

2-23-12 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Jain Elliott, Jim Goettler, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak (also note taker)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Doolin and David Peasley

OTHERS PRESENT: Patty Marx, Susan Moore, Jerry Joffe and Licia Shultz

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: Peggy Day, Jain Elliott and Jim Goettler were officially appointed to the Elders committee by the Board of Directors at their February meeting.

Introductions and welcome!

MINUTES: Motion to approve the January committee meeting minutes as posted online was made by Chris, seconded by Kay, all approved.

APPLICATIONS: After review, the subcommittee recommends 19 applicants for Elder status. All approved. Total elders: 636. One applicant is pending further review and an additional five applications were picked up this evening. The subcommittee will review these and any others received in order to meet the March 1 application deadline for Elder status for the 2012 fair.

CAMPING: Camp work party dates are set as follows: April 14, May 19 and June 16 (all Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) Bring shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes and gloves.

We will discuss names for lanes and pathways at our spring retreat, 3/31-4/1..

MEET-&-GREET-Morgan Spies will take over the responsibility of arranging for entertainment for this event. He and Kay toured the area recently.

CRAFTS-Kay has been invited to attend the March 13 Crafts Committee meeting to discuss an alternative process for elders that would allow homemade wares to either be displayed or sold at our future Still Living Room booth. Katie and Licia will also attend.

ANNOUNCEMENT-"Personhood is for people" is the theme of People United's "More than a March" event. Marching will start at the Old Federal Building 11 a.m. on Saturday, 2/25. People are encouraged to bring signs, "I am____, I am a person."

ARCHIVES- The plan to establish official archives of the fair will be placed on new business at the March BOD meeting with discussion and voting to occur at April's BOD meeting. A paper has been written outlining the proposed project and will be presented to the Board of Directors along with several motions that Charlie is creating. Letters of support are being solicited from Archeology, the History Booth, Cindy Wooten and the Elders Committee. Our letter should incorporate the motions that will be proposed. That information should be available online after the March 5 BOD meeting. The letter would need to be completed before 3/20 in order to be included in the Board's packets. **Peggy made a motion that the elders committee establish a temporary subcommittee to**

write a timely letter of support, Alan seconded. Motion passed with one abstention. Subcommittee members are: Peggy, Alan, Sue and Jerry (only available by internet).

ELDER CARE-Jim commented that there are a lot of folks that could use fair family support throughout the year, not just during the fair.. The fair is a valuable connecting force. He wondered if it would be even remotely possible to create a network of Fair family members that could support each other wherever they live, year round, as needed. A database by zip codes has been compiled. It would be a worthy topic for the retreat or as a project for the Council of Elders to consider.

LIST SERVE-Patty Marx asked the committee if she could be on the elders committee email list. Approved.

Michael drafted revisions to our list service protocol, they were posted online and read at the meeting. **Chris made a motion to adopt the list serve protocol, Patricia seconded. Motion passed.**

LIST SERVE PROTOCOL:

1. *All current members of the Elder Committee will be included on the Email listing.*
2. *Other individuals may be added or removed by the approval of the Elders Committee, upon that individuals request to be added or removed.*
3. *Any committee member may suggest the addition or removal of a Listserve member and forward that request to the full committee.*
4. *The Listserve will be managed by an Elders Committee Volunteer or other Elder or OCF member who wishes to serve under oversight of the Elders Committee.*

In addition to our current 16 Elders Committee members, the Listserve includes: Bauer, Bartlett, Clair, Hoag, Fontain, Joffe, Marx, Moore, Morrow, Pincus and Shultz. Alan Cohn is the Listserve manager.

NEWSLETTER-Contact Peggy with your ideas for the newsletter, the sooner the better (mspd@day@gmail.com). The newsletter deadline is 3/12 to be included with the Pass request mailing that goes out on 3/20.

MEETING PLACE-Elders Committee could use a larger, free space in order to comfortably hold our meetings. Any ideas?

RETREAT-March 31-April 1-Agenda will be planned at next month's Elders committee meeting. Let's have some fun, some nuts & bolts but not a big schedule. *Council to meet at 1.*

NEXT Elders Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22 , 7 pm Agenda to include: Retreat planning.

OTHER DATES:

March 1-Elder's "Letter of Intent" response deadline

March 22-Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office

March 31 and April 1 Elders retreat at Alice's; Retreat items: Naming of camp, Still Living Room, Crafts. *Council of Elders meeting, April 1*

April 2-Board of Director's meeting (Archives to be discussed)
April 14-Elder Camp work party from 10-2
April 14- first date to claim campsite at elder
April 15-Earned pass application deadline
April 26- Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office
May 5 Spring Fling
May 19-Elder Camp work party from 10-2
May 24-Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office
June 1-Elder pass and elder companion pass requests deadline
June 16-Elder Camp work party 10-2 p.m.
June 28- Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office
July 11 first date to pick up wristbands
July 13-14-15 FAIR.