

10-25-12 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT2)

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, and Dee Wirak (also note taker)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Doolin and Patricia Van Esso

OTHERS PRESENT: Patty Marx, Jerry Joffe and Licia Shultz

MINUTES: Kay made the motion to approve the September committee meeting minutes as done and posted by Katie, seconded by Peggy, all approved.

SPIRITWALK-This Saturday, 10/27/12 at 5:30 p.m. gather at the Yurt Hub for live music, food, fire and twilight walk through the fair grounds. Bring potluck item, lantern or flashlight, boots and umbrella.

ELDER INTERNET REGISTRATION-With the eventual goal of moving registration of new elders to an online application process, Michael has been asked to work with the OCF Internet Committee (Charlie, John, Jason) and he is seeking our authorization to do so. Alan made a motion to encourage Michael to work with the Internet Committee to determine the feasibility of online registration of new elders, Chris seconded. After discussion, all approved.

NEW ELDER APPLICATIONS-The applications subcommittee has vetted and reviewed 18 new applicants, names were read, committee made a motion to approve, seconded by Chris, all approved. There are an additional 8 applicants still in process of being reviewed.

ELECTION DYSFUNCTION- For some still inexplicable reason, an elder's name has been removed from the voting membership list. Hence, she was denied the right to vote at the Annual BOD meeting, even though many present could vouch for her, there is not a process that would allow provisional voting. There is also nobody in position to correct a typo. The system is flawed. Our bylaws state that voting membership elects the Board, the BOD may need a better system to accurately determine voting members. A letter to the Board from the person whose voting privilege was denied may help to prompt a review of the process.

Fyi-771 actual votes were counted and cast, of these, 650 were absentee ballots.

BUDGET-Our budget needs for 2013 are projected to be \$300 more than in 2012, all of that increase is for administrative expenses: office supplies, certificates, and mailings as our membership has increased. Events expenses of \$800 and \$300 for the Geezer Pleezer bring our total request to \$3000. We will also ask for 18 earned passes, same as last year. Chris will turn in our budget request tonight. Thanks! We are projecting to sell 650 passes to elders, if so we would be eligible for 325 vehicle stickers and 25 FarSide parking spots. Actual numbers are determined based on the number of elders who have requested pass by the March 15, 2013 deadline.

The budget committee will be presenting their proposal for rate increases at the November 4 meeting: day passes would go from \$10 to \$15; SO/companions would cost \$80, \$100 closer to fair; elders stay at \$45 while passes for teens, community village and energy park would be raised from 30 to \$45. There was much discussion about these high percentage increases burdening fair family volunteers. As in the macrocosm, poor people are taxed enormous amounts while people making money are not asked to pay their fair share. Food booths have the best deal, comparatively paying very little while being subsidized with food vouchers and they leave a very large footprint! Go to the BOD meeting and speak your opinion.

Congratulations to Peggy Day, great granddaughter Marlee May was born yesterday!

ELDER CRAFT AREA-Kay has been discussing the idea of elders selling crafts at the Still Living Room. She read us her statement and question to prospective Board candidates. No one responded negatively to the idea and Charlie approached her afterwards to express favorable sentiment. She feels the time is ripe for us to draft a proposal for the BOD's consideration and seeks assistance. Chris volunteered to help.

STILL LIVING ROOM-Katie has had a discussion with Jay of Ambiance regarding utilization of more space for the Still Living Room. He is amenable. Also use of at least part of the Spirit Tower and its fence for our Memorial kiosk was brought up and discussions will continue. This would give us more room at both ends of our area. Nothing is definite.

We need volunteers for coordination and booth assistance for the Still Living Room in 2013.

Chris wants the design info to create the display table Sandra had suggested. He envisions a flat top with legs that would detach or fold for storage. He needs the design to make our capitol request. We are also requesting funds for another timeline display.

FAIR FAMILY NEWS-Licia read us her proposed article for FFN, requesting volunteers, suggesting ways for elders to get involved and stay connected. She will include the link to join our list serve (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wonderfulOCFElders/join>). The article will also include an invite to our December party. We are hoping to use the WOW Hall again, Licia will ask. Very nicely written, thanks Licia!

ELDERS NEWSLETTER?-Sandra's in charge.

November Elders Committee meeting will be moved back a week. Office has been reserved for November 29 7 p.m. meeting. December 20 will be the date of our winter party, place to be determined.

Adjourned.