

2-28-13 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Peggy Day, Jain Elliott, Patricia Van Esso, Jim Goettler (via Skype), Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson, and Dee Wirak (also note taker)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Katie Cousins, Don Doolin, and Roger Lesiak
OTHERS PRESENT: Reggie DeSoto, M!KL, Bill Granjost, "Mouseman" McCarthy, Heather Kent, Patty Marx, Jerry Joffe, Joe Sanders and Licia Shultz

UPDATE: LPFM- R. Pope, OCF attorney has received the paperwork to review and will meet with the Board. Paxton has offered to put a motion forward to the Board of Directors in support of submitting an application to the FCC. Why not? This is all that is needed for now. Details will be worked out later.

UPDATE: ELDER CRAFT AREA-Kay, Licia, Mouseman and Heather met with Charlie Ruff to discuss having elder crafts represented in the Still Living Room. Crafts will NOT be part of this year's fair. However, a survey will be conducted to flush out the vision, scope and size if such an endeavor is to proceed. Charlie knows we want to facilitate movement, that this is a possible solution to vendor space problems at the fair. More back and forth open discussions are anticipated in the future.

GUIDELINE CHANGE-At the February BoD meeting, the following changes to guideline #55 were approved by a 7 to 3 vote: **A craftsperson who elects to obtain their wristband through the Elders program may not remain active selling their crafts in any craft booth during the public hours of the Fair in that calendar year.** The BoD was unresponsive to the Elders Committee's request to table this motion. This is a management/staff driven motion to encourage retirement. We had hoped for a more gradual transition process as we anticipate that this will have a negative effect on elder crafters and their families. Booths will have to ask for extra passes from Registration.

This guideline change closes a loophole that was an inadvertent byproduct of the elders program creation, allowing booths to increase their number of passes unwontedly. This loophole that we did not create or want has put the elders program in a negative light. A statement from the elders committee to clarify our intentions will be crafted by Michael and posted online for feedback.

COMMUNITY CENTER-Go to the board meeting this Monday night (3/4) and let the Board know how you feel. Go to the March 18th presentation on the project at the Hilyard Community Center.

MEET-N-GREET-Licia reported that Paul Biondi's band is not available but that Ray Mann has offered his band for the event. Licia asks for a thumbs up to gather more information, granted. She was also given another name to consider for the venue.

CAMP-Chris announced the following dates for camp work parties, all are on Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: April 13, May 18 and June 15.

BUDGET/CAPITOL PROJECTS-We had asked for \$1355 for capitol projects to include timeline exhibit, shade cloth, photo frames, a new display case and modifications to our current case. Due to budget constraints, we were only given \$400 as requested for the 2000-2009 timeline exhibit.

UPDATE: TIMELINE PROJECT-The text for the 2000-2009 exhibit has been approved with one last fact to be checked. Jerry will be talking to Marilyn end of March.

NEW ELDER APPLICATIONS-The applications subcommittee has vetted and reviewed 48 new applicants, all approved as recommended by the subcommittee. There are an additional 17 applicants still in process of being reviewed. If these are approved there will have been 130 elders added this year for a grand total of 864 elders.

PARADES-In looking ahead to approaching milestones, Reggie suggests that for the 45th OCF anniversary there should be an official grand entrance in the Eugene Celebration; for the 50th anniversary we should enter in the Portland Rose Festival parade. This would require a good sized budget and extensive planning. He envisions the horse crew with their custom drapes, a float with every inch covered in flowers and good, international PR worth its weight in gold. This would not just bring in ticket sales but could display our bigger circle, sense of community. The elders committee voted to make Reggie our spokesperson, he'll talk to Charlie.

GIL HARRISON Memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9. M!KL presented an idea to honor the passing of Gil Harrison-create a one year memorial site or rest stop at Gil's booth. This walking pastoral area could be a wayside memorial or adjunct to the Still Living Room. He said he has mentioned it to Crafts planning and that Diane had offered to bring the idea to the Crafts committee. Elders said the idea is worth pursuing, he is advised him to go through proper channels, see if the booth is even open, Gil shared his booth, these booth mates must be included in the discussion, also Path Planning may need to be approached.

ARTIST SOUGHT- Get in touch with Jim to help artistically with the water bottle project, an artist is needed to design a 2 ½ circle sticker to be used to encourage people to not use plastic bottles.

SPRING RETREAT-April 6-7, 2013 at Alice's. Yes there will be food, fun and music (Eric, yes!) Agenda? We need to organize ourselves for the Get Out The Vote, let's nail it down at the spring retreat, give candidates a heads up as to the importance of attending the elders election forum this fall. Let's take time to rethink or reevaluate the Council of Elders. Still Living Room. More details to be flushed out at the next elders committee meeting just days before the retreat.

NEXT MEETING_March 28, 2013.

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Adjourned.

