

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Monday April 2, 2007, 7:10pm, EWEB Community room

Present: Diane Albino, Katie Cousins, Lara Howe, Paxton Hoag, Jack Makarchek, Deane Morrow (alternate), Palmer Parker (alternate), Anna Scott, Carl Taylor, Lawrence Taylor, Bear Wilner-Nugent.

Not: Greg Rikhoff. (*Deane voted in his place.*)

During Agenda Review, Bear moved and Lawrence seconded to move Amend Donation to HIV Alliance from new to old business. The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Lara moved and Bear seconded to move Donation to DisOrient Asian Film Festival from new to old business. The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Anna, Paxton). Both issues were time-sensitive.

Announcements

Bear was sad to report the passing of Steve Purkey who was a former lead cook for Pre-Fair Kitchen. Bear spoke fondly of the “memory of the man who taught me how to make a good lasagna.”

Robert DeSpain (Spoken Word Co-Coordinator) announced another passing, that of 93-year-old Norman Lee (aka Sylver Lee) and described him as “a soul who was totally inclusive and unconditionally loving.” A celebration of his life is planned for August.

Lara reported that the long-awaited Board work session with Archaeology has been scheduled for May 21 at 7pm at Central Presbyterian Church. All Fair Family are invited and encouraged to attend. She rejoiced at the opening of Saturday Market on April 7 and thanked the Budget Committee and Treasurers for the new truck for Recycling Crew. She also apologized for “mis-speaking last month when I spoke about Craft Committee’s opinion on sales by non-profits. It appears there is not consensus on Craft Committee either.” She plans to have “a meeting of the minds” to discuss building a new kitchen above the flood plain. She suggested folks talk about it during the Fair and she’ll announce a meeting to discuss it later in the summer.

David Helton (Registration Crew Co-Coordinator) said registration packets will be mailed on Wed. April 4.

Steve W. said the annual Wildflower Walk will be led by Bob Nisbet and Charlene Simpson of the Native Plant Society. Meet at the WareHouse at 10am on Sunday, April 22.

Palmer expressed thanks for the “really neat thank you card that put a smile on my face.” The card came in the Board packet as a result of last month’s donation to the NATIVES program and was full of delightful messages from the children.

Leslie said a “Wings and Wine” event to celebrate bird migratory patterns will be held on Saturday, May 12. The ‘wine’ part of the event will be held at Secret House; and a segment of the ‘wings’ part of the event will be a bird walk on the Fair site. Palmer asked how they’re going to get the birds to walk. (*groans and chuckles*)

Lawrence pointed across the room and said, “For those of you who haven’t noticed yet...Andyman’s back!” (*cheers and applause*)

Approval of Minutes

Lara moved and Katie seconded to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2007 Board meeting. The motion to approve the minutes passed: 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions (Diane

and Lawrence). Jack wanted to clarify his remarks in last month's President's Report and said "the intent of my statement was to thank the significant others who are integral to our volunteers."

Member Input

Jen-lin Hodgden (Feedback Coordinator) passed around chocolate chip cookies and low-fat fudge for sale for \$1 to support scholarships for Culture Jam. *(After the meeting she reported raising \$30 and said the secret to the low-fat fudge was using pinto beans. She said everyone told her the fudge was delicious, but she didn't want anyone to know the secret before trying the fudge.)*

Deane wondered why a path was cleared for a recent walkabout because he "thought we were trying to save green space."

Staff and Officer Reports

General Manager: Leslie pointed out some copies of the new Guidelines on the table and thanked norma and all who worked on them. She said, "Please read and follow them." She announced that the Fair got an award from the community of Fern Ridge "who recognized us with a special Community Stakeholders Award for all our contributions to the community over the last 15 years." She's been busy with marketing, advertising, contract negotiations with LTD and Honey Buckets, insurance renewals, durables at the Fair, and also with lots of Budget and VQ meetings. She said there was a good turnout for the Youth Program Development Committee meeting (more on that under Committee Reports.) She said, "Hip Hop Hope was just fantastic again; thanks to Robin and the City of Eugene and all who helped make it happen again this year." She urged the Fair and individuals to support Lane Arts Council, which is in dire need of financing. (item on May agenda) She said the walkabout and Coordinator potluck on March 17 were both well-attended. "It felt great, it was so beautiful and green and it was fabulous to see everybody out there." She added, "It's wonderful to have Andyman back with us."

Administrative Assistant: norma was not at the meeting so Robin read norma's report which started with, "Welcome back, Andyman!" She thanked Craft Inventory, Teen Crew, Entertainment Coordinators, and Elders Committee for "helping smooth the application process." She said there are "tons" of applications. The Guidelines are ready; they are online at the .net site or available from the office. Each section of the Guidelines on the website has a link in the table of contents and index "so you can look at and print out what you need. Many thanks to Lynn Marx who worked many hours formatting the Guidelines book." The Spring Fling will be May 5 at Wow Hall with music by The Conjugal Visitors. Other activities are planned for that weekend including participation in the First Friday Artwalk and a walkaround at the Fair on Sunday, May 6. She hopes everyone is "checking out the online version of the FFN with color photos and links to websites and e-mails. Please let me know if you would like to be a regular online subscriber and have your name removed from the snail mail list."

Site Manager: Steve W. said, "Andyman walked in Friday evening March 30, said he was ready to get back to work so on Saturday he, Jeff and I were out tree planting in the rain. There was a big VegManEc work party on Sunday April 1 to remove the bale dams and sandbags; thanks for the big turnout. We had a path planning group gathering on March 17 with folks from Upper River Loop and Operations. After discussing the bank erosion and plans to perhaps build another boardwalk as a solution, the Murdock family of booth 510, Lizard Designs, the booth most affected, volunteered a willingness to relocate. So we have a likely

solution at hand for Upper River Loop this year, and a big thank you to the Murdocks! The bigger, long-term problem remains: we need to engage everyone in discussions for future plans for a possible move of Daredevil Palace, Shady Grove, and booths along the riverbank.” Steve and Recycling Crew are looking for someone interested in taking away the waste cooking oil from OCF food booths after the Fair for recycling into biofuel. He said Far Side Coordinator Bill Verner reported that the area is closed to any new campers because it has reached carrying capacity for vehicles, water, and porta-potties. Steve said, “If your crew needs more camping room, contact me or the Main Camp Quartermaster or the other camphosts.” The next Highway 126 pickup will be Sunday, April 22. Gather at 10am at the WareHouse. Work is proceeding on the bathroom remodel at Alice’s; they could use help with finish carpentry, tilework and painting.

Assistant Manager: Charlie said Robin left out one part of norma’s report and that was the part about Happy Birthday to Robin! (cheers) He said he was glad to have Andy back. He said the wildflowers onsite are beautiful and “you don’t even need to wait for the walk to come on out and see them. There’s Oregon iris and calypso lilies” and more.

Caretaker: Andy thanked Steve, Charlie, and Animal who “all had to step up in a big way while I was gone. I was glad to be gone, but I’m also glad to be back.”

Office Assistant: Robin said “Happy Birthday to Andy last week” and then talked about the “really talented, incredible kids” involved in Hip Hop Hope. She said the program is “really powerful stuff” with caring staff who emphasize “the positive message of hip hop.”

Treasurers: Hilary and Steve G. (aka Grumpy) said they would wait to talk until the discussion of capital projects requests. Leslie added, “It’s nice to have Grumpy back.” (*He wasn’t gone as long as Andy but was in Hawaii briefly then had a big legal case to work on.*)

President: Jack called across the room, “Andy, how ya doing?”...then settled into his mellow speech pattern and began with “Free speech is delightful; I’ve been speaking freely in front of you for a long time.” He addressed the group of young people in the peach gallery from the Wayne Morse Free Speech Project and talked about how glad he was to have them in attendance. He said, “I’ve been wanting to see more diversity, more participation. Whatever you’re asking for from us, I’m sure it’s appropriate. What I’m asking for from you is participation in our event.”

Committee Reports

Archaeology Committee

Virgil Courtright said there will be an archaeological walkaround on Sunday, May 20 at 1pm at the Hub and a Board work session with Archaeology the following day, Monday May 21 at 7pm at Central Presbyterian Church.

Elders Committee

Chris Browne read a report from their March 22 meeting where they reviewed and approved 14 new applications, and are awaiting verification of information on another application. The committee now has a voice mailbox at the town office and will check it twice a week. Call 343-4298, #, #, 393, then follow the prompts and leave a message. (*That’s not a typo, you really push the pound sign twice.*) They finalized details for the April 14-15 Elders Retreat. Chris said “interested guests are invited but advised to notify the committee of their intentions so adequate arrangements can be made for food, etc.” On March 1 all approved Elders were sent a letter concerning passes for this year’s Fair. So far, 23 have requested to obtain their passes

through the Elders group. Their next meeting will be held at the town office on April 26 at 7pm. A subcommittee meeting will be held to review Elder applications on the same date and location at 6pm.

By-Laws Committee

Lawrence said they met in late March to discuss changes in a section of the By-Laws to bring it into conformance with changes in the IRS conflict of interest policies. They will continue the discussion at their next meeting. They also discussed an issue referred to them by the Board concerning expanding the definition of Fair membership to ascertain whether membership should require active participation in the event. The committee felt this issue needed to be discussed and considered by the membership as a whole, possibly through the VQ process or referred to the next Annual Meeting advisory vote. The committee will “publicize pros and cons of the recommendation to the Fair community as a whole so they are fully cognizant of its implications.”

Path Planning Group

Lara said that Steve covered most of her points in the Site Manager’s report but she wanted to add, “River Loop is becoming a river without a loop. Our 8 may become a backwards 3 as Lower River Loop at Shade Grove is missing a chunk of bank as well as Upper River Loop just before the McKenzie Map booth.” She encouraged Fair Family to participate in path planning and to “help come up with long-range solutions to river loop erosion issues.” She thanked all those who have “done so much work over the years trying to prevent bank erosion by volunteering their time planting banks with flora.” She asked Path Planning to announce meeting dates enough in advance to make member participation possible.

Peach Power Ad Hoc Committee

Anna said, “We are a large step closer to having a building permit for a structure that we’ll place our PVs on. A meeting on April 9 at the Lane County Permit and Information Center will probably give us the go ahead. Construction will begin as soon as we get the permit. We are applying for tax credit information and we had someone onsite using a solar path finder which tells us how much solar window we have, and that all looks excellent. And that’s the short, short story from the sun people.”

Youth Program Development Committee

Kay Kintzley said they met March 12 at the office with 9 committee members attending including Anna by telephone from Las Vegas. Audrey, a member of Teen Crew, attended the meeting and discussed the difficulty some teens have finding a crew to “graduate” to after being on Teen Crew. The committee got feedback that many teens don’t actually know what all the different crews do. They discussed ways to acquaint teens with that information including the idea of a ‘job fair’ at Spring Fling with literature or hopefully with actual crew members who would explain what their crews do. Information could also be posted on the website. Kay mentioned transitioning Elders might be interested in the same information. They also discussed what activities teens might like to see added to the weekend of the event. Leslie added, “Participants in Culture Jam and Hip Hop Hope who don’t also have a wristband to the Fair are technically not eligible for Fair membership so we talked about what to do about that too.”

Old Business
Wayne Morse Youth Project

Palmer moved and Jack seconded that the Board donate \$1,250 from the Board donation budget to the Wayne Morse Youth Project. (*Actually this was discussed before the committee reports so the young people could leave the meeting before dusk. I'm just listing it here so the minutes flow better.*)

Background: Iana Matthews-Harris (self-described “OCF family child since the womb”) and Ishi Maderas Woods (Ishi and Iana are co-managers of WMYP) and about a dozen members of the WMYP performed some verses from “The Times They Are A’Changing” and an original hip hop piece for everyone in attendance at the meeting, passing the mic and each delivering a stanza or two. They presented written information to the Board expressing thanks for last year’s donation that allowed them to buy two speakers for their free speech open mic. They have raised over \$1,000 and have another \$1,000 grant they will receive in July. This donation from the Fair will get them closer to their goal of about \$5,000 for their “solar-powered free speech mobile” which will allow them to “move beyond our regular spot at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza and bring open mic to schools, parks and other community events.” They propose collaboration between WMYP and OCF because “currently there is nothing at the OCF that is run by youth for positively changing the community; this is a potential that has been overlooked and is a perfect fit for the purpose of the Fair. With this peaceful powered venue for conscious collaboration we could make a small parade loop to raise awareness of the youth-empowering sustainability projects the OCF supports.” Iana said, “We need guidance to create further collaboration between WMYP and the Fair. That is how it should be – old to young.” Ishi said the Country Fair was started by “idealistic young people” and he has been attending the Fair since he was seven years old. He felt there should be more young people on the Board.

Peach Gallery: Barbara said in order to be on the Board “you have to run for the Board...so run for the Board!” Joseph Newton said this was the “first time I found myself dancing” at a Board meeting. Leslie said, “I just really can’t find words beyond what you’ve already spoken...thank you so much for being here.” Thumbs up all around.

Board: **Palmer amended the motion to \$2,000 and Jack agreed.** Lara said, “One four letter word springs to mind – hope. I appreciate your energy, your light, and your love.” Deane suggested they apply for further funding through the grant process next year. Anna referred to earlier Board discussions of expanding membership eligibility and said expansion is necessary in order to include this diversity. Lara repeated the encouragement to run for the Board; Lawrence asked if they were official members of the Fair and encouraged them to join if they were not; Bear passed membership applications over to them. Katie supports the group and the art form but was concerned about the amount of money taking “too big a chunk of our donation budget” and said that if she votes against the proposal that will be the reason. Carl thanked the group for their performance and said, “This is the most entertained I’ve been at a Board meeting.” Palmer said “we can always up the donation budget.” Jack said, “There’s nothing run by youth at the Fair now and I’m going to be your advocate in the next budget process.” Bear disagreed and said youth are involved in Youth Stage, Spirit Tower, Community Village and more. Anna said the firedancing at the Fair was started by teenagers. Paxton said, “Wayne Morse is smiling.”

The amended motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed. (*Palmer asked it be recorded that he wished he could vote ‘yes’ too.*)

Donation to Earth Day Steering Committee

Diane moved and Lara seconded that the Board donate \$500 from the Board donation budget to the Earth Day Steering Committee.

Background: This year's theme is "Spirit of Sustainability" and will feature more than 50 groups and organizations demonstrating their efforts at Earth-friendly practices, two stages, an exhibit of alternative transportation, plus much more.

Peach Gallery: Leslie spoke for Steve Remington who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She said the event is "accessible to everyone because it's completely free. EWEB has really stepped up to support this."

Board: Diane said it's a "great event with lots of kids' activities" and she really likes the procession of all species.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Donation to DisOrient Asian Film Festival

Lara moved and Deane seconded that the Board donate \$300 from the Board donation budget to the DisOrient Asian Film Festival.

Background: Jason Mak spoke about the wide range of films that will be shown during the festival which will be held April 26-29 at four locations: Bijou, LCC, UO, and the new Wildish Theatre in Springfield. The cover letter to the Board says the festival "represents an important opportunity for the recognition of Asian American history, experiences, and scholarship. It features new independent films by Asian and Asian American filmmakers, many of which are World Premiere or National Premiere releases with directors, actors, and other industry guests in attendance." More info at www.disorientfilm.org.

Peach Gallery: Thumbs up.

Board: Lara said it involves art, education, culture, and breaking stereotypes, and "that's what the Fair is all about." Bear was glad to see a new group coming to the Fair for support. Anna hoped some of the money could be used to buy tickets "for people who couldn't otherwise afford to go. That's where my heart is for this amount of money."

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Amend Donation to HIV Alliance

Palmer moved and Bear seconded that the Board re-direct last month's donation to HIV Alliance Riverwalk instead to HIV Alliance World Aids Day.

Background: Sarah-Kate Sharkey spoke on behalf of the HIV Alliance. The donation approved by the Board last month was intended to be used for Riverwalk which has since been cancelled. The Alliance sought permission to use the funds for World Aids Day instead.

Peach Gallery: Steve G. said this was an example of "the Board going overboard on donations." He said since Riverwalk isn't happening, why not just give the money to HIV Alliance instead of specifying it for "another event which might not happen."

Board: Bear disagreed, saying the Board was giving the money to the Alliance but Riverwalk was specified so the Fair would be included in advertising. Deane appreciated them returning to the Board for permission because "you could have kept the money and not even told us." Anna pointed out the shrinking donation budget and voiced preference for donations to "educational missions in a more direct way rather than to an organization." Palmer said World Aids Day is "hugely educational." Katie personally supports the organization but said the donation "doesn't conform to the purpose of our organization as I understand it." Jack said the Fair will be recognized in promotions for WAD instead of Riverwalk but the important thing was

to support them, not to be recognized. **Palmer amended the motion and Bear agreed to simply donate the money to HIV Alliance but not to specify that it must be used for World Aids Day.**

The amended motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Katie).

Craft Logo Jurying

Bear moved and Lara seconded that any item receiving seven or more Board votes be approved for sale at the 2007 Fair.

Background: The Craft Inventory Crew set up a table with about 25 craft items vying for the privilege of displaying the OCF peach logo. Board members marked ballots before the start of the meeting. After the motion passed, Jeff Harrison announced results which saw all but two items being passed. There were a wide range of items accepted including a pottery Elders mug, silk prayer flags and banners, cotton bandannas, glass suncatchers, and hemp hats.

Peach Gallery: Grumpy pointed out one item that displayed a frog image as well as the OCF logo and wondered if the frog image was copyrighted. He thought that question should be checked out.

Board: Anna said it didn't feel appropriate to her for Board members "to do this." Palmer, Lawrence, Paxton and Deane all disagreed with her basically agreeing that the Board is responsible for how the logo is used; as Lawrence said, "We are the guardians of the peach." Paxton said he's been studying trademarks and that it's legally important that the Board authorizes the use of the trademark.

The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Anna and Jack).

Budget Issues – More Capital Project Requests

Deane moved and Lawrence seconded that the Board approve \$18,303 for capital projects requests as recommended by the Treasurers and the Budget Committee.

Background: The smallest amounts were \$600 to Youth Stage for a battery cart and \$700 to Site for event tents. The largest expenditures were \$4500 to Vaudeville Crew for maintaining and upgrading the stage at Daredevil Palace and \$4253 to Communications for a primary radio repeater. Other projects that are included in this request are to redesign the website, a storage deck and roof for Traffic, a bamboo structure for Chela Mela, and 2 carts for Site. Other requests were made for capital projects but those were not recommended for approval by the BC and Treasurers at this time. They would like to fund a ground penetrating radar project for Archaeology Crew but "didn't feel it was prudent to do it this way at this time." The proposal had been to spend money to rent equipment and pay UO staff to perform the work and it would only cover Crafts Lot. They felt alternatives should be researched to find another way to meet Archaeology's goals.

Peach Gallery: Leslie said the Committee felt the issue should be discussed at the upcoming Board work session with Archaeology, and added that the current proposal would have cost \$10,000 just for Crafts Lot while "many of the most immediate concerns are in the 8."

Board: Deane encouraged Fair Family attendance at the meeting with Archaeology on May 21 because "their issues are important." There were a couple of questions about some other items that weren't approved for Site such as a gator and purchasing rather than continuing to rent the scaffolding bridge for Far Side but Jack strongly recommended that the Fair buy neither because "there's a reason those are usually rented rather than purchased. When you rent you get

scaffolding in the best possible shape. The expense just doesn't pencil out. If we buy, we may be hindered by them in 5 years."

The motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Anna).

Budget Issues – Recycling Crew Budget

Paxton moved and Carl seconded that the Board approve adding \$1660 to the Recycling Budget as recommended by the Treasurers and the Budget Committee.

Background: The Recycling Crew asked for this money through the capital projects request but the Committee recommended the expense be approved but simply added to the Recycling Budget rather than as a capital request. The money will be used for the durables project and includes \$500 for outside services, \$650 for facility rental, and \$510 for food vouchers. The proposal outlines using Fern Ridge High staff and facilities to wash the cutlery.

Peach Gallery: Leslie encouraged support and thanked Lara and many others who have been involved in the project including Sue Kesey, Toby Alves, Anne Morris, Jim McAlister, and Kirk and John from Rising Moon.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

KRVM Blue Moon Stage Proposal

Jack moved and Paxton seconded that the Board appoint Leslie Scott and Linda Dievendorf to negotiate with KRVM to broadcast from the Blue Moon Stage.

Peach Gallery: Leslie said the long-range goal is for the Fair to negotiate an ongoing contract with KRVM that will not require Board approval every year but simply an annual contract review. One part of the plan involves the Fair receiving publicity through KRVM in exchange for broadcast privileges. Bill Ganser spoke on behalf of KRVM which is "a local non-profit that's been around for 50 years." He said Fair folk and KRVM folk are "a lot of the same folks." Friends of KRVM has 501(c)3 status.

Board: Lawrence voiced support and included KRVM as part of "our community" along with such organizations as WOW Hall, White Bird, Saturday Market and others.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

Vision Quest Budget

Bear moved and Paxton seconded that the Board dedicate \$6,207 from the Board change line item budget for VQ surveys.

Background: VQ plans to survey the public, entertainers, vendors, and other Fair Family. A four-page info sheet was included in the Board packet that describes some of the goals of the survey. An example is the entertainer survey which "would be used as a baseline for preparing a fact sheet to help in assessing project proposals that fall in the 'artists and entertainers' focus area category. Goals for data collection include collecting a broad sample of opinions related to how entertainers evaluate their experience getting into and performing at the Fair, what types of services they would find most helpful, and how best to engage entertainers in being more involved with year-round Fair activities." Survey expenses were broken down into \$3685 for volunteer expenses (wristbands, t-shirts, food vouchers); \$792 for printing and materials; and \$1730 for data entry.

Peach Gallery: Joseph said it's good to tap into other peoples' ideas and get direction. Leslie is fully supportive and said the survey work is "very dynamic."

Board: Most of the lengthy Board discussion focused on a **friendly amendment made early in the conversation by Jack to add at first 10 (idea rejected) and later 5 wristbands (idea eventually accepted by both Bear and Paxton) to the budget and to specify their use to help the Fair increase diversity.** Someone yielded to Leslie who pointed out that the budget sheet listed 38 passes for survey takers and 2 passes for diversity outreach; the 5 additional passes would be connected to those. There was little talk about the survey issue itself except by Deane who said he is still digesting information already gathered and felt \$6,000 might be better spent on something like paying entertainers more money; by Diane who said the VQ task force will eventually be finished with their work and she'd be interested to know if it will then become a survey crew; and by Lara who said surveys "give us a good overview of different ideas about what the Fair should become in the future and the expenditure is worth it to have good information." Following are just a few of the opinions voiced about Jack's friendly amendment. There were differences of opinion about whether the best way to increase diversity was through increasing passes for surveyors. Paxton felt surveyors should be recruited from Fair Family rather than outsiders while Anna thought "we should try any way we can to increase diversity. It should be our mission to find out what we need to do to improve ourselves, to invest in diversity, and to invest in our youth." Palmer said adding camping passes to this is not the way to increase diversity and suggested a better idea would be to offer more passes to Crews dedicated to expanding diversity in their ranks. Katie said she has "heard complaints from management that everyone seems to want a camping pass in exchange for their contribution to our organization. Apparently the people who are working on the VQ process are no different, and I find it ironic that the Board is being asked to decide how many camping passes should be given for this contribution to our organization." Jack said, "Language is important," and asked, "how can you spin outreach to not be correct?" **A vote was taken on whether to include Jack's amendment. The motion passed: 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Paxton and Deane). Then they voted on the amended motion to approve \$6,207 plus the cost of 5 more passes for diversity outreach. The amended motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Deane).**

WOW Hall Financial Request

Deane moved and Katie seconded that the Board donate \$2,500 from the Board donation budget to the Community Center for the Performing Arts. (aka WOW Hall)

Background: David Helton (Booth Registration Co-Coordinator and board member of WOW Hall) said this is a special request "above and beyond the annual membership. Part of what happened with Beth's passing is that we lost our GM and her fundraising ability." They have been running the hall by committee and need funds to jump-start the search for a new GM.

Peach Gallery: Joseph Newton (Recycling Crew) would like to support CCPA but hates to see so much money come out of the donation budget. He wondered if the donation could be restructured as a long-term loan. Grumpy said \$2500 won't go far and is not a good plan for the use of that money; he'd rather support them in a more sustainable way and suggested tabling the idea for a month.

Board: Bear suggested WOW Hall could help the Fair by getting the word out to attend the event. Jack asked David if there was time to consider the structure of the financial help or if speed was critical. David said they need to hire a GM but are not in immediate danger of closing their doors. Jack suggested designating someone to "negotiate how to help you get back on your feet." Palmer asked that the money be given in memory of Beth. Anna said she'd feel better if there was a plan involved and wondered how they planned to continue paying a GM. **Palmer**

suggested a friendly amendment (which Deane and Katie agreed to) to appoint Jack and Grumpy as negotiators to work with CCPA and to guarantee \$2500 if WOW Hall hires a GM in the next month. It was left to the negotiators to determine whether the money would be a loan or a donation and to decide what part of the budget the expenditure would come from.

The amended motion passed: 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Anna). (*Palmer voted for Lara who had stepped out of the room.*)

Permaculture Conference

Lawrence moved and Deane seconded that the Board authorize General Manager Leslie Scott to execute the necessary contracts to host the 2007 Permaculture Conference on the Country Fair site the weekend of August 24-26.

The motion passed: 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7pm at the EWEB Community Room. The agenda, subject to change, will include the following tabled items: Budget Issues; Consider Donation Request for Network for Reproductive Options (Deane); Peach Power Fund (Anna); Educational Event Development and Bioneers Youth Scholarships (Anna); as well as the following new business: Appoint Main Camp Check Signers; Appoint Dog Control Coordinator; Establish Path Planning as Board Committee (Paxton); Path Planning Process (Paxton); Support for Lane Arts Council (Jack). Consider Donation Request for Dance for a Reason was dropped from the agenda because the event already happened in February (they were asked to submit future requests earlier). Consider Donation Request for SANTA was dropped from the agenda for lack of a sponsor.

Minutes by Barbara Edmonds who thanks Jerry and Esther Hicks (“Ask and It Is Given”) for the following quote: “Do you understand how beloved you are, how blessed you are, how adored you are, and what an integral part of this creative process you are?”