

ELDERS FALL RETREAT MEETING NOTES
November 17, 2018

PRESENT: Michael, Katie, Peggy D., Jain, Heather, Robert, Eric, Kay, Peggy I, Steve B, Suzanne, Jon B, Jon P., Jerry, Diane, Kay, Roger, Ann, Licia, Mambo, Malka, Annemarie, Roberta, Auntie Em, Steve T., Jon S, Justin, Reggie, Morgan and Dee (also scribe)

AGENDA items posted. Introductions. Thanks to our volunteer retreat host, Peggy Isaacs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS- Shelley Joseph, 4 p.m. Celebration of Life is today at Main Camp
MEMORIA PROJECT- as the convener, Ann brought her camera and will take photos of prospective or suggested sites this afternoon on a walk about.

Peggy will not be doing a fall newsletter for elders. Anyone interested in creating a newsletter a couple of times a year, contact Micheal James Long at maj@efn.org

HOLIDAY PARTY will be **THURSDAY, DEC 13** (not Wednesday, December 12 as reported in FFN) WOW Hall, upstairs for accessibility. Set up at 5 p.m., potluck at 6 -9 p.m. Eric will be playing music.

LATE NIGHT TRIPS is looking for a coordinator, contact jerryjoffe@aol.com Helpers are available.

GEEZER-Jon Beer, our new Geezer coordinator has Chris' job description and reviewed procedures. Jacob will need to be contacted to make sure the fair orders an electric cart for elders this coming fair.

ARCHIVES are alive, well and funded thanks to a \$12,000 grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust. Great job Terry and Jerry!! 800 lbs of stuff, shelving, a 40 terabyte hard drive and room to research and organize have moved into norma's former office. Usage rules will be developed so members will know how they can interface with the archives. A "missing items list", opportunity to identify people in old photos and a request for volunteers in process. Folks interested in helping with archives or 50th exhibits contact jerryjoffe@aol.com

50th-As part of the OCT grant there will be a year-long exhibit at the Lane County Historical Museum. 50 years of the Oregon Country Fair will be on display here using 80 ft. of wall, display cases and iPod stands, possible open date of June 8, 2019.

There will also be a 2 month display downtown Portland at the Multnomah County Library, 3rd floor exhibit area with possible opening date June 22, 2019.

Spring Fling will offer a larger venue at the MacDonald Theater in honor of the 50th.

A crafts-person demonstration area during the 2019 fair is in the works, contact Sandra Bauer.

Anyone interested in helping to develop an interpretive sign and bench across the street from the very first fair at Hawkins Heights Park should contact Jon P, Cynthia or norma.

50th logo has been approved to coordinate with. Elders discussed ideas, remember we are not restricted to the Still Living Room. This may be a good opportunity to re-create a memorable memorial *area* as the kiosk needs to be replaced.

Apply directly to the 50th task force for funds.

STILL LIVING ROOM-Justin comes wearing his hat as Booth Registration and Path Planning volunteer. He seeks to understand our overall purpose and motivation, he wants to identify our needs, what is the underlying motivation driving our desire to re-locate and would like to consider ways that we might be able to adapt our existing location to better meet our needs.

He provided information, craft committee mandates, there are pros and cons of each location, cause and effect considerations and other stakeholder concerns if re-location or expansion occurs.

After hearing our history and needs Justin said he would like a clear narrative to bring to a stakeholders meeting that he would organize to include elder representation. He would like to address this quickly as booth assignments need to be made. Mouseman and Jon have been involved with Path Planning. Robert is also willing to represent the committee. The next Path Planning meeting is December 16, these meetings are open subcommittee meetings, anyone interested may attend.

It sounds like it would be more problematic for us to re-locate, Path Planning may work with us to make some adjustments to the real estate, to acquire more space at the Strawberry Lane location and root there permanently. Path Planning was able to help Altered Space more clearly define their area and it was suggested that we should consider ways to clarify the boundaries of the new space, especially challenging since a path runs through it, they could help.

We should make realistic plans and propose expansion into our current location. It will be necessary and fruitful to think about seeking budgetary or additional volunteer support. Regardless of how this plays out, we are in need of more seating and shade covering. Who and how to accomplish? Annemarie is investigating re-make of the memorial. Capitol projects deadline is Jan 30.

SHOWERS-The showers get lots of use, pre-fair workers need more options and earlier. Steve Barnes has agreed to be our steward again this year and seeks an assistant. Contact stvbarnes72@gmail.com Steve is given info to contact our BUM, Jessica and name/number to coordinate with 4A.

BoD UPDATE-Jon Silvermoon updated us on the search for an Executive Director. They hope to be able to fill the position pre-fair and give members an opportunity for interaction with candidates. Search committee has been formed; a 3rd party consultant is sought to advise the search committee (this is not the same as an HR consultant which will be added later)

CAMPING AREAS-We currently have two locations. ElderCentral fills to capacity at +/-85 sites. There are 10 sites in the South Woods location which was under utilized last year; it feels disconnected, sites are primitive, non-accessible, noisy and hard to locate. Howard has offered to host this area next year. Elders that camp there are welcome to use ElderCentral hospitality.

Annemarie is contacting Jennifer from 4A to explore options for in-vehicle camping in the SCOF lot or elsewhere. Also neighbors, in front of EZ Camp, "The Other Side" want to offer in-vehicle camping.

THANK YOU-Licia provided lovely postcards and Annemarie took them home to send thank you cards to the folks on the volunteer roster. There are over 50 people on the volunteer roster! Thanks everybody!!

\$\$\$-Licia passed the hat to cover food costs for the retreat. Katie passed around budget detail info sheet.

Possible dates (April 13-14) for spring retreat need to be firmed up, watch for notice.

