

3/11-12/2017 ELDERS RETREAT

PRESENT: Patricia Van Esso, Robert Jacobs, Katie Cousins, Michael James Long, Jain Elliott, Eric Nicholson, Kay Kintzley, Heather Kent, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Bruce Richardson, Bonnie Clarke, Nancy McBee, Steve Barnes, Wm Spann (I WILL), Lois Inmann, Suzanne Philips, Chris Harrison, Ann Bennett Rogers, Jerry Joffe, Jon Pincus, Isa Haverlan, Jo Autumn Brock, Sue Barnhart, Georgia Bartlett, Licia Shultz (facilitator) and Dee Wirak (scribe)

AGENDA items were posted. Volunteer retreat assistants-John H will be here for prep of a mid-eastern themed dinner, Nancy offers to help and apologies to Jo Autumn for not reaching her beforehand. Attendees introduced themselves by name and power animal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Patricia passed around a vetted applicant for elder status, the application had been submitted last May but was misplaced, resurfaced, approved.

Letters of congratulations are sent (via email or snail mail-same way as application was received) to new elders notifying them of their status. We no longer give out certificates.

Patricia still has t-shirts from last year-4 women's large and 1 male 2X for \$15 each.

WOW Hall Board of Directors election is April 12, 7 p.m.

If you want your former campsite at Elder camp you may claim them now, new campers may claim in June.

KOCF fundraisers-auction will be Saturday 3/18 at Deep Woods Events, Territorial Rd, Veneta.

CAMP WORK PARTY DATES-April 15, May 13, and June 17; Saturdays 10-2, bring a lunch, some tools on hand, wood chips will be made available. A walkabout later identified dead, damaged or downed trees throughout the site. The large hole was dug by archeology, verifying this site history and complications for locating Community Center.

PARKING WORKSHOP meeting was held Sunday, March 5 with 5 elder representatives attending. The need for 4A and elder parking was evident. Recommendations will be made to the BoD and management which include convening these meetings annually.

SCOF lot is designated parking area for vehicles bearing state placards. If you don't have to drive, don't. Off site parking is available at Easy camp and across the street at Twisted Bit Arena-contact them directly.

GEEZER PLEASER-Chris would like to simplify Geezer issues this year. Less runs (2 per day?), scheduled battery charging times and dedicated charging area needs to be worked out. She is planning to meet with Shane, someone suggested plugging in to Zen Acres. The Geezer is very popular, many wish it could expand however the elders cannot take this on. Thanks to Chris for managing this challenge!

STILL LIVING ROOM-Marcia will not be at the Fair this year, Bonnie needs set up and take down assistance as well as persons to fill 3 hour shifts during fair public hours.

Eric is available for pre-fair set up on Tuesday, this is also the 4th of July so access could be complicated. Mouseman's trailer is available, Chris has a GMC pickup with hitch, also Ann will ask if the archaeology trailer, parked at Alice's and a pick up with a service vehicle sticker would be available to help us move pre-fair; she will also check with Decon about helping take

down. Jon suggests that we ask for more teen crew members to help off-load and set up. Lois will drive. Previously these people have helped-not sure of their availability this year-Ra, Morgan, Roger? Take down is Monday night although lighter stuff is removed Sunday (Kay, Jo Autumn, Nancy and Isa offer to help). Set up and take down help is essential

Wednesday 10ish-come help decorate the booth. Bruce, Bonnie, Sue (-11) offer to help Licia. Ann will round up young people. If given times, needs and contact info then help wanted could be clarified and posted on wonderful elders. (Teen crew requests were due March 15)

“Mouseman” is working with Path Planning and wants our vision. We’re thankful for the current Still Living Room spot and have created a wonderful presence at the fair. A permanent, larger location has been requested. Visioning our needs-Wheelchair accessible; wall display space-more photos relating our political history; time line exhibits; memorial space-include charter membership-have a dedicated name board for our greatful dead; room for sitting and performance areas with sound consideration-music that could be heard while others are conversing; incorporate the library?, use a museum or village concept; maybe a round or crescent shape rather than a long noodle shape with covered structures, safety considered; original vision included a stage area, place for craft sellers, tea times, oral and displayed history, counter culture story telling.

An article is needed for the Peach Pit, Robert gave an impassioned talk about our revolutionary roots and Bonnie hopes to incorporate that into an article. We are not having scheduled performances this year.

AFTER HOURS BUS-Jerry attended the parking workshop, hurdles were identified and more info gleaned- LTD will not operate past 9 p.m., the Fair already provides early morning buses that leave VRC 6:45-9:30 a.m., pre-approval (Lot crew & Traffic) is needed to get limo or alternate service provider on site after public hours;

A service agreement and deposit would be required to secure limo service. We could provide a reservation only- pilot project for this year, with 22 seats available for 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. returns to town. Patricia and Katie will help get the word out to elders. Posting info at the Spring Fling may be helpful.

50TH-Jerry engaged us in a brainstorming session regarding celebration of our 50th in 2019. He recorded notes.

HEARING-A number of elder to elder interactions overheard last year bordered on abusive. We as elders need to learn, utilize and model better interactions, listen to the other side, practice patience and compassion. Maybe we could provide communications training? Jain and Sue offered to see if speakers at the Conflict Resolution workshop would be available for us, possibly May? somewhere?

Fall retreat is scheduled for October 14-15, 2017

End of notes-Saturday evening was a wonderful feast. Sunday was a fantastic champagne brunch.

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