

1/25/18 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Patricia Van Esso, Michael James Long, Jain Elliott, Eric Nicholson, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Heather Kent, Roger Lesiak, Peggy Fitzgerald, Ann Bennett Rogers (Board Liaison) and Dee Wirak (also scribe)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Kay Kintzley, Robert Jacobs,

OTHERS PRESENT: Patty Marx, Kehn “Mambo” Gibson, Jon Pincus, Reggie DeSoto, Paul & Anna Brown and Licia Shultz (facilitator)

MINUTES from the November Elders meeting were approved.

COFFEE ANYONE? Jon will check into pricing simple equipment & coffee for meetings.

COORDINATORS MEETINGS-Alan and Michael attended on our behalf. Dates that may be of interest: Teen crew requests must be in by March 15, capitol projects are due 1/31, Spring Fling is May 5, Fair is 7/13-15, next coordinators meeting is March 24. The Guidelines are available online. Late night bus trips will be happening again. The purchase price of fire extinguishers will be discounted if you say “OCF happy days” at Mallory Safety & supply.

AGE/YEARS-We should have a discussion at the retreat about the age and years of service to become an elder. It may be helpful to see a graph of applicants by year and age, Katie has the raw data. A board motion would be required to make a change in current policy.

Many times we hear that a craft family member cannot retire due to booth succession issues. On the one hand people favor elders as it allows for new energy on the other hand there are concerns about overall fair growth. Of the 1122 elders last year, roughly 70% got their passes from elders. Item will be discussed at the spring retreat.

SPRING RETREAT-April 14-15 at Mouseman and Heather’s. Spring Retreat agenda items...We need a flower person for the Still Living Room; Age and service discussion,

MEET_N_GREET-Eric announced that Steel Wool would be available to play for us this year, all in favor. Kay and Licia will continue to organize the Meet-n-greet. Thanks!

FEEDBACK FORMS-Michael has been working on form to give feedback to elders. He will email a draft form to committee members. Send feedback to him at maj@efn.org

SHOWERHEADS-Norma Baum will be resigning as our shower steward but may have someone on her crew that could take over and also work with Shane and hospitality/shower crews. We have previously allocated one pass for an elder to help with this and prefer elder involvement if possible, Licia will be in contact with Norma. Thank you Norma!!

MEMORIAL-Reggie presented a lovely idea to memorialize our departed fair family members. He suggests carving name and info into the fallen yew at River Loop junction, across from the library. He is encouraged to attend the next path planning meeting, Feb 18, 10 a.m.-noon at the Warebarn then 1-4 at LCC building 2 room 214.

STILL LIVING ROOM-Mouseman would like to move forward with obtaining a larger site for the Still Living Room, he and Jon have identified possible locations and will come up with a game plan to approach Path Planning.

APPLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE-The group discussed possible options for a person missing one year of service-work in the Still Living Room, see if it is possible to “work” a modified job with his crew or a compassion pass (this option would not qualify the person as working an additional year however). Mambo will get back to this person and is to let Patricia know if he wants the Still Living Room option.

Thirty five elders have been vetted and are approved for elder status. Thank you’s to both Stephanie and Robin, their help has been appreciated!

ANNOUCEMENT-Peggy will not be available to assist with Elder words newsletter as she is officially retired and will be in and out of the country. She will be here to be this year’s camp host.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS-February 22, 7-9 meeting at the fair office as published in FFN; March meeting has been reserved for us back at the Grower’s Market.