

8-22-13 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT2)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Eric Nicholson and Dee Wirak (also note taker)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Katie Cousins, Patricia Van Esso, Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Don Doolin & Jim Goettler

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Joffe, Licia Shultz, Jerry Shultz, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Heather Kent and Chris Harrison

MINUTES-Motion to approve June minutes was made by Kay, seconded by Alan, all approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Take home cucumbers and squash. Oregon media people have been gathering info to present views on gun control in Oregon. They have been using their own dime, if you'd like to view and contribute to the project go to <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/oregon-divide>.

LPFM- Letters of support are being received, continue to send them in snail mail or as a pdf attachment via email to Michael. These letters will be submitted to the BOD at their September 9 meeting as part of our application form. Michael has gotten the two attorneys speaking to each other- R. Pope for OCF and a local attorney with FCC expertise. Jack and Charlie are in the loop. An antenna is already up and approved. At this point we are just trying to get the license, then we would have two years to work out all the details of operation. Great job Michael, and Jim!

MEETING DATES- Committee meetings will be held September 26, October 24 and due to Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be moved up to the third Thursday, November 21. December is usually a potluck meeting at the WOW Hall and date has yet to be set pending Hall availability.

FALL ELDERS RETREAT-September 28-29.

SPIRITWALK will be during the full moon, on Friday, October 18.

Kay will contact the office to get these dates published in future FFN calendars.

THANK YOU- Kay will inquire if OCF Thank You cards are still available for us to mail to folks that we would like to thank, such as Terry Baxter, consider others as well, bring to our next meeting. We will also discuss a special thank you to Marilyn Ripley for all her donated expertise and volunteer time to create the timeline exhibits. (An elder attendee suggested that we create/sell take aways of these amazing exhibits - photos or placemats.)

RETREAT- CANDIDATES FORUM-The first year we had 5 candidates attend, second year only 2. What can be done to improve attendance? Statements for publication from candidates are due August 25. Heather and Jain offered to get the list of candidates and contact them personally with an invite to our retreat, Saturday, September 28 at 3 p.m.,

and dinner after. Jain will also send a notice for FFN announcing our agenda and open expectation that prospective Board candidates attend as an opportunity to address our large voting body. We will consider questions beforehand, asking them at least three similar questions. Our observations will be shared.

AGENDA- Saturday, September 28-10 a.m. Work party (Inventory and move all of our soft materials from Zen Acres to Henderson sound rooms for safe storage. Will need a camera, laptop, storage bags (Patricia do we have money left to buy?) & vacuum.) Potluck lunch; 3 p.m.-CANDIDATES FORUM; Dinner, entertainment. Sunday a.m. breakfast, budget, nuts and bolts/camping, Fair future.

MEETING STRUCTURE-At the last retreat there was a clash of styles that we would like to avoid. We could improve by staying on topic, reducing repetition and having a posted agenda with time frames. We should all take responsibility and support our facilitator. Meal times are great for unstructured dialog.

CONTINUING THE DIALOG-Charlie and Hilary spoke to us at the May meeting. It was important but took an inordinate amount of our pre-fair meeting time. Essential topics of the elder growth discussion were briefly summarized into these categories: Extended hours pass -not to camp, 11 p.m. buses back to Eugene); Raising the age or service length criteria to gain elder status; Elder craft area and parking.

Due to lack of time tonight we will discuss this at our next meeting. Patricia has developed ideas on some of these matters that will be helpful to consider. Heads up-the extended pass idea could be a budgeting item and need to go into the November BOD packet, Hilary wants some hard numbers (is it just elders who would want to stay late but not camp?-survey in FFN?)

PERCEPTIONS-We need to direct our own image, there is a feeling that elders committee is just helping elders vs elders helping the Fair. There are pockets of resistance but people are increasingly recognizing our value and ongoing contributions. Aside from getting our own camping area and establishing the Still Living Room we've been instrumental in FARTS, Archives, timeline exhibits, LPFM, intergenerational conversations.

STILL LIVING ROOM-We must find someone to manage the Still Living Room next year, elder earned pass position.

SEPTEMBER 26 AGENDA-Review of the 2013 activities and Fair will be carried over to the September 26 committee meeting (Old Timer's, Meet & Greet, Still Living Room and camping-all 80 spots used and placards returned); Elders future-Patricia's ideas-may include October survey for FFN regarding extended pass/no camp option. Retreat details.