

3/22/18 ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (corrected)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Cohn, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak,, Patricia Van Esso, Michael James Long, Jain Elliott, Eric Nicholson, Robert Jacobs, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Heather Kent, Ann Bennett Rogers (Board Liaison) and Dee Wirak (also scribe)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Katie Cousins Diane Albino, and Peggy Fitzgerald
OTHERS PRESENT: Patty Marx, Kehn "Mambo" Gibson, Jan Royalty, Chris Harrison, Roberta Austin, Penny Tyrrell, Asha, Reggie DeSoto, Auntie Em and Licia Shultz (facilitator)

MINUTES from the February Elders meeting were approved.

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS-Steve Barnes from 4A will be our new Lead person for the Elder showers. Steve Schweitzer and Ani Sinclair will be meeting with Licia and Ann Marie to discuss our need for project leads for the the memorial kiosk.

Ann Marie has offered to put out a mini newsletter-what's happening, job openings, etc. She intends to have this info go out with pass requests which will be sometime after April 15. Alan made a motion, seconded by Kay, all approved to allow this action. Thanks!

Sandra had raised the issue that since our volunteers are not given t-shirts, food vouchers or passes unless elders it may be difficult to keep dedicated hard working folk. Elders did not make the must be an elder to get a worker pass from elders rule, it was put upon us by Budget. For this coming year, Chris offered to take Ben as her SO and she will be reimbursed by the Elderfund. She will need to get his full name for the pass request.

DIVERSITY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY-April 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Echo Hollow Pool in Bethel, Johnny Lake will be presenting. This training is open to all fair family but RSVP and lunch selection is necessary. Call the office/facebook or link.

JUNE ELDERS METING-Potluck pre-meeting at Kay's. June 28, come 5-6 p.m. for set up and camping space is available. Call her at [541 726-7343](tel:5417267343) for directions.

APPLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE-Due to an oversight an application that had been submitted in time had been mistakenly overlooked. This person has been vetted and approved to be an elder.

CAMP CLEAN UP DATES-We need to select dates for camp clean up, Peggy will be at our retreat and we will set up dates then, Patricia will give her the heads up. We should still be able to select our camp sites at the spring retreat but clean up at this time would coincide with meeting time.

RETREAT NOTE-Guest dogs must remain outside.

BoD REPORT-The March meeting was overflowing. Capital projects were approved, cash purchase of the winery has been made, no further info. Social media policy was discussed and approved. Next month (April 2 at the NW Youth Corps) the BoD will be discussing coordinator's appointments, people are always encouraged to attend.

Ann through Path Planning is the convener for fairwide Memorial Project.

Mouseman was glad to hear the need for improved fairwide transportation system getting some air time. Robert talked about FARTS having been an elder initiated project. Younger drivers are needed. Kehn suggested that the fair consider adding to the existing contract with puddlejumper for some of our transportation needs. Insurance and service requirements, including accessibility will need to be considered. Geezer drivers need to be vetted and have insurance, they do not need a commercial license.

STILL LIVING ROOM-Mouseman requests time at the retreat to discuss and view the possible re-location site for the Still Living Room. Path planning meets Sunday, April 15 at the Ware Barn, elders are encouraged to attend.

SPRING FLING-May 5 at Whirled Pies, 6 p.m.; this is also the date of a Sustainability workshop, 2-5 p.m. at the W.O.W. Hall, email your RSVP to the office.

SWEET LEAF-A booth representative and neighbor to the booth came to elders to tell their story of the booth being expelled from the fair. Their viewpoints were heard, opinions and contact information shared. It was suggested that a letter in FFN that provides the objective details with reference to the guideline infractions may shed light on this situation. The elders committee cannot take a position. Elders council may be revisited and was added to retreat agenda.

CENTRALIZED POWER-. Concern was expressed that there is an attempt to centralize power within the OCF ; to have issues determined by a small, select group that does not answer to the Membership is frightening, and truly dangerous.

SPRING RETREAT-10 a.m., April 14-15 at Mouseman and Heather's house adjacent to the Fair (24214 Suttle Road)

Spring Retreat agenda items...We need a flower person for the Still Living Room; Age/years of service discussion; 50th timeline-topics; proposed Still Living Room site review and discussion; Geezer: Set work party dates for camp; plan for future discussion of Elders Council, Craft booth inheritance.

Meals will be potluck, plan for an Italian themed dinner. Also bring non-floor scratching chairs. There is room for campers and inside overnight guests, RSVP to info@elfenwoodcamp.com if you plan to spend the night, Friday and/or Saturday. Guest dogs must remain outside.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING- April 26 at the Grower's Market.