

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at the 01/26/23 meeting

DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022

LOCATION: Online (Zoom)

MEETING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson, Ann Rogers-Bennett

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT FOR PART OF MEETING: Jain Elliott

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Hafner, Michael James Long, Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Darlene Colburn, Kehn “mambo” Gibson (facilitator), Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Percy Hilo, Paxton Hoag, Chris Meurer, Jerry Shultz, Jon Steinhart, Jenny Wilson

At the opening of the meeting, 5 of 9 committee members were present (Diane, Jain, Mouseman, Eric, Ann). This did not represent a quorum. (*scribes edit: at the time the minutes came up for voting, there was not a quorum present*)

- **Announcements**
- **Approve October minutes** – Carolyn
- **Elder Holiday Party** – Jain
- **One Elder Application** – Roberta
- **Announcement about FairCares Membership Meeting** – Paxton
- **Board Report** - Paxton
- **New Timeline for SLR** – Carolyn
- **Storage for 50th Anniversary Display** – Carolyn
- **Wrap-up**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mouseman – Has another grandson. Leo Kye McCarthy

Approve October Minutes – There was no quorum, so the October minutes remain unapproved.

Holiday Party possibilities – Jain

Jon P. and Jain were tasked with finding a venue for an Elders holiday party. Several places were identified.

1. Hendricks Park – outdoors
2. Garden Club
3. Lamb Cottage
4. Campbell Senior Center
5. Washington Park Community Center
6. Hilyard Community Center

Decisions – Do we want an alcohol option or not. Do we need to rank these? Do we really need to be outside vs. inside? Do we really want a public space compared to a private space. It’s possible that Jon P. may be able to get some additional information from the City venues.

There was a request to have Jain supply information via email in a more organized fashion.

Jain left the meeting after her presentation. She may return towards the end of the meeting.

ELDER APPLICATIONS - Roberta

Point of order – There is not a quorum to approve vetted applications tonight.

Mouseman asked why we are vetting a person before they turn 55? It was explained that the age requirement is that the applicant turn age 55 by the first day of the next fair.

Paxton requested to insert an announcement here. He missed the opportunity during regular announcements. FairCARE has drafted a new grievance policy. They have spent the past few years on it. The draft has been presented to BUMS and the Board. A membership meeting to review the draft is scheduled for December 8, 6 – 8 p.m. It's a reworking of the Fair's grievance policy. More information can be found on the .net site: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/event/fair-care-stakeholder-meeting/>

BOARD REPORT - Paxton

We have several new board members: John Alexander, Tom Horn, Kevin Levy, Arna Shaw elected to 3 year terms, and Anthony AJ Jackson and Ann Rogers-Bennet elected to 1 year terms. The 3 VP positions continue to be same as last year. Tom Horn has been selected as the new Board president. All the officers remain the same. Stephen Diercouff who is Membership Secretary, is overseeing the Recording Secretary position. The Board is still looking for Recording Secy. Norma Sax is taking board minutes until a permanent Recording Secretary is found. Paxton is impressed with Tom, who is really cracking the whip, going through processes and getting the board to work.

Board liaisons have not yet been assigned.

Jon St. requested to respond back to Mouseman's concerns about approving an Elder before they turn 55. This is a time delay situation. When vetting an application, if we know the person will be 55 by the first day of the next fair and has met the necessary criteria, we are following the guidelines.

Peggy reiterated that a member can apply to become an Elder at age 54 if they have reached age 55 by the first day of the event. Roberta agreed.

NEW TIMELINE FOR THE STILL LIVINGROOM – Carolyn

We have timelines for the first four decades of the Fair, but we don't yet have one for 2010-2019. Carolyn suggested that we start a discussion of creating the new timeline. Jerry Joffe is willing to consult on the project.

Ann – One of the things that Jerry J. did was that he asked for information, and he asked for photographs. Then a layout needs to be created. Once the layout is created a third party prints it together. The process could start with a call-out for photos and stories. Ann hopes that some of our younger elders who may have been more actively involved during that period could make contributions. The timelines are interpretive signs of our decade past.

Paxton – We had an artist who developed the actual panel. One of the things that would be important is consistency with the previous panel designs. Would the original artist be willing to continue to do the layout and

keep the design consistent with the other 4 timelines? Jerry J. did most of the organizing on the previous panels. Paxton recalls we paid around \$500 at the time. It could be a capital project if the cost is high enough, or it could be part of the Elder budget. It takes a good year to do. It could easily be financed next year. He recommends finding out who the original artist was and seeing if they are still interested.

Scribes note - you can review the timeline images by clicking on this link and scrolling down to the bottom of the web page: <https://ocfelders.weebly.com/still-living-room.html>

Diane – Agrees with Paxton. Each timeline should match up stylistically.

Ann – cost now is probably around \$1200. Question

Jerry – Timelines are stored at the fair office (archives).

The question was asked, who runs the Still Livingroom?

Jerry said there are two aspects to the SLR setup. Eric and his crew put the structural components together. Decorating and scheduling is usually run by Sandra and her sister Marcia. Marcia did not attend the 2022 fair due to a medical issue.

Paxton – Sandra has been the one collecting photos.

Mambo expressed gratitude for the work put into the SLR.

Mouseman – Sandra has been instrumental in collecting pertinent info and photos. Suggested we put a subcommittee for the new timeline project. The FFN past issues would be a good way to document history. We have to figure how what happened between 2010 – 2019 to build the collage (mashup), write the story.

Ann – A person we should include in this project is Terry Baxter, archivist.

Peggy – it sounds like Mouseman would like to be on a subcommittee to build a timeline. Mouseman said he'd be happy to help.

Ann stated that the people of interest in this project appear to be herself, Mouseman, Paxton, Carolyn, and getting Jerry J. and Terry B. involved. Carolyn mentioned we should also reach out to Sandra Bauer. Mouseman recommended Jon P. as historian.

Storage for 50th Anniversary Display – Carolyn

Jerry Joffe has the 50th Anniversary LED Display and needs to find storage for it. As he is cleaning out his storage space. Carolyn is bringing this up to take the item off his hands.

Mambo – One of the people who really helped us solve the storage issue is Eric.

Ann – Doesn't have a recollection of the overall size of the display. It's probably not o.k. to store in the container. At a Fixed Assets meeting, Kirsten spoke about developing Dug's Green and potentially developing meeting spaces at the Winery. In this case, the 50th display could be used as a décor item in a meeting room, (hence stored in climate-controlled space).

Paxton said it is similar in size to the timeline.

Eric – Like’s Ann’s ideas. Eric doesn’t have any suggestions right now. The big storage containers that we are using currently for storing SLR and Elder Central stuff are not adequate for protecting timelines.

Eric doesn’t know how sensitive the 50th Anniversary display is. Ann’s suggestion is the best he’s heard thus far.

Peggy – What are we saving this 50th Anniversary display for? This seems like an archival problem. Is this item a memento that will not be used again?

Ann – The archive storage space is full. The 50th display could become wall art at the Doug’s Green building or the Winery in one of the meeting rooms.

Jerry S. – The 50th Anniversary display was an interactive display and displayed vertically. It had a list of attractions, and you pushed a button and an area on a map lit up. It may require controlled conditions for storage. The timelines already had to be rescued from mold once.

Paxton remembers the display and feels it can be used again.

Carolyn thanked everyone for their ideas. She will reach out to Jerry J. about Ann’s suggestion.

Wrap-up

Diane – It looks like we will have to make a decision about our holiday party online, via email.

Jon St. suggested that when we build the next decade of timeline, we look into coating it with Lacquer for better preservation.

Eric – Would like to say that if we have an online party, he would be interested in playing some music.

Jain – will reformat the information and send it to mambo who will post it to the Listserv.

Mouseman – If we can’t make a decision, we can always have an online party.

Eric is aware we don’t have a quorum and also aware the hour is upon us. Eric is feeling like although we are a smaller group and there’s no quorum, we should make some kind of decision.

Lowest cost is garden club. \$80. Plus \$100 deposit.

Mambo – alcohol prohibition is easy to deal with when it comes to a public space.

Alices? Paxton suggested checking with Alex at the office. One of the thoughts was for using the Winery.

Mouseman – asking Paxton – is the Winery building available yet for an Elders party? Per Paxton, the building is not ready to use for that purpose. Parking space is an issue. Currently there is not sufficient space for legal parking. Kirsten is working on the Winery parking issue.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Elders Holiday Party – Date, time and place T.B.D.

The next official Elders Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7 p.m. Most likely online via Zoom.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell