendor booths)

Summer Camps:

* Camp Ideas/Themes
  + Edina: Week of cardboard camp – making fun stuff out of cardboard all week
  + Eagan: Digital art camps
  + Brooklyn Center: Olympics week
    - Competitions and awards at the end of the week
    - Example – Javelin throw with pool noodle
  + Saint Paul: Fishing camps
* Craft Ideas: Sock puppets out of socks
* August Camps? Many cities lose majority of their staff by mid-August, run smaller camps in mid-late August.

First Aid Kits:

* Some cities are including Narcan in first aid kits, especially for teen programming

Seasonal Staffing:

* Eagan will be doing a “Leader In Training” program for new leaders
* Group or individual?
  + Some cities do a little bit of both
  + Individual interviews, training with entire staff
* Clocking in/out software: PayCom, When I Work, Kronis, UKG, NeoGov, classic paper, K-Pay, Intellitime

MRPA Programming Network Meeting Notes: 3/15

Introductions: 25 total participants

Summer Pop Up Programs:

* Many cities offer pop up programs
* Themes are helpful for participants that are interested in a specific activity/hobby
* Drop in style

Festivals:

* Great discussion on incorporating puzzle contests with city events/festivals
  + 500-piece puzzles
  + Groups of 4
* Food Vendor Suggestions
  + Black Market Minneapolis good resource
  + Food truck Facebook groups
  + Minnesota Food Truck Association
* Are cities able to offer programs on Juneteenth?
  + Some are, some aren’t

SAVE THE DATE: April 26, 10-11:30am in person meeting with YPSN network.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 12th at 10am, virtual