

3-24-16 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Cousins, Jain Elliott, Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Heather Kent, Michael James Long, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak (also note taker).
OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Harrison, Patty Marx, Jon Pincus, Karen Stingle and Licia Shultz (meeting facilitator)

MINUTES-All approved the motion to approve last month's meeting minutes.

BUDGET-Our approved budget of \$1000 is for our booth and entertainment combined. Sandra has requested \$600 for the Still Living Room, for frames and lighting. After discussion our events budget for the -Old Timer's Picnic and the Meet-n-greet will be \$500, \$200 for booth floral arrangements (DeeDee), leaving \$300 for other decorative items for the Still Living Room (Sandra). Katie will let Sandra know and encourage her to post a wishlist specifying items she wants for the Still Living Room.

GEEZER PLEEZER-Chris has arranged for the rental from Tuesday to Tuesday from Action Rental for a total cost of \$421.50, the budgeted amount for this specific item is \$400. The request for first aid kits, fire extinguisher and defibulator were denied. Jon will request 2 first aid kits (1 for the Geezer and 1 for Elder Central) and a fire extinguisher from the quartermaster.

APPLICATIONS-An additional two applicants whose applications had been received prior to the February 1 deadline have been vetted and are recommended for approval.

RE: the controversy of the rejected applicant-original information that was provided was too sketchy to verify 20 years of "service" which our protocol requires. Patricia will call them and notify them that applications are closed for this fair. To appeal their case, they can re-apply for next fair and they should provide reference/contact information that fully supports their application.

Patricia read from May 2003 meeting minutes when applicants had to appear in person. Paxton clarified that people have to have been in service to the fair as stated by the original BoD motion establishing Elders as persons 55 or older who had "served the fair" as a staff or booth member and/or entertainer for 20 years.. To reduce the subjectivity of "service to the fair" we verify references. Regardless of recent changes to the bylaws regarding "membership," we will not be changing our protocol in determining elder status without direction from the BoD.

BANK ACCOUNT-The current method of dealing with checks to pay for passes was explained. All checks are held til a June meeting with inventory when they are all laboriously counted, re-counted and receipted. Last year, a week or so after this process the elder representative was called and given flack as some checks were now missing. Since then solutions for a better process have been considered. Advanced deposits, in increments as checks are received, have been vetoed by inventory. Lucy has stated that she prefers that the elders have their own bank account.

Motion was made by Peggy, seconded by Heather that Katie, Patricia and Michael be designated as signers on a bank account to be established for OCF Elders at Banner Bank. Friendly amendment was made by Dee to specify that 2 signatures would be required for any amount over \$500. All approved. Katie will proceed with making the arrangements.

STATUS CHANGE-A suggestion was made that we propose to the BoD a recommendation that, with fair warning, we incrementally raise the age of elder status to 56, 2 years later, 57, etc, keeping the 20 year requirement as is. Another suggested that the service requirement should be raised rather than the age. In discussing, the point was made that both of these proposals would have a negative impact on youth as transitions would be even slower. Tabled.

DRIVER- In order to more efficiently help the elders and for elders' related duties, Jon made a case for being able to drive Fair own vehicles-truck and gators while on site, he requests to be a designated driver listed on record for OCF insurance purposes. Nobody specifically objected. He will pursue this with the Fair office.

CALENDAR-Possible fair retreat dates were considered, first choice is Oct 8-9, second choice is October 1-2. Jain will talk to Shane to reserve Alice's and get back to us.
NEXT ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING is April 28, starting at 7p.m at the Grower's Market, 454 Williamette Street.