

1-26-12 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, 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: Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Jain Elliott, Patty Marx, Susan Moore, Jerry Joffe, Jon Pincus, Jorjan Plimmer, DD Schultz and Licia Shultz

MINUTES: Motion to approve the November committee meeting minutes as posted online was made by Alan, seconded by Katie, all approved.

AGENDA: Items were gathered for the agenda. A two tiered process for items was suggested for prioritizing meeting discussions. Things that need to happen, items with a due date or time line will be discussed first. Items that could be carried over to our next meeting will be second tier and discussed as time allows.

BOARD MEETING REPORT: Diane invites everyone interested re-visioning the front or face of the fair is encouraged to attend the Feb. 11 BOD Work Session at the Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard, from 12:30-4 p.m.

Barter Fair will take place in 2012 as usual but the BOD voted to relocate it for 2013.

BUDGET REPORT: Chris reported that as the fair has grown, so have requests for funds. IF all requests were approved as submitted there would be over a \$100,000 deficit. Unacceptable. Budget requests have been trimmed to avoid a shortfall. Consequently Elders Committee request for an additional \$800 was reduced to \$200. This gives us a total of \$2700 for 2012 (this includes \$800 for Events and \$300 for the Geezer). This budget amount will be carried over to 2013 unless we submit a request for more funding.

We will be allowed 18 earned passes for qualified elders only. Trade passes were NOT approved for elders. Our camp host is NOT an elder. The wristband subcommittee will need to approach Charlie to obtain that pass.

Per our contract, every qualified elder will be entitled to a pass. Companion passes will be determined based on 75% of received Elder Pass Requests as of March 1.

Reduced Elder pass fees (\$45) were approved at the October BOD meeting. As a last resort, if needed to avoid a shortfall, the Budget committee may need to recommend that the BOD reconsider the reduced fee. Budget committee recommendations will be presented to the BOD Monday.

To improve our bookkeeping, all receipts for committee expenditures should be given to either Chris or Patricia rather than to norma directly.

APPLICATIONS: After review, the subcommittee recommends seven applicants for Elder status. Approved. Total elders: 617. Six additional applicants require further verification.

COORDINATOR'S MEETING UPDATE: Alan reported that there has been a purchase of land-41 acres; \$300,000 has been set aside for the kitchen and/or new center; insurance is available if a volunteer is injured during the Fair; there will be no outta site stickers for 2012, parking will be first come first served. Event dates: May 5 Spring Fling; July 11 first date to pick up wristbands and Fair will be held July 13-14-15.

CAMPING: Sue passed around a draft map of elder camp. We will discuss names for lanes and pathways at our spring retreat (March 31-April 1). Camp work party dates were set, all on Saturdays from 10-2 with the first date to claim a campsite being at the first camp work party, April 14; other work party dates: May 19 and June 16. Bring shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes and gloves.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: The elders committee would like to go on record in support of these three applicants: Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Jain Elliott and Jim Goettler. Their appointments will be discussed as new business at February's BOD meeting. This would put our committee membership at 16.

Dee moved, Katie seconded, to require elder's committee members to attend (in person or online) a minimum of 4 meetings a year to maintain their voting status or they will be asked to formally resign. After discussion, motion passed 11-0.

Discussion: Attending meetings online via Skype will be made available by Peggy with Alan as back up. She will talk to Tony to determine what is available at the office and Alice's meeting sites. The process by which new committee membership was handled was discouraging, got personal-online and was not a good process and should be avoided in the future. You do not have to be a committee member to have sway and/or work with the committee.

GET OUT THE VOTE-Michael reported that the online OCF discuss list has been expressing concern regarding the lack of votes and low membership numbers considering the number of wristbands issued (668 votes cast/approx. 18000 wristbands). How can we encourage, involve and inform our elders to become active voting members? IDEAS-clarify status: people receiving Fair Family News are not automatically Members. People must apply, an application in every FFN. Members do receive mailed ballots. Include the form in our March newsletter, give the application for membership out at Registration. Take care of our own house.

CRAFTS-Kay had an encouraging discussion with Jeff Harrison, head of craft inventory. Many crafters find it difficult to transition. She proposed her vision of having an alternative process for elders that would allow homemade wares to either be displayed or sold at our future Still Living Room booth. She will attend an upcoming craft committee meeting. This will be an item for discussion at our spring retreat.

ARCHIVES-Jerry has met with Charlie. A paper has been written outlining the proposed project and will be presented to the Elders committee at our February meeting. 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.

STILL LIVING ROOM-We need someone to head up the Still Living Room. Retreat discussion topic. Should we advertise on wonderful elders now?

We are not doing another timeline project this year. The idea of duplicating our timeline exhibits for the front entrance was well received.

ALTERNATE CAMPING-Jon stated that he is working with operations and his fellow camp mates and neighbors, including Sandra, to develop an area for elders with mobility problems. There is a small clearing north of his campground (Green Bus Road Camp aka Babes in the Woods) near Gypsy Way entry with access to water and electricity. A wheelchair accessible trail would be needed. This is NOT an Elders project but would be for 6 or 7 elderly campers. This project does NOT address the larger need for more camping space for Elders.

NEXT Elders Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 pm Agenda to include: Archives

OTHER DATES:

Feb. 11 BOD Front of the Fair Work Session at the Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard, from 12:30-4 p.m.

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.

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.