

ELDER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (draft 3 – pending committee approval at June 27th meeting)

May 23, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Alan Cohn, Katie Cousins (facilitator), Robert Jacobs, Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley, Roger Lesiak, Michael James Long, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, and Patricia Van Esso

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jain Elliott, Dee Wirak

OTHERS PRESENT: Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Leroy Culley, Patty Marx, Annemarie Hirsch, Roberta Austin, Chris Harrison, Jerry Joffe, Robert Hutching, Jon Pincus, Carolyn Gsell (scribe)

Intros, agenda items gathered and announcements...

Announcements

- OCF 50 Year Celebration – Exhibit reception at Lane County Historical Museum.
June 8, Noon – 8 p.m.
Opening Ceremony 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Fair Family Entertainment includes Tom Noddy, Wheatfield, Baby Gramps, Radar Angels and more.
<https://lchm.org/event/50-years-of-the-oregon-country-fair-exhibit-reception/> Jon Pincus is stage manager and looking for volunteers. Jon’s contact: jpincus24@gmail.com / 541-912-4721
- WOW Hall’s 2019 theme at OCF booth is GOLD
- Shine’s Celebration of Life is Sunday May 26th. Parade at Kesey Square starts _____(time?). Afterwards, gather at Whirled Pies.
- Annemarie presented a beautiful artistic poster that is a map of the Elders camping area. Map shows location of major trees and campsites. A big “thank-you” goes out to Larry Lynch, Jim Reed and Sue Schaeffer for their contributions to the map.
- Annemarie found a storage space for Elder Central stuff. It’s at Pam Sutton’s place. Pam is an elder and Annemarie suggested that Elders comp the cost of Pam’s pass as a token of our gratitude. The committee approved it (approval was in the form of a discussion. No motion was made).
- Alan introduced Carolyn as scribe for the May and June meetings and will add her to the Elder Committee List-serve
- SLR storage still up in the air. The barn near River Road is still a possibility, but barn owner is still mulling over insurance liability. In the meantime, Eric met some people who have a decent size shop space just outside of Elmira. They are currently out of town and will be back right before fair, so an agreement on using that space can’t be made until immediately after the fair. Storage is not heated and there is one broken window. A brief discussion made it clear that it is better for Elders to find their own storage rather than rely on the fair. Eric will continue to look for other options.
- Jon P. mentioned Historical Markers that will be placed around the fair, a project initiated by the 50th Anniversary Committee.-The Path Planning Cultural Resources Subcommittee will use the selected location as a starting point for creating a list of Fair-related cultural resources and criteria for future additions to the list.
- A 2- month exhibit “Party with a Purpose: 50 Years of the Oregon Country Fair” will open with a reception at the Multnomah County Central Library on Sat. June 29, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. <https://multcolib.org/events/party-purpose-50-years-oregon-country-fair/104590>

Approval of April Minutes

Patricia V. made a **motion to approve the April 2019 minutes**

Alan seconded

The motion was approved 12-0

Applications

mambo explained that the Elder Application subcommittee recently accepted 5 new applications from Fair family who are eligible as elders, but who were formerly receiving passes through Fair Central. The 5 applicants determined it was necessary to separate from Fair Central. The acceptance of the applications past the deadline was brought before the committee to discuss.

On behalf of the subcommittee, mambo requested an exemption be made for these 5 applicants. A long discussion ensued. Attendees offered their views on the matter – some seeing the departure from holding to the deadline as unfair and disruptive, some voices sharing a concern for equitable treatment to other late entry applicants, and others stating that there will always be special needs cases, with many past instances cited, and the need for flexibility and good judgement.

Alan made a **motion** to **approve the 5 elder applications submitted by the Elder Application subcommittee.**

Michael Seconded.

The Motion was approved 11-0 with 1 abstention (Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy)

Elder and Alter-Abled Showers

The question was asked if the E&AA Shower situation during fair was resolved. During the spring retreat, Peggy and Paxton agreed to draft a letter to Shane and Jessica Cotterpin (elder BUM) to gain some clarity around the situation. Patricia V. read the letter that Peggy sent to Shane and Jessica on May 5.

The backstory to the letter is that showers are not cleaned (or used very much) by elders until Thursday of the Fair. Elders clean them Thurs-Sun and that is the time period where we have a concern. Last Fair the shower was used by Fair Family from all over the Fair Thurs-Sunday and it created congestion and conflict. Only Elders kept them clean although many other Fair family used them.

To date, there has been no response to the letter. The Hub shower is one of two sites at the Fair that provide ADA access. The other one is at flowing notes(?) Annemarie offered to follow up on the letter.

A discussion ensued about the shower situation pre-fair, and that for the number of people onsite, the sanitation requirements are underserved. Currently, the only pre-fair showers are The Hub and Elder/Alter-abled, with The Ritz not consistently open during the two weeks leading up to the fair. This is really a board issue, and since budgets are already in place, we can't expect anything different for pre-2019 fair.

June Meeting

The next Elder committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27 at Kay's home. Address: 84674 Hill Top Drive, Pleasant Hill. 541-726-7343

Setup 5- 6 pm / Potluck 6-7pm / Meeting at 7 pm. Attendees are welcome to camp overnight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.