

8-23-12 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Don Doolin, 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: Diane Albino and Jain Elliott

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Bryan, Marcus Hinz, Jennifer James-Long, Susan Moore and Licia Shultz

MINUTES: June committee meeting was a potluck and craft party at Kay's-thanks. Motion to approve the June committee meeting minutes as posted online was made by Katie, seconded by Michael, all approved.

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEMBER RETIRES-Just after our June meeting, committee members received an email letter from David Peaslee, he has resigned from the committee but would like to stay on our committee email list. Good luck David! We will consider this opening at our upcoming retreat.

RETREAT DATES-At the spring retreat, the fall retreat was set for September 15-16 and Alice's has been reserved. After lengthy discussion regarding other available dates, meeting options, planning needs and BOD candidates forum issues, date remained as previously set. Agenda will be determined at this meeting.

LPFM OPPORTUNITY-The government periodically allows low powered frequency modulated channels to be released to the public, nonprofits and government. The FCC is expected to make their final release of frequencies in early 2013. Organizations will then just have a 10 day window of opportunity to apply. This timeline requires the gathering of information now in order to determine if this is viable for the Fair and a local community partnership. After discussion, Alan made a motion that the Elders Committee authorizes a task force to look into LPFM feasibility. This motion was seconded by Dee; motion passed. Paxton, Michael, Alan, Jim, Marcus and Jennifer have volunteered to be on the task force.

Discussion/info synopsis: This is a time limited opportunity that could benefit the Fair family as well as community collaborations (Veneta public safety). There is no cost to apply for the license. There is a lot to learn and we have persons interested in exploring this further. Content production is the same regardless of wattage and distribution tools are the same. It is a use it or lose it proposition requiring a 12 hour per day minimum. There is lots of free content available. It could take at least 18 months to build a tower/facility, maybe we would have a live mic in 2 years. Our broadcast would not interfere with KLCC. It is a competitive process, application is not a guarantee. Collaboration/partnerships/networking with the local community would be essential. Ownership is not transferrable. Interested persons would need to develop timelines, draft a proposal and budget for the BOD. Charlie is personally supportive. The elders committee is positioned to spearhead this effort. Historically we have assisted with the initiation of other fair-wide interests such as Archives and FARTS. Veneta does have an

open frequency area. Although the community radio would be terrestrially limited (10 mile diameter?) it could provide the Fair with a global presence via internet radio.

RETREAT: September 15-16 at Alice's. Agenda items for Saturday: Review of the 2012 activities and Fair (Old Timer's, Meet & Greet, Still Living Room and camping); craft booth and LPFM reports; 2013 Budget (next serial of murals?) with Candidates forum to commence at 3 p.m. BOD candidates will be notified via OCF discuss list and wonderful elders (Michael) and Kay offered to call the declared candidates personally invite them to the forum and dinner afterwards. No specific Sunday agenda was set. Meals: Saturday potluck lunch. Dinner- soups, bread, salad, dessert to be coordinated by Licia, Kay and Patricia (Sunday breakfast, too).

Adjourned. Thank you for your presence!