

9-15 & 16-2012 ELDERS RETREAT MINUTES (DRAFT)

PRESENT: Diane Albino, Sandra Bauer, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Jain Elliott, Jim Goettler, Paxton Hoag, Barbara Jacobs, Robert Jacobs, Jerry Joffe, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Patti Marx, Sue Moore, Lois Morford, Eric Nicholson, Jon Pincus, Licia Shultz, Paul Simon, Jon Silvermoon, Patricia Van Esso, Dee Wirak (also note taker) and Zues.

Retreat meeting began at 10:20 a.m, September 15 at Alice's. A light agenda had been planned for the weekend, Licia read the proposed topics: Review of 2012 activities; 2013 Budget; Craft booth; LPFM report and BOD candidates forum. All BOD candidates except M. Richards (no message machine) were invited to attend our retreat and/or dinner today as notified via telephone call from Kay. Five of the 13 candidates are expected.

People shared introductions, made announcements and expressed personal opinions with no directed focus 'til lunch.

Action items that resulted regarding retreat attendance and outreach: Alan will put items on the wonderful elders list when directed to do so; Jain and Katie will contact those elders that responded positively to email contact on the back of the letter sent to all elders, with their permission they will be added to the wonderful list. We hope to use this avenue of communication more effectively. Committee to discuss putting meeting minutes on the list. Chris has usually put retreat meeting dates in FFN. Roger offered to put an ad in Eugene Weekly. Alice's is reserved for our spring retreat, April 6-7, 2013.

Action item: Katie will contact Jay regarding future use of Ambiance. He may be invited to an Elders Committee meeting to improve communications and coordination of shared space at the Still Living Room's current location. People toured the area then went on through Crafts Lot following lunch. Main camp is not likely to be available for possibly 8 years, crafts lot is slated for change in 2014.

CANDIDATES FORUM: The group met to formulate questions for possible BOD attendees. Only Albino, Silvermoon and Pincus made themselves available. Paul Simon came for a less formal chat during dinner.

Action: Sandra will post some of our questions on email to all candidates. Their responses will be shared. Personal voting preferences may also be expressed.

LPFM -Jim discussed the opportunity for low powered FM as discussed at the last Elders committee meeting. The government periodically allows low powered frequency modulated channels to be released to the public, nonprofits and government. The FCC is expected to make their final release of frequencies in early 2013. Organizations will then just have a 10 day window of opportunity to apply. This timeline requires the gathering of information now in order to determine if this is viable for the Fair and a local community partnership. This rare opportunity could benefit the Fair family and would be a wonderful contribution to a community collaborator. Content production is the same regardless of wattage and distribution tools are the same. It could take at least 18 months to build a tower/facility; maybe we would have a live mic in 2 years. It is a competitive process, application is not a guarantee. Charlie is personally supportive. The elders

committee has agreed to give this effort a legitimate push with the expectation that the entity would become self sustaining. A task force has been created to look into LPFM feasibility: Paxton, Michael, Alan, Jim, Marcus and Jennifer have volunteered to be on the task force. Jim said they have everything they need to proceed with making an application. Establishing a community partner is still crucial. Seed money for an engineering study may need to be put into a capital budget request if a volunteer is not available.

BOD MEETING BROADCASTING-Paxton will propose a motion to broadcast BOD meetings. He is seeking a volunteer to help with recording and set up/take down of the equipment. It would be a simple procedure. A 2 way interactive process would require more complexity. He will post his request for a volunteer on wonderfulelders when the time is right. It was suggested that the BOD also get micro-transmitters as needed for persons with hearing difficulties.

CRAFTS UPDATE-Kay asks that the committee consider her proposal: The Still Living Room will have some representation of a craft in the booth for the 2013 fair. She intends to work with Diane and Paxton in wording. Nuts and bolts details would be worked out later. She asks for a thumbs up to continue in this effort. Motions are not made at this meeting. She is expected to report to the elders committee.

DÉCOR -Since we will not be adding another timeline exhibit for the 2013 fair this would be a good time to build up our Still Living Room booth needs with items that we could take with us if we are re-located. She will write the proposal to include: photo frames, solar powered lights, flat display case with tempered glass, 24 ft. red flags (5), and umbrellas 48 ft for display area and 72 ft for stage. She will forward the details of this capitol budget proposal to the committee so that the committee may submit it.

STILL LIVING ROOM-We could improve our take down process. Storage areas need to be reconsidered; the mobile home is not a healthy site. Licia will not be project lead for the Still Living Room next fair. Other activities (Meet & Greet, Old Timer's picnic) will also need new energy from volunteers. Licia will write up a request for Alan to post on wonderfulelders.

Agenda item for September elders committee meeting-should our minutes be posted on wonderfulelders? What other ways can we use the list (or other avenues) to improve communications with our elders?

Thank you for your presence!