

## 10-22-15 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Cohn, Jain Elliott, Peggy Fitzgerald, Heather Kent, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, and Dee Wirak (also note taker)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Katie Cousins, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Patricia Van Esso

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon Pincus, Chris Harrison, and Patty Marx

MEETING LOCATION-The one person with the key to Fair office was absent and meeting was moved to Grower's Market. Nonprofits reserve this room by putting their name on the calendar. We liked having use of a large round table and signed up for this location for next month's meeting, which is one week earlier due to Thanksgiving.

November 19 (7 p.m.) Elders Committee meeting will be held at Grower's Market, 454 Willamette Street. (Dee left message with norma for FFN calendar).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

-SPIRITWALK-This Saturday night, October 24. Kay would really appreciate help with set up and decorating the yurt, 5 p.m. The event includes a potluck, music by Eric Nicholson and a walk around the fair site to start at dusk. Costumes not required.

-Applegate Regional Theatre (Veneta area) is taking donations of costumes, wigs, jewelry or other items useful for their drama/presentations.. Their office is at Central School across from the Grange, contact Peggy for more info.

-KOCF held their first live broadcast, Elmira Falcons football game. It was well received and they intend to broadcast basketball game live as well. A fundraiser in Ray's parking lot by Kettle Corn garnered \$419. Another fundraiser is in the works. A new volunteer connected to Domain Merriweather, formerly Secret House, has offered the site for an auction and music fundraiser, date to be determined.

-WOW HALL-Renew your membership. Forms are available at the WOW Hall office. Membership entitles you to attend the not-to-be-missed December membership meeting. Last year 84 restaurants contributed to the event.

MINUTES-Motion to approve September's minutes of the Elder Committee, all ayes.

APPLICATIONS- Nine new applicants for elder status have been vetted and approved, one denied and there are an additional 8 pending further review.

CRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT-Michael attended Craft committee meeting (open meetings are usually held 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the fair office) to learn more on behalf of the Council of Elders investigation. The opportunity to file a grievance has past (60 days). The Council was concerned about a lack of process in the handling of the Utilikilt crafter and that rules appear to be selectively applied. Michael's white paper, A Festering Inequity was made available to the committee. He made the recommendation at this meeting that whenever a crafter is given a termination letter, that letter should delineate an appeals process.

The Craft committee is working on the guidelines, doing a sentence by sentence review. They hope to provide clearer definitions, terms and teeth to support the work of the craft inventory crew. They may propose that a crafter will have had to produce an item within the last two years. Historically, proposed guidelines or recommendations for revision are available for review and comment prior to presentation at the BoD meeting.

For clarification, the craft inventory crew and the craft committee became separate entities by BoD motion in 1998. Craft inventory is a small policing crew that works under the authority of the General Manager and makes recommendations to the craft committee.

USE OF ELDER DATABASE-Michael requests to use the elder database in order to do mass mailing of a newsletter. He hopes that more information would lead to more involvement by elders. He proposes a monthly publication, similar to our annual Elder Words and envisions it as a merging of the discuss list and wonderful elders. It would be snail mailed (unless email preferred as indicated) and elders would opt in to receive more. He offers to fund the postage fees personally via Fair Family Radio, in turn he requests inclusion of a statement that Fair Family Radio is sponsoring and providing this newsletter. Links to their interactive site would be included. Motion was made to approve his use of the database to send newsletter, 2<sup>nd</sup> was made but rescinded after discussion. Motion failed.

We want the effort of a newsletter to go forward. The newsletter should be produced and will be sent along in our traditional mass mailing of the Letter of Intent in January. Elders could then opt in to receive more frequent news. Any elder interested in helping with a newsletter should contact Michael, Peggy or Alan.

GEEZER FOLLOW UP-Chris reports that in talking with Hilary after our retreat, a suggestion was made to include funding for our Geezer driver's first aid training and supplies (first aid kit, defibulator and fire extinguisher) in our budget request. There would be time to amend our submitted request to include the items and certification training reimbursement. Not all drivers live locally, reimbursement would allow drivers to come to the fair already certified. Motion was made by Alan- Chris and Katie should consult, amend our 2016 budget request to include first aid resources and training for Geezer drivers. Motion was seconded by Peggy. All approved.

**NOTE DATE AND MEETING PLACE FOR NOVEMBER ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING:** Next Meeting: November 19 (7 p.m.) Elders Committee meeting will be held at Grower's Market, 454 Williamette Street.