

## ELDERS COMMITTEE meeting minutes (DRAFT)

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m. on **March 3, 2011** at the Oregon Country Fair office.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson, Janet Tarver, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Don Doolin, Cindy Muntwyler and David Peasley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Licia Shultz (facilitator), Patty Marx, Jerry Joffe and Karen Stingle.

SCRIBE: Dee Wirak

Minutes of the January 27, 2011 meeting were not recorded.

APPLICATIONS SUBC REPORT-Twelve elder applications have been reviewed and are recommended for approval, 1 additional applicant's status is pending further review and verification. Last year we had a total of 89 new elders, so far this year we have had 37 with one more month remaining for applications. To date, there are 553 elders plus one pending.

Elders were formed in 2003. Our numbers may be tapering, Janet predicted this would happen after 8 years, these stats appear to be right on.

Elders that have deceased are indicated with an X (inactive) in our database.

STILL LIVING ROOM-We received the project funds as requested. Janet is the coordinator this year and we have an additional 3 earned passes available for assistants to staff the booth. Although Robert and Chris will be getting their passes from crew services for FARTS, they will continue to assist with set up and take down. Eric earns a pass for entertainment.

Our large banner is still missing! Chris will arrange to get the kiosk fabric and the canopy material to Janet for repair and cleaning, respectively.

A memorial subcommittee meeting should be arranged to determine how to display name flags.

ELDERS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT-Alan attended the coordinators potluck and another one is coming up soon. Carts are available for purchase for \$200, Craig Patterson is the contact. Any location can have a tinkerbell (landline); Chris stated that there is one at the Hub, 50 ft. away from our camp. Kay will contact Icabod to let him know that our camp would like to be able to access the tinkerbell if needed for calls out. Vehicles that are longer than the standard 22 feet will be assessed \$30 in addition to the cost of their vehicle parking sticker this year.

TRIBE SCRIBE-Dee will continue to be our scribe, several other committees will also have volunteer scribes; a sub-scriber could fill in or assist at our retreats. A standardized format has been developed for recording attendance, minutes and motions. Drafted minutes of our meetings will be sent to the committee email; committee members will have one week from this date to make corrections prior to these draft minutes being sent

on to norma for posting on the website. The minutes will be labeled 'draft' with published minutes formerly approved by motions at the beginning of the next meeting.

ARCHIVES-Jerry reported on his neophyte archivist activities. He and Charlie, with professional archivist assistance, are on the early stages of developing the Oregon Country Fair archives. Their first step will be to obtain and preserve the Kimble film, done by a history professor in 69-70. The budget committee has approved funds to purchase and preserve the film and plans to recommend formal approval to the Board this Monday. The next steps, which might take several years to complete, will be to catalogue what materials the Fair has in its possession now; decide what materials might be included in the archive; determine where the archive might be located; develop protocols for gathering and preserving materials; create protocols for the use of the archive; survey what materials are being held by Fair Family and the community at large and then once all these tasks are completed, ask for materials to be turned over to the Fair. The Elders committee may want to recommend establishing provenience of archival material to the Board. Identifying photographs, critical roles and stages of the Fair's development will make the archives valuable. Officially donated items may offer tax benefits to donors as well.

TIMELINE-Previous decades were easier to put together due to the amount of available research that had already been done. For the 90's, Jerry has been reading through all of the Board minutes. For the 80's, 'digging roots' seemed an obvious metaphor, how best to capture the ways in which the Fair branched out in the 90's is more problematic. Jerry needs photos of significant events or developments originating in the 90's. FAIR MEDIA PROJECT will NOT be happening this year. There is currently no project to showcase for this year's fair.

CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS-Our request was approved. We have been very successful in advancing our plans and securing our needs. It was noted that this was our third consecutive annual request. We may want to consider whether we have maximized the use of our current, temporary and dwindling space. Mother Nature took a chunk out of our booth space this winter and the path is becoming narrower.

LETTER OF INTENT-Patricia has tallied requests received so far: 311 Elders want camping passes; of these, 226 companion passes are requested (within the 75% allotment), there are 8 more elders that just want to purchase day passes for themselves. Of the 265 vehicle sticker requests, 75 are for DMV tag or medical issues and 9 for FarSide. Applying the crew percentages for parking on a group that is increasingly disabled is knotty. Wristband subcommittee will problem solve with Charlie, our budget liaison. Numbers are still being tallied and will be turned in March 15.

PASS REQUEST FORMS-Revised forms were passed around. They have a colored front and black/white back for companion information. These will be less costly to produce and mail. Teen Youth application form has also been revised. Forms will be mailed to elders around March 20. An info/request sheet for Elder drivers for FARTS will be in the mailing also. This mailing could include our first newsletter, Kay will

contact Sandra to request that she include an invitation to elders to attend our spring retreat, April 9-10, 2011.

CAMP-Work party dates were established, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 16, May 21 and June 18. Bring gloves and shovels for poison oak removal and fill dirt as needed. The first opportunity to mark your campsite will be on April 16, locations are on a first come first served basis.

PHONE TREE-Kay passed around a sheet to gather updated phone numbers.

Licia recapped the meeting, adjourning at 8:56 p.m. **Next meeting is 7 p.m., March 24 at the Fair office. Agenda: Retreat planning (April 9-10 at Alice's).**