



Oregon Country Fair
Board of Directors Meeting
May 2, 2016
7:00 pm Northwest Youth Corp

Board members present: John Chewie Burgess, Casey Marks Fife, Sue Theolass, Justin Honea, Bear Wilner-Nugent (facilitating), Lawrence Taylor, Jon Silvermoon, Diane Albino, Jack Makarchek (Lucy, Indigo, Kirk absent).

Peach Gallery present: Staff (Tom, Crystalyn, Robin, Stephanie, Shane), Officers (Hilary, Eric, Heidi), and (uncounted) family and guests.

New Business

Appoint Barter Fair manager.

Sue moved, Justin seconded, to move to old business.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Authorize changes to credit card holders and check signers.

Bear moved, Sue seconded, to move to old business.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Announcements

Sue has raffle tickets for the Spring Fling to be held on Saturday May 7th, 6:30 PM at the WOW Hall.

Joseph said on the 11th of every month, 5:45 PM, at the First Christian Church is an interfaith prayer service, all faiths welcome.

Bear asked coordinators to start thinking about getting meal counts turned in for main camp, please don't wait until the last minute.

Staff reports

Crystalyn: I knew when I took this job that I would be busier than I could possibly imagine, and so far that has been true. It has been a true joy to get to interact with everyone from all aspects of our wonderful event. We have been prepping for the opening of Main Camp, only a month away! I've had a lot of meetings out on site and this is such a beautiful time of year. I would like to thank Anne and DJ with Archaeology Crew for taking Shane and me on a walk of the entire site last weekend. I learned a lot of the detail regarding the history of our property. I am blown away by how much everyone puts in to this organization - Thank you!

Shane: April has been really busy, and I have a full schedule for May. The HUB roof has been redone, no more leaks. The elders HUB showers are next. Thanks Site Crew for work parties doing things like geranium eradication efforts. We have a botanist who will lead more in the future. I met with the Fair's consulting arborist, discussing the emerald ash borer, who brought another botanist working on

forest ecology projects, who will start a propagation program, collecting seed from our trees, shrubs, and eventually wildflowers. Thanks to those working on the ice issues. Thanks to Justin for loaning freezer space. Drivers with Class B CDL are needed for ice trucks, 1 or 2 deliveries per day during Fair. If you know of someone, contact me by email, shane@oregoncountryFair.org.

Stephanie: Jill Heiman Vision Fund recipients for 2016 will be Laurel Hill Center (starter cooking kits for people with mental illness), Planned Parenthood (medical equipment), Mid-Lane Cares (bus passes for low-income residents of Fern Ridge), Assistance League (weekend food for children), Lane Senior Support Coalition (emergency fund for low-income seniors), and Pearl Buck Center (necessities for adults w/ cognitive disabilities). Fair staff attended confidentiality training provided by the Fair's lawyer. The office has been crazy busy. Booth registration has been there answering booth questions with efficiency. A committee has been formed to raise awareness of Fair philanthropy. Come to the Spring fling! There are over 200 raffle donations, so chance to win is good. This is a fundraiser for Culture Jam.

Robin: The office has been hopping, skipping, and jumping. Culture Jam youth registration has closed, and the staffing application process is also over. The phones are ringing off the hook and there have been lots of visitors. Booth Registration crew is amazing to watch do their thing. I appreciate working with Stephanie; she's doing a great job. I was lucky enough to attend two events as "Culture Jam Ambassador". One was the annual ACT-SO local competition performance where one of our Culture Jam kids, Esther Lamb, won the Gold Medal in Poetry. This means she can go to the national competition in Cleveland this summer! (Crowd applause.) The other was Peace Jam at the University of Oregon. I feel so good that we are connecting teens with these positive, Culture Jam-like opportunities year-round.

Tom: The countdown has begun! I'm taking this soft opening of Main Camp seriously, I've got my Fitbit on, and I'll be keeping track. Great news, the caretaker hiring announcement is coming soon. (In this FFN!) I've been meeting with crews. IT team has some great ideas for vendor support, easier credit card charges. Half of our visitors are new to the Fair, 100% of them expect to be able to use a credit card; we have to make that happen. ATM's are being added also. We're working toward more effective commerce. Website upgrades are coming, radical update of .net site, more user friendly. I've been involved with Xavanadu planning and went around with construction to see how the red and yellow tag process works. No decision on the SUP; seems like it's been two weeks off for months. It's still almost done. FYI, we seem to be getting more attention from the County around building stuff. So you may see higher standards than in the past, regarding height and size of lofts, structures that need permits, some without permits going away. It's a new regulatory landscape we are figuring out. This has made it difficult to place/permit the story pole, still working on it. Emergency protocols are being worked on. The Veneta mayor and county commissioner asked me to represent the Fair at the Fern Ridge policing district meetings. Most of the county shares two officers most evenings, making it

hard for them to respond effectively in the Fern Ridge area (size of Connecticut). Our relationship with the Lane County Sheriff's office has changed over the last 40 years. We have our contract for this year signed.

Committee reports

Barter Fair Task Force – Sue reports that they welcome the management team's proposal to work with the Barter Fair manager to fulfill the board's directive to have a Barter Fair in 2016 pending the SUP. If the Fair does not have the SUP by Saturday, June 4, the task force decided there will not be a Barter Fair in 2016, but if the stars align just right we will be ready for the Barter Fair. They are pleased that Amanda Moore has volunteered to be the Barter Fair manager.

Peach power-1) Completed 2015 estimates of direct utility-billed electrical usage for the OCF properties and sent results to OCF staff. Peach Power Committee will use this information to recommend potential efficiency & renewable energy projects. Our power consumption effects how projects in development might help us meet Fair's net positive goal. Big thanks to Fair staff for timely help to get the utility data to us! 2) We will be working Fall 2016 with Path Planning 'Front of Fair' sub-committee to discuss developing site plan involving potential solar electric array expansion. Peach Power is grateful to have two people helping out with Path Planning & Front of Fair, sending appreciation to Spirit Leatherwood & Dennis Todd for their help with this process. 3) Ongoing discussions of providing renewable power for stages have been happening with Fair site, operational staff, and other vendor/groups. Recent discussions include research results from Bio-fuels combustion generator (thanks to Shane & Bob Durnell), taking stock of the Fair's portable battery power sources (Solar Dragon, power carts, etc) and talking about the technical aspects of the proposed partnership with LCC's Solar Rover trailer for potential Dance pavilion power with the proposers. 4) Peach Power committee is supporting three upcoming staff training events to promote education about resource wise, energy efficient practices at the Fair and to learn about how the Fair can be sustainable. 'Green Wings' trainings will be held Monday May 23rd from 1-3pm at the Fair office (442 Lawrence Street, Eugene); Sunday June 12th from 10am-12pm in Energy Park at the Veneta site, and Thursday July 7th from 5-7pm at Energy Park. Email anna_scott@comcast.net for details. Next Peach Power meeting is Sunday May 29th at 6pm. Check in with Peach Power if you have resource wise plans!

Elders- KOCF's Falcon Radio Show was featured on a local nightly news program. Elmira High School radio kids were interviewed. They said this radio station is "one of the best things that's ever happened in Elmira". Katie is resigning as Budget liaison after this year's Fair and resigning from the Applications subcommittee. Thank you, Katie! Open volunteer positions will be posted in the upcoming newsletter and at Elder Central tent during the Fair. A process is being developed for appeal when Elder status has been denied. The Elder's newsletter will have an article to reiterate the protocol and vetting process. Next Elders meeting is Thursday, May 26, 7PM, Grower's Market, fall retreat at Alice's, October 8-9..

Food Committee-The months-long process of selecting new food booths and carts is over. We had a large number of applicants and we did a number of tastings to select five new booths and carts. Raw, with creative raw food selections, and N.W. Empanadas, serving traditional empanadas and vegetarian soup, are the two new booths. Elegant Elephant, sweet and savory gluten free selections; Buddha Chocolates, raw, vegan, Fair trade treats; and Mate' Revolution, serving organic and Fair trade mate' drinks, comprise the three new carts. Food Committee hopes you enjoy these additions to our amazing food options.

Path Planning-PP had a great meeting, an amazing day of hugs, smiles and high fives. The Front of the Fair sub-committee had their first organizational meeting. In order for future goals to be realistic, they plan to reach out to stake holders with surveys, one that goes out pre-Fair and one during the Fair. They are looking at the public entrance and bus area, what's working great, and what can be better for pedestrians and traffic. PP also discussed maintaining esthetics when placing new food booths, moving booths, path improvement, and removing the pinch points. The west edge of Xavanadu will have some new booths and other booths moving there. The food booth footprints will be made smaller as decided by construction. Long term planning encompasses 3rd childcare, recycling docks, etc.. Looking to reinvigorate that conversation and utilize the GM's skills in making a plan. Now that PP is done with the new area, what's next?

Community Center-Current tasks include getting a land survey with engineering professionals and OCF General Manager and putting together the land use application to apply to Lane County for a special land use permit in the fall of 2016. This SUP will indicate if the County will allow the Fair to build a commercial kitchen and volunteer meeting center in the uplands area. The committee asks the Board of Directors to help identify a project champion by Fall of 2016. This person from the Fair's leadership will help do critical work surrounding the project (like engaging the Board and Fair membership with the project), when the special land use should be submitted to Lane County. The next meeting will be Monday, May 16th at 6:00pm at the town office or via GoToMeeting. Add appoint Jim Goettler to the CCC on the June meeting agenda.

Radio station-92.5 KOCF FM has just begun to put underwriting spots on the air. We currently have four. They are trade-outs for services that we are receiving from the community. We anticipate placing paid underwriting spots on the air very soon. Our Development Group has really been trying to market the station 92.5 KOCF FM to the community. We know there are folks out there that want to pay for underwriting; we just need to refine our rate card a bit more. One of our trade-outs is with The Fern Ridge Review. We're placing ads in it and a couple of weeks ago we had another very positive article about the student radio club. KMTR-TV also did a news piece last week focusing on the experiences of the students at Elmira High School doing a show on the Falcon Radio club on 92.5 KOCF in the afternoon. I guess the word has gotten out about the radio club at the high school. Stu Burgess, faculty at Elmira HS, says he has more applicants for the Fall term than he could

have ever imagined. We are trying to brand our frequency 92.5 KOCF FM into our listener's minds. How am I doing? Hope you all can remember when you're out onsite to dial us in, at 92.5 KOCF FM. (Audience chimed in on the last 92.5 KOCF FM.)

Diversity Task Force - Learning Opportunity has been put off until fall due to pre-Fair conflicts.

Member Input

Hilary: Hilary shared a picture of David Hoffman, on site doing what he does best.

Chewie: The Fair lost its original greeter ("You can't come in without a smile."), the founder of the VegManEC crew, and namesake of Dahinda's Acres. There will be a memorial on May 22nd at the Fair site.

Heather: I was working with others to craft an explanatory statement about the Fern Ridge policing district for the voter pamphlet. It did not go on the ballot because many community members were vocally opposed to it at a public hearing. Probably want to know a lot and consider our position carefully.

Joseph: It is so good to see us exercising those powers to which we are legally entitled in public advocacy, I think from the start we were called to transform our society.

Donations/Secretary's Report

The May consent calendar includes the following:

CALC \$1,000-They want to celebrate their 50th anniversary with a summer youth mural project for the wooden structure in front of CALC office. They will engage young people in the design celebrating the social justice movement and hope to complete it by the end of August.

PeaceJam NW \$1,000-This international organization connects Nobel Peace Prize winners with youth. This year's annual conference was led by Jody Williams. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work as the founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. PeaceJam hopes to empower young people to create positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world.

ACT-SO \$1,000-This is an acronym for Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics, a major youth initiative of the NAACP. It is a year-long youth achievement program, recruiting and connecting students with mentors and coaches in the community. This will help amazing, talented youth with transportation and hotel fees.

Sweet Home/Lebanon Farmer's Markets \$1000-Locally sourced food shouldn't be taken for granted. This market has local people and great entertainment.

Eugene City Streets \$500 Sunday Streets closes 2 miles to cars, for the community to bike, walk, and dance. They are working on outreach to underserved communities.

Creswell at Home \$1000 – Aging in place is difficult when you can't drive. After research of 200 villages in US, Canada, and worldwide, a business plan village is in development, to be operational by 2017. The goal is to help seniors stay in their homes safely, neighbor helping neighbor, creating a friendly, vibrant community. Startup funding is needed, member fees will support in the future.

Consent calendar passed, 9-0.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Items

Hilary: Norma is still helping with the books, we are lucky to have her. The 2015 books will be closed in the next 2 weeks, finalizing adjustments and pulling information together. Eric and I met with Elders to discuss cash handling, Virtual Sticker Booth, and other issues. It was a good meeting, they are agreeable to internal controls, Eric is working with them. I think a conversation about age is important to have, maybe a task force is needed.

Budget item #1 wristbands cost \$800 more, asking for adjustment. Budget item #2, Tom's contingency fund has already used \$5000 for gator damage from last Fair, \$792 for damage to personal truck in recycling, \$2501 for traffic impact analysis for the SUP. That line item is over by \$2098, asking for \$5000 more.

LT moved, Jon seconded to add \$800 for cost of wristbands.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Jon moved, Chewie seconded to add \$7200 to the GM contingency fund.

Chewie: Darn good for May of his first year. Why is it months later we find out the gator is our fault?

Tom: After the gator incident the rental was called rather than notifying anyone at Fair. It went to collections before we knew.

Bear: Follow up?

Tom: The take away on this is an institutional fix, looking at how we rent and dole out gators, centralizing gator management. We are taking steps toward a solid plan, more of a motor pool concept.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Jon: Question about budget line items with negative expenses in the crew budgets.

Hilary: It has to do with initial purchases, looks negative now but should change when finalized.

Jon: Question about miscellaneous income line.

Hilary: Not sure of the details on that yet.

Jon: Do we need to add money for Board meeting rentals?

Old Business

Sue moved, Casey seconded to approve minutes from April 4, 2016 board meeting.

Motion passed, 8-0, Chewie abstaining.

Jon moved, Bear seconded, to remove Charlie Ruff as account administrator at Key Bank.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Bear moved, Jon seconded, to authorize Crystalyn Autuchovich to have an Oregon Country Fair credit card with Key Bank.

Motion passed, 9-0

Bear moved, Sue seconded, to add Crystalyn Autuchovich as a quartermaster check signer on the Pacific Continental QM account.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Sue moved, Casey seconded to appoint Amanda Moore as Barter Fair manager.

Jon P.: Awesome.

Crystalyn: Impressed.

Joseph: Thank you.

Amanda: I'm excited for this opportunity to bring something back that is safe and appropriate for everyone.

Chewie: Are you crazy? On board? Aware of the potential?

Amanda: Yes, I've been on the Barter Fair committee since it began.

Jon: Thinks Barter Fair won't happen due to link to SUP.

Sue: The Barter Fair committee is unanimous and thrilled.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Sue moved, Casey seconded, to direct the Food Committee to explore means to simplify resource accessibility for food vendors and explore ways to further improve aspects of our eclectic cuisine.

Jon wondered if it should be "support", rather than "direct". (He offered a friendly amendment to affirm Food Committee efforts, which was accepted.)

Justin applauded the Food Committee efforts.

Chewie supports the Food Committee.

Jack respects the Food Committee. Whenever you try to change something at the Fair, it is nice to be able to say you have the board's direction to move forward. If they need us to direct them, he's not going to second-guess, it helps them do their job. (The motion changed back to the original.)

LT agrees with Jack, although this is a post hoc direction. He thinks the committee is right to ask for direction.

Motion passed, 9-0.

Justin moved, Sue seconded, to approve using \$2000 of green ticket revenue to the new Solar Roller project.

Shawn: This project would provide an alternative energy solution for the dance pavilion stage, replacing the loud, smelly, diesel generator that was also a fire hazard. It would be a partnership with LCC Energy Management Program, Pedal Power Music, EWEB, Advance Energy Systems (photovoltaic company/consultant), Guaranty Chevrolet (research and development). The solar energy production trailer formerly known as the EWEB Sun Rover, was donated to the LCC Energy Management program in 2015. This is a major renovation project to rebuild the solar trailer using modern, sustainable technology for use at the OCF dance pavilion.

Dave (from Pedal Power): The trailer is at Guaranty, now being torn apart. There's an individual who loves this idea and plans to invest time and energy. EWEB offered the trailer to Pedal Power but he recommended LCC for the educational potential. He estimates \$5000 total is needed. We have an amazing opportunity here.

Hilary: The possibility of this project came up too late to be included in capital projects. Dance pavilion was almost shut down last year due to the generator noise. The Fair will not own this but could work out a memo of understanding (MOU) with LCC that we can continue to use it for the dance pavilion. This not only creates a power source we can use in the future, it supports the development of the infrastructure for an off grid power source.

Dave: Roger from LCC Energy Management sent a message that he fully supports this and he wants an MOU too.

Heather: Would it be used year round, putting power back into the grid?

Dave: It would be used year round for off grid power at events only.

Becky: What about future repairs?

Peach Power guy: Peach Power met and discussed the viability of this project, the load profile, how much energy is needed, when it is needed, does this meet those needs. We were unable to resolve that this would be a solution. The consensus at the meeting is that using green ticket funds for this project is not supported by Peach Power.

Joseph: Board members can track the green ticket line item. That's a commitment made to our customers and the fund has been growing for some years. Even if this doesn't meet all our needs, the Sun Rover was serving our community for years and has incredible potential to keep serving.

Hilary: Green Ticket funds started as \$1 per ticket designated by the ticket buyer for one of four different projects and Peach Power was one of those projects. After a few years we said let's call it Green Ticket (GT) money, \$1 from each ticket, and the Fair decides where it goes. The first year about \$45,000 all went to Peach Power. They also have \$25,000 authorized for a solar array that hasn't happened yet, and they can ask for more anytime. There have been 4 or 5 more years of GT money, about \$90,000 of that has been dedicated to projects related to the

Community Center. That leaves about \$125,000 undesignated for green projects. We have been slow to tap those funds.

Robin: This is also an investment in an educational tool for college students.

Jon P: Echoes the intent to use these funds to benefit the Fair and the wider community. This is an appropriate use.

Michael: Supports a lot of the comments made, it's a good educational tool. If it doesn't fill the need, perhaps the amount could be restricted or more funds given to bring it up to point where it is beneficial. I would defer to Hilary's opinion as she is intimately involved and knows the needs of the dance pavilion.

Heather: In light of the dollar amount in that fund and talking about education opportunities, there's another opportunity to use a different technology to provide power to the pavilion. There's a pallet sized unit called a gasifier that runs on wood chips or nut shells, quiet, essentially emission free, and provides 20 kw of power. This could also be educational; most people haven't seen one.

Shawn: As the production coordinator for the dance pavilion, my concern is a reliable source of power, smooth operations, and providing the best show for the public. I've worked with Dave many times. Dave has a demonstrated track record of success with these types of things. If this doesn't provide enough power, we will change what we need and make it work. We really want to see a sustainable source of power at the dance pavilion. Part of the partnership with the LCC program will have students come out during Fair on day passes so they can help educate those who are interested in the technology.

LT: Narrow view to look at does it meet our needs. Is it an efficient use of funds? It will produce some power, it is non-carbon producing power, even when we don't use it, it can provide that to someone else. It's really part capital project and part donation and it's a good thing.

Jon: Is \$2000 sufficient to have an agreement with LCC to use this for more than one year? (He offered a friendly amendment that this money is subject to successful negotiation of an MOU that was not accepted. He moved to amend the motion, no second.)

Chewie: Is there a way to store this energy? I support it even if it only provides one day of power. Would it be possible to set it up early and store energy in batteries like the ones used in Solar Stages? I support this because I like the clean technology usage, but would like to see it be bigger in scope.

Justin: Thank you for bringing this, I remember seeing the Sun Rover used around town and also sitting at EWEB for years. I like the idea of bringing this back, sharing it with the community at large. Some things need to be dialed in, like the MOU, and better understanding of the load and usage. It's part of what we espouse and an opportunity to bring another tool to our cachet of solar options. I'm excited about this opportunity. The PR alone is worth the \$2000. LCC and EWEB are the kinds of partners we want to have in this community.

Jack: The Sun Rover used come to the Fair. The idea of bringing it back, giving it love, doing it in partnership with LCC, just the fact that we are part of moving solar

history forward, is extremely valuable. We could have an agreement to maintain it or be part of maintenance. It seems important to reach back and move forward with it. Certainly support not having it parked as a relic, we could be part of making it state of the art again. It makes perfect sense.

Dave: It won't take care of all problems, it's just the tip of iceberg as far as our carbon footprint, I hope to do more. I had \$2000 coming in, so with this and other partnerships I'll almost have the \$5000 total budget.

Motion passed, 8-0, Jon abstained.

Bear moved, Casey seconded, that the board authorize the General Manager to extend an offer for the caretaker position to the candidate recommended by the hiring committee.

Bear: Thanks, hiring committee, for your work!

Motion passed, 9-0.

President's Peace

dahinda's presence is really strong and I think it will be strong always. I loved dahinda, I feel him very strongly right now.

Draft agenda for June board meeting

Approve minutes from the May 2 board meeting

Internet Meeting Team (Indigo)

Add Jim Goettler to the Community Center Committee. (Kirk)

Returning Veterans \$500 (Chewie) to August consent calendar?