

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

August 27, 2020

LOCATION: Online (GoToMeeting)

MEETING TIME: 7: 00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Cousins, Jain Elliott, Robert Jacobs, Eric Nicholson, Ann Rogers-Bennett

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Alan Cohn, Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley, Michael JamesLong, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Patricia Van Esso

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Peggy Day, Kehn mambo Gibson, Carolyn Gsell (Scribe), Annemarie Hirsch, Paxton Hoag, Anthony “AJ” Jackson, Spirit Leatherwood, Patty Marx, Jon Pincus, Licia Schultz (Facilitator), Karen Stingle:

AGENDA:

- Announcements
- Fall Retreat
- New Elder Applications
- Elder Volunteers Survey Questions
- Candidate Forum for Elders
- Approve July Meeting Minutes
- Budget

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ann: There were technical issues putting together a complete video of the Diversity Committee breakout sessions. Some files got corrupted which affect Breakout Room #1, but Rooms 2,3,4 and the end were retrievable. The recording is now on the .net site. Ann will send a link

Ann: I am running for the board

Jon Pincus: Sept. 8 WOW Hall Annual Meeting and Election. Time is at 6:30. Check WOW Hall website for details.

www.friendsofWOWHall.org has information about their position to save the hall.

FALL RETREAT DATES:

It turns out that the Annual Meeting is on a different date from the voting date, and our planned retreat ended up being on the same day as the annual meeting. Ann suggested as an alternative a social distancing picnic at the Fair site. Jon agreed with the idea. Mambo stated he has a social need to meet in person with others. Licia said she has been meeting with other groups wearing masks and staying socially distant. Remember, there are no facilities on Fair site. **The group agreed on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Fair site Noon – 3 p.m.** Meet at main camp and from there the group will decide where to hang out. Bring your own food and drink plus a chair. *(Scribes note – the picnic was cancelled due to fire smoke).*

NEW APPLICATIONS – Patty Marx

patty has 3 new applications vetted and ready for the Elder Committee to approve. Roberta has 8 applications ready.

Due to lack of a quorum at this meeting, the final review and approval of the applications will have to wait until the next committee meeting.

Mambo expressed appreciation for Roberta and Patty working on the new applications.

ELDER VOLUNTEER SURVEY – Annemarie & Carolyn

A copy of the survey questions was emailed to committee members prior to the meeting for review and comments.

The general feedback provided was that information from the surveys will help us out in terms of providing a roadmap for what volunteer positions need to be filled and what is involved.

A few suggestions were made for re-ordering the questions and modifying some phrasing.

The question was asked – what if a person has more than one position? Answer: The same person can fill out a separate survey for each volunteer position that person holds.

The survey will be sent to the WonderfulOCFElders listserv using Survey Monkey. A link will also be posted on the Elders' official Facebook page. The survey team will probably send a survey link to individual email addresses as well. Licia said that the documentation is important to transfer responsibility to new people taking on the positions.

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR ELDERS - mambo

Mambo stated that the Forum for Elders in years past was valuable in that the questions asked were well rooted in the Fair. Is a forum in the works? The idea of inviting candidates to our picnic was nixed since not everyone will be able to attend, and the intention of the picnic is to get together and have some fun. It was suggested we could instigate a candidate forum. AJ stated it should be on candidates to seek out committees and find out what is important to the various groups. AJ wanted to make clear that while he wants to provide opportunities for new people to get active in fair, he also supports the values of the Fair. Ann stated that it takes time to get accustomed to a virtual platform, and to make sure we get the technology right it takes some "dress rehearsals". Jon has attended some exceptionally large Zoom meetings lately, and said it helps if there is a moderator along with someone monitoring the chat box and someone with tech skills to make sure everything is getting recorded. the platforms (Zoom, GoToMeeting) are affordable if additional admins need to be added. Paxton is working on the idea that there will be a Zoom session of some kind with questions submitted in advance so candidates can answer them in a virtual meeting. Mambo made the clarification that he is looking specifically for a candidate forum for just Elders; it is not an either/or request. Spirit recommended that the Elders could sponsor a candidate forum and said the key is to make sure that the dates work for everyone. Robert Jacobs just contacted the Candidate Forum Coordinator and learned that the Candidate Forum will be held sept 20th at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Alicia said that if we want a forum for just Elders, then somebody needs to take the lead to get this organized. Mambo is willing to do an initial outreach and will connect with Paxton to see if we can get something set up. Peggy said we could just simply invite the candidates to our September committee meeting. In that case we would need to lengthen the meeting. The next meeting will be Sept. 24 and Paxton said that would be good timing. Paxton likes the idea of using the meeting date or possibly Sunday Sept. 27. Spirit thinks we could get technical assistance. it is especially important to communicate with staff and elections (Heidi) for anything we set up. Mambo said that historically candidates were invited to our retreat. For this year, voting is 100% mail-in ballots. Per Paxton, ballots will be sent out in batches with the final batch sent out oct. 1. **(Scribe's note – Paxton informed that all of the ballots will get sent out by mid-September).** When asked how the batching and sending out of ballots is determined, Paxton said it was committee-driven based on workload. The ballots that go out the latest are generally for people who contacted the office with ballot issues. Spirit mentioned that there is an election timeline on the .net site. Ann said that Candidate Statements will be published in the August *Fair Family News*.

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

the meeting minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

BUDGET

Licia inquired if the budget for 2020 will be rolled into 2021. Katie does not know. Paxton said that the board is working on the budgeting for 2021, based on 3 scenarios: 1. no event, 2. smaller sized event 3. full-sized event. If there is a full event, the 2020 budget would be rolled into 2021. Paxton said that if there is a scaled down event, that each group would get notified of adjustments.

Katie Cousins and Patricia Van Ezzo are announcing their retirement from the Wristband Subcommittee, whose duties include: writing and submitting the bi-annual budget, master database management, annual communication with all living Elders re their intentions for the upcoming Fair, updating and issuing the annual Pass Request form, processing all pass requests and associated payments and distributing wristbands, vehicle stickers, and t-shirts prior to Fair opening. These duties also include maintaining the Elders' bank account. According to Hilary Anthony, we could possibly solicit a volunteer from someone who is not an Elder, that would include a camping pass through Administration rather than Elders. Katie and Patricia are willing to train and support their replacements to whatever extent needed or desired and would like to continue to work in the sticker booth pre-Fair (because that's the fun part) and are willing to help with shift scheduling. Katie discussed with Hilary the possibility of allowing for pass payments online. Peggy Day has worked

to input wristband and vehicle sticker purchase data into the Virtual Sticker Booth each year and stated she wants to remain involved.

Eric requested that if payment goes to exclusively online that PayPal is an option. Katie thinks that mail-in checks will still be acceptable.

Ann said that an online payment option will save staff and volunteers a lot of time.

Roberta expressed gratitude to Katie and Patricia for all their service.

Paxton mentioned that the database committee is working on a master membership list, and we may want to coordinate with them.

Annemarie said she has all of Katie's volunteer information. It looks like it will take 4 or 5 people to do the work that Katie and Patty V. did.

Katie and Patty are happy to provide guidance and support.

Peggy Day said that the original Elder database was put together by Michael James Long, and the intent was to NEVER allow our list to get entered into a master database, so we need to respect that original intention before considering handing over any data to the Database Committee.

SEPTEMBER MEETING – The next Elders Committee Meeting will be held online Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m. Ann will send a meeting link. There is also a [meeting link](#) on the .net site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.