

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Draft 2 Pending approval at Sept. meeting

July 23, 2020

LOCATION: Online (GoToMeeting)

MEETING TIME: 7: 15 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Alan Cohn, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Heather Kent, Michael James Long, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, Ann Rogers-Bennett

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Katie Cousins, Kay Kintzley, Patricia Van Esso

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Austin, Sandra Bauer, Peggy Day, Ken “mambo” Gibson, Carolyn Gsell (Scribe), Percy Hilo, Spirit Leatherwood, Patty Marx, Jon Pincus, Licia Schultz (Facilitator)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jon Pincus – Special General Membership meeting for WOW Hall on August 2, 3 p.m. This meeting will be about the significant deviation from the member approved budget that came about during the past fiscal year, and to look at financially stable options going forward. The membership will be voting on various financial options.

More info at www.friendsofwowhall.org. On August 4 at 7 p.m. there will be a candidate forum for new board members who will be elected at the August 9, 3 p.m. annual meeting, also approving a new budget and a new policy statement for the WOW Hall. There is also a Friend of WOW Hall FB Page.

AGENDA:

- Approve Meeting Minutes
- Retreat
- Future Meeting Date
- New Elder Applications
- Virtual Fair

APPROVE June 2020 MINUTES: Eric made a motion to approve the June 2020 minutes. Jain seconded. Motion approved 8—0 (9th committee member Michael James Long logged into meeting after the minutes were approved).

FALL RETREAT - Ann

We have Alice’s reserved for the weekend of October 10, 11. It remains to be seen if we’ll even be able to meet there. This date will give us an opportunity to discuss board candidates.

FUTURE MEETING DATES – Ann

Next dates are Thurs. Aug. 27, Thurs. Sept. 24 and Thurs. Oct. 22

The 4th Thursday of November is Thanksgiving,

NEW ELDER APPLICATIONS – Patty Marx

Generally, new applications are reviewed in the fall, but several have been received to date. Roberta Austin, Jan Royalty and Patty Marx are reviewing the new applications. Karly Kygar and Janice Medvin have volunteered to help when more applications are received.

VIRTUAL FAIR – Eric

It was awesome. Eric stated he hopes we don’t have to do it again, but if we do, it was great. Jain played the gaming virtual fair. She took the lego tour of community village and got to see all her favorite entertainers, some of whom she couldn’tt always get around to seeing at the actual fair. Mambo heard positive things. He could see how a virtual fair could be something accessible year-round. Peggy Day reported enjoying virtual fair. Sandra was impressed with how much got done with only a little over 2 months coders had to work on it. Percy enjoyed the Saturday virtual fair at community village. Ann liked how it brought so many young people together to volunteer to help with the technology aspect. Licia attempted it but didn’t feel like it was her thing. Her company put together their booth for the virtual fair,

but it apparently was difficult to find and therefore there were not a lot of visitors/buyers. She would like to see a way of creating more year-round community throughout the year. Ann mentioned that there's a post on Facebook acknowledging all of the volunteers who helped put the virtual fair together. She will see if she can find a YouTube link. Michael James agreed with Robert Jacobs that there was a lot of value to the virtual fair and that it would be great to see this going all year. He reported that Fair radio hoped to link their videos of booth interviews on the virtual fair, but apparently there was an issue with servers. Diane celebrated the fair by going camping with friends. They dressed up Saturday night. Licia was there! Heather would be interested to hear what the stats were for attendance. Per Sandra, 50K hits Friday and Sunday, and 70K hits on Saturday. Mouseman would like to see a way for craftspeople to sell their wares via virtual fair year-round. Happy to see it was a 100% volunteer endeavor. Carolyn enjoyed looking at all the posters that were at the entrance to the virtual fair and attended a diversity workshop on Sat. in CV. She also acknowledged that the technology piece is a daunting task and requires a lot of tech support to keep a virtual site working. Sandra said that there should still be a link on the .net site to check things out. Alan checked out Community Village.

AUGUST MEETING – The next Elders Committee Meeting will be held online Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m. Ann will send a meeting link.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.