

4-28-16 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES-DRAFT 2

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Katie Cousins, Peggy Fitzgerald, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Heather Kent, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, Patricia Van Esso and Dee Wirak (also note taker).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Cohn, Jain Elliott,

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Barnes, Mambo, Ann Rogers, Annmarie Hirsch, James Lesiak, Chris Harrison, Jon Pincus, and Licia Shultz (meeting facilitator)

MINUTES-Last month's meeting minutes approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Fall retreat-Alice's is reserved for October 8-9

-Roger has limited availability for this year's fair but expects to be around 1 or possibly 2 weeks beforehand, that's it.

-Jon is giving a talk "Woodman of the World" at the WOW Hall this Sunday at 4 p.m. followed by a tour at 5 p.m. Their history display will also be included on the first Friday artwalk which culminates in an old time social and square dancing. WOW Hall general meeting and election is Wednesday, May 11 starting at 6:30 p.m.

-KOCF Falcon Radio was featured on a local nightly t.v. news program, for the second time. This feature was more in depth and the kids were there and interviewed saying, this is, "one of the best things that happened to Elmira."

-Licia shook Bernie's hand today.

RESIGNATIONS-Katie will remain as our Budget liason til after the fair, no longer. We are in the first of a two year cycle. She also resigns from the Applications subcommittee. Patti and Susan are willing to continue but will need a committee member point person, lead dog. Thank you Katie! Peggy will post info about the open positions in the upcoming newsletter. Open volunteer positions/needs to be posted in the Elder Central hospitality tent during the fair also.

GEEZER PLEEZER-Chris feels that she has to put herself out there for the Geezer and would like to be on the elders committee. She is authorized by the committee to do the work and she should assign herself an assistant. Also Geezer banners are being made by her and Licia. Lighting has been obtained but decorations that would be fun and go with dark red coloring red are requested.

Licia and Kay need tie dye material to make the 20000 badges.

CAMPING-Peggy has secured a new 10X12 screen tent, it is in a box and will require 2 people to lift (Jon/Eric). T-shirts will be distributed from the Elder Central tent. We also have Chris' screen tent. Chris Browne's former camp site will be used for the second "quiet area" tent instead of setting up the teepee.

Tinkerbelle for camp and Still Living Room? Peggy will talk to Fair Central and decide. Paxton has offered to bring radios that would aide in communications as well. Diane will remind him in her letter of inquiry regarding the NEW CAMPING AREA. At the retreat Paxton said he would assist in responding to John Kay's request for more info regarding our need for overflow camping. Peggy reports that there are already 10 people on the waiting list.

BANK ACCOUNT UPDATE-As authorized at our last meeting, Katie has established a bank account at Banner Bank. We have pretty checks and Katie, Patricia and Michael are designated co-signers. However, this account will NOT be used for depositing pass money. A meeting was held and we agreed to deposit Elders checks into an existing OCF bank account. This is a good solution for not having to hold these checks til June. Katie will be able to deposit into the OCF account regularly.

APPLICATIONS/STATUS APPEAL PROTOCOL- For now, Michael suggests adding the words to the elder application-under #11-"However, copies of laminates and wristbands without supportive information is not sufficient." Motion to add this wording was made by Peggy, seconded by Dee. Motion passed with Katie abstaining.

Michael presented a suggested form to be used when an applicant is denied elder status. The subcommittee would fill out the form documenting the factors that lead to the rejection, they would present the form to the Elders Committee then send it to the applicant. It would include their right to appeal and protocol for re-applying (within the existing deadlines or within 2 weeks of the date of the rejection letter). Think about it. We should also develop a rejection letter. Peggy will be posting an article about our vetting process in the newsletter.

EMAIL DECISIONS-Discussion ensued whether we should allow the committee to make decisions via email. No decision at this time. It should be the exception rather than the rule, regarding process not policy and only when it is time sensitive.

Dee made a motion, seconded by Katie-Add Annemarie Hirsch to the Elders Committee email list. Annemarie presented herself and explained why it would be helpful to include her as she is actively working on the Still Living Room entertainment and sound attenuation project. All approved. Welcome Annemarie!

STILL LIVING ROOM-Jon, Annemarie and Larry have diagrammed the site and are proposing solutions to improve the sound quality and natural amplification of the Still Living Room. They are proposing a 4" thick bandshell that would block intrusive sounds from the W.C. Fields stage and also removable panels behind the new "proposed" stage area to attenuate the acoustics. They are asking the Elders committee for support in continuing these efforts. If they get Sandra's buy in, they should go for it! There are no funds available for this project so it may need to be done one piece at time. Jerry is working on lighting needed for evening.

BoD Elder Appeal is on the agenda per Diane, however Jon reports just having seen Jon S and it has been taken off the agenda as Tom may be giving them S.O. passes. Many on the Committee were vocal in their disagreement and felt that Tom's action undermines the Committee's work. If the persons in question are short years of service, giving them passes doesn't help them gain those needed years of service. Others on the Committee did not have an issue with Tom's decision and felt that, as General Manager, he has every right to fix such a situation in a politic way.

NEXT ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING is May 26, starting at 7p.m at the Grower's Market, 454 Willamette Street.

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