

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at 9/22/22 Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022

Location: Kay's home, Pleasant Hill, OR

Meeting Time: 7:10 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Nancy Hafner, Robert Jacobs, Kay Kintzley, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jain Elliott, Heather Kent, Michael James Long,

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Maryann (Malka) Barber, Sandra Bauer, Laurie Childers, Andy Constant, Katie Cousins, Mollie Elliott, Judy Evitt, Byron Hanks, Ylva Hernland, John Higsby, Annemarie Hirsch, Lois Inman, Roger Lesiak, Roy Lisi, Larry Lynch, Jon Pincus, Gary Rondeau, Fran Rosenthal, Jerry Shultz, Licia Shultz (facilitator), Ellen Singer (scribe), Rick Valley, Patricia VanEsso, Linda Zukaitis

GUEST: Sara Sprague (Kay's neighbor)

Facilitator Licia S. noted that our scribe Carolyn G. is unable to attend and asked Ellen Singer to take the meeting minutes, to which she agreed.

Attended by 33 people, including a quorum of Elders Committee members

Old Business:

Facilitator called for approval of the minutes of the May meeting as read.

Motion to accept the May minutes made by Kay Kintzley and seconded by Robert McCarthy.

The motion passed 7-0.

Kay made a motion to add Nancy Hafner to the list of approved check signers for the Elders' General Fund Checkbook.

Discussion: There are currently three signers. Each check needs two signers. Patricia noted that checks for amounts under \$500 require only one signature.

Motion seconded by Eric Nicholson. The motion passed 7-0.

Announcements:

Laurie Childers announced the completion of a draft of proposed Elders list-serve guidelines. Copies (20) were distributed, and the draft document can be reviewed online.

Annemarie Hirsch announced our usual scribe, Carolyn Gsell has Coronavirus and is unable to attend this meeting.

Facilitator Licia S. announced her retirement from the facilitator's position with this meeting and had some parting words for the group.

She commended the Elders Committee for all the accomplishments of Elders over the last 16 years. Included were the Cedar showers at Alices, which have saved the OCF over \$30,000.00

vs. the rented trailers formerly used; the FARTS bus; the Elders campsite; many retreats and parties at Alices; the Late Nite Bus; the Archives project, spearheaded by Terry Baxter and Jerry Joffe; the Elders-“booth” in the Fair, the “Still Living Room”; the “Geezer Pleezer”, a golf cart that helps elders (and others) with mobility issues get from place to place; the continuing operation of the Elders Committee; the establishment of the Council of Elders (currently inactive) and the institutional knowledge that Elders bring to the OCF.

Licia thanked the Committee for all their hard work and reminded the group that their success has been thanks to that and their willingness to place the process of focusing on our work at the forefront and not on personality differences. – a concept she calls “process over personality”.

Licia also suggested that the EC continue to follow Robert’s Rules of Order in our tried-and-true “loose” interpretation. Effective and orderly but not tedious.

Her final bit of advice is to favor face-to-face meetings over Zoom meetings whenever possible, for the sake of the poor facilitator. She thanked Carolyn for all her hard work in conducting those Zoom meetings the EC did have so effectively.

A presentation was made to Licia by Ann Rogers of a beautiful woolen blanket artistically decorated with a pattern called “Elders / Circle of Life”. A very beautiful thank you gift. Kay credited Licia for helping make so much happen over the years thanks to all her time and hard work. Meeting attendees all thanked Licia with a round of applause.

Agenda item: Fair Preparation

Geezer Pleezer:

Fran is the primary contact. The Pleezer operates from 9AM to 9PM. Dispatch is handled at Elder Central.

The Meet + Greet:

Mollie and Kay. It takes place at Alice’s fire pit on Thursday before Fair from 6 PM to 9PM. Volunteers to help with the event are needed from 2 PM to after 9PM, to clean up. John will be handling the bartending duties and Eric will be in charge of music.

Kay is looking for labor assistance with set-up etc., estimates she could use approx. 10 helpers. An attendee asked if there was a theme, and this year it is “Party Animals”

The Still Living Room:

The SLR still needs volunteers for shifts at the SLR. It’s a lot of fun, short shifts, great surroundings, and a chance to meet old friends and make new ones while sharing OCF stories, answering questions, and reminiscing.

The SLR infrastructure work party is on July 2nd at around 11 AM. Some furniture is already at the SLR, and Jerry and Eric will be bringing the rest prior to work beginning. Eric has the list of volunteers for the SLR construction crew.

Sandra needs help with decorations at the work party on the 2nd of July. Georgeann is looking for help also, and you can reach her via email at jorjan22@gmail.com.

The SLR tear-down begins Sunday the 10th at 8PM, and this is where we really, really need volunteer help! Many hands make light work!

Elder's Central/Hospitality/Campground:

Annemarie reported the Elder Camp is now full. Woodchips are available for preparing your campsite.

Elder Central set-up is 10 AM to 2PM on June 28th. Helpers are welcome!

Donations needed for the Hospitality are include tablecloths, coffee, half and half, and foodstuffs.

Elder's Central/Hospitality/Campground: (continued)

A sign-up sheet for shifts at Elder's Central will be at the set-up party. After Fair, decon and clean-up is very important, and volunteers are needed to make light work! Volunteer at the set-up party.

Camping information: there are 74 campsites at the Hub, 9 sites at Xavanadu. Camp Hosts are Peggy Isaacs and Howard McCartney. Peggy reports everyone on the waiting list got a campsite this year.

Budget and Wristbands:

Nancy reported there were 708 Elders (out of ~1500) who got wristbands, 459 companion passes. The EC does have a budget contributed by the OCF. The elders also contribute significantly to the Elders general fund.

Elders can get wristbands and vehicle passes at the Elder's Central area on Tuesday pre-fair from 3-6PM (THANK YOU Patricia!!!). Bring your ID and vaccination cards and have them ready!!

Dear Elder Robert Jacobs announced he is official retiring from the Elders Committee. Robert was a member of the original Elders Committee appointed by the OCF BOD, and he will definitely be missed!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Original minutes submitted my Ellen Singer

Edits for final approval submitted by Carolyn Gsell