

### 3-31-12 & 4-1-12 ELDERS RETREAT MINUTES (DRAFT2)

ATTENDEES: Diane Albino, Chris Browne, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day Fitzgerald, Jain Elliott, Jim Goettler, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Eric Nicholson, Patricia Van Esso, Dee Wirak (also note taker), Nel Applegate, Amber and Mark Bacigalupi, Sue Barnhart, Sandra Bauer, Bonnie Clarke, Chris (Howe) Harrison, Isa Haverlan, Michael Hilton, Paxton Hoag, Barbara Jacobs, Jerry Joffe, Patty Marx, Lois Morford, Susan Moore, Jon Pincus, Jorjan Plimmer, Ann Rogers, DD Schultz, Licia Shultz, Morgen Spies, Jack Ward, and Pegeen Zygatis.

Retreat meeting began at 10:35 a.m. at Alice's, March 31, 2012. Greetings and welcome. Agenda was read. Everyone introduced themselves.

ELDERS CRAFT BOOTH-Kay, Licia and Katie plan to attend the next Craft committee meeting to launch a discussion about an elders craft booth. We would like to develop our own selection process that would be less stringent than the current jurying process. Regardless of their former roles at the fair, all elders are potential artisans and as such should be eligible for consideration.

We are just beginning this process and in no way do we expect to be selling out of the Still Living Room at this year's fair. There is a lot to consider, various groups to collaborate with and a lot to learn. The subcommittee will keep us informed.

It was suggested that we look into Ark Park's process as they have already established a mechanism for doing some of this without being part of the jury process. Teen crafts are also sold on site without using the larger jury process.

Charlie and Jeff Harrison of craft inventory are open to having this discussion. Craft inventory has stated they may prefer us managing our own system. This could be a valuable tool to aid transitions if this allows some crafters to retire from their booths. Early and ongoing collaborations with craft inventory and craft committee are recommended. Eventually approval of the BofD would be necessary.

Developing clear guidelines and criteria will be essential. There are a lot of factors involved and many details to flesh out. Other issues/concerns: Staffing the Still Living Room as it is has been a challenge. We should prioritize our efforts and proactively collaborate. We need to coordinate with other fair groups including path planning.

There is also the larger issue of space. Still Living Room is not our permanent turf. Organizing a design charette or focus group to flesh out our space needs for everything we originally envisioned our Still Living Room to be could be very helpful in clarifying our long term space needs. In the Vision Quest proposal we stated that we wanted a place to gather with old friends, sell our crafts, a stage to host events, area for various displays, and even a tea room. Many have their eye on Main Camp as a permanent home but the option to move to Crafter's Lot may come up first. Not all groups at Main Camp intend to move. Elders need to be involved in the various land use discussions.

STILL LIVING ROOM (SLR)-Licia has volunteered to be project lead for our booth this year. Set up & take down crew: Chris, Robert, Roger, Eric, Morgan, Jerry,

Ross. They can always use help. Meet at Elders camp hub pre-fair Tuesday noon, post fair Monday noon. Most of the small stuff for decorating is either stored in our chest or is brought by Sandra. Decorating starts on Wednesday, is finished by Thursday and taken down Sunday night. Post times on wonderfulelders if you want help. D.D. can get flowers if requested in advance. Give receipts to Patricia or Chris and designate as materials for the SLR

This year's theme is EARTH. Last year's WATER theme was near us and we wonder if that space is available for placing our Memorial kiosk here? Need Jay's permission.

Timeline displays (3) will be put back up this year. One was damaged by water and has been repaired. In the future they should be stored at the Archives locker at the fair office rather than at Zen acres.

Stage: Jain is arranging entertainment. We cannot offer passes or electricity. We have a postage stamp size stage best suited for acoustic ambiance. Jain will check with Ruth regarding the W.C.Fields stage schedule.

There are several pass positions available for staffing the booth during the fair. April 15 is the Earned pass application deadline, so please, contact Licia if interested. Please call her at 541 933 2500.

Could a work bulletin board and signage be posted somewhere? Criteria for earning a pass? (Teens work 12 hours at the fair).

Group photo taken by Michael (Thanks!) Late afternoon interest groups formed making elder identifiers and discussing promotion of the Archives.

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Elder camp map was available for review and names were suggested for paths. Names were checked to avoid duplication. Suggested: Amble Ave., Sunnyside West, Friendly Street, High Street, Quail Trail and Hustle Highway.

Announcement by Chewie-Elder John Potter has passed. Check Chewie's Facebook page for updates.

CANDIDATES FORUM-Holding a Candidates Forum at the Teddy Bear picnic in August was suggested. We could use a booth nearby and post signs/schedules. This could potentially spark voting interest and reach 750 people. No action at this time but possibly forming a Candidates' subcommittee should be discussed by the Elders Committee.

OCF POLITICS-Robert has written a letter personally to the BofD regarding the conduct of some members of the board towards each other at their last meeting during the discussion about Board member passes. Kudos to Robert. After discussion, the committee asks that the Council of Elders write to the BofD as well.

Some of the discussion comments: The dynamic in-fighting has been present historically. Mediation training should be provided. Personal antipathy has led to illogical decisions. The bully-victim vibe is poor form, behavior filters down and reflects badly on the family. PLAY FAIR.

Board member pass-A number of attendees addressed the motion made, most assumed that it was a no brainer, since it is a Board member's obligation to oversee the entire Fair-a 24 hour all access pass would be a necessity not a compensatory privilege. We're aware that some members actually do get their passes this way and others are made to go through hoops.

THANKS for coming. The food was great, hat was passed again. September 15-16 was set as next retreat.

April 2-Board of Director's meeting (Archives to be discussed)

April 14-Elder Camp work party from 10-2

April 14- first date to claim campsite at elder camp

April 15-Earned pass application deadline

*April 26- Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office*

May 5 Spring Fling

May 19-Elder Camp work party from 10-2

*May 24-Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office*

June 1-Elder pass and elder companion pass requests deadline

June 16-Elder Camp work party 10-2 p.m.

*June 28- Elders committee meeting, 7-9 p.m. Fair office*

July 11 first date to pick up wristbands

July 13-14-15 FAIR.