

## 9-22-16 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (draft)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Cohn, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak (also note taker).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Heather Kent and Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Harrison, Ken "Mambo" Gibsen, Patty Marx, Jerry Shultz and Licia Shultz (meeting facilitator)

ANNOUNCEMENTS-All committee members are invited to the Memorial for Talon, Diane's grandson. It will be held on Sat, September 24, 5 p.m., Full Circle Herb Company, potluck.

Kay-After many years of volunteering Kay will be stepping back from sub-committees (Events, Memorial, Camping). She will continue to serve on the Elders Committee and plans are underway for this year's Spiritwalk.

Licia also steps down from subcommittee work (Events, and Still Living Room setup) but will continue being our Elder Committee facilitator.

THANK YOU KAY and LICIA!

Other elders, Robert and Chris specifically mentioned feeling overworked and will be re-considering duties (setup and Geezer). Prior to this year's fair, Katie said she would no longer be Lead on Applications subcommittee. Budget liaison may be open also.

We need to mine the elders list and request specific people to assist and offer to consult. Elders will not be able to do as much as we have done without additional volunteers and energy. If job descriptions are drafted Alan will post on wonderfulelders and Michael will post in fall newsletter. Job openings will be topic of discussion at the retreat.

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

MEETING LOCATION-Why are we back at the fair office? Grower's Market does have a working elevator, both sites are all accessible. We will plan to meet at the office for the October meeting but will discuss/vote on place to meet when more people are present at the retreat.

STILL LIVING ROOM-Marcia and Bonnie did a great job! They like working together and want to continue co-coordinating next year. They had good shift volunteers but they especially sing praises to Eric who was ready to help with anything. Great job Sandra Bauer and set up crew. The Still Living Room was BEAUTIFUL! There was wonderful feedback from fairgoers. Musicians however complained about the lack of space for a listening audience, it's just too hard to play on that stage (or lack of one), sound and crowd issues are not hospitable to musicians. Jon and AnnMarie (THANK YOU!) had a great line up and good ideas about improving sound. Construction crew is aware of request for sound containment and a higher fence which may be rebuilt next year. We should reconsider entertainment at the Still Living Room next year.

NOTE FOR FUTURE SETUP CREW-Having a red service vehicle sticker for pre and post fair would help tremendously. Jerry has been invaluable. Thanks to all who helped with set up and take down.

GEEZER-Chris had a lot more drivers this year but there were multiple issues with charging the Geezer to keep it operational. She was able to get a \$100 refund from Action Rental because the Geezer could not keep a charge. Chris worked a lot with 4A whose power needs were also challenged and co-opted. The fair's infrastructure needs serious upgrading. The need for electricity far exceeds the capacity which only continues to grow with technological advances. Chris would talk to the GM before next year and taking this job on again. THANKS Chris!

CAMPING- Kay reported on behalf of Peggy. Camp was full and overflow campsite with 10 spots filled within the first hour. Teen crew was very helpful, Peggy's appointed assistant, not so much. This year there was a kitchen tent set up along with a hospitality tent, Peggy brought in much of the food and kitchen items which were a huge benefit to the camp but also became a source of difficulty not to mention additional effort that may not be sustainable. Should we have more than one camp host next year? Peggy is outstanding contributor for whom we are very thankful. We do not want her to be overused or abused! We need to develop protocol for dealing with complaints, post rules for conduct and kitchen use and get the word out that Elder camp, etc is a gift and privilege operated by volunteers, not an entitlement. Mambo offers to assist Kay in writing a blurb for wonderful elders and the fall newsletter. Developing protocol and process will be a retreat topic.

MORE THANKS-Mark Baciggalupi and Norma Baum made the showers INCREDIBLE!!

**SPIRITWALK-Alice's October 15, 5 p.m. at the YURT. Potluck. Set up at 4 p.m.**

**RETREAT-** Alice's is reserved for October 8-9. Saturday 10 a.m.-12, 1 hour for lunch sessions 1-3 p.m. and again 4-6 p.m. Agenda items: To become a Crew or remain Not a Crew, future committee meeting locations, developing protocol and processes for complaints and incident review, Elder's event decisions and planning as well as discussing important volunteer openings and changes. We hope to get all business done on Saturday so that Sunday can just be fun day. Potluck lunch, bring an item to share. Dinner will be a Harvest meal of turkey, roasted veggies, mashed potatoes & gravy."Alice's is reserved for October 8-9. Saturday 10 a.m.-12, 1 hour for lunch sessions 1-3 p.m. and again 4-6 p.m. Agenda items: To Crew or Not to Crew-Meeting location-Protocol and processes-Events-Volunteer openings. We hope to get all business done so Sunday can just be funday. Potluck lunch, bring an item to share. Dinner will be a Harvest meal of turkey, roasted veggies, mashed potatoes & gravy.

ANNUAL MEETING is 10/22. VOTE!!!

NEXT ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING- Meetings are at 7 p.m, usually the 4 th Thursday.  
October 27-Elders Committee meeting, 7 p.m. **at the OCF office.**  
November **17** -meeting place to be discussed at retreat.  
December party (no meeting) -place and time to be discussed at retreat.