

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at 11/30/23 meeting

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Online

MEETING TIME: 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Heather Kent, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson (late)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Bennett-Rogers, Michael James Long

BOARD LIAISONS ABSENT: Ann Bennett-Rogers, Kevin Levy

OTHERS PRESENT: Roberta Austin, Chewie Burgess, Darlene Colborn (facilitator), Lisa Cooley, Katie Cousins, Carolyn Gsell (scribe), Peggy Day, Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Chris Harrison, Percy Hilo, Kay Kintzley, Paxton Hoag, Jon Pincus, Jon Steinhart, Jenny Wilson

A Quorum was established (5 of 8 members present). Eric called in to state he is on his way.

Agenda

- **Announcements**
- **Approve September 2023 minutes.**
- **New vetted Elder applications for approval (two total) – Jenny & Roberta**
- **Elder Volunteers Subcommittee News (tabled at September mtg) - Annemarie**
- **Events Subcommittee Update – Kay, Lisa**
- **Archival Request for old Peach Pits – Jenny & Roberta**
- **Brainstorming idea to raise funds for Elder events (tabled at Sept. mtg.) -Kay**
- **Decision log needs updating – Carolyn**

Announcements:

- Katie gave a quick report on how the phone calls to newly approved Elders have been going. So far it has been an enjoyable experience. The rate of returned calls was very good. People really wanted to talk. It was very positive.
- Chewie gave an update. He was asked months ago to go through a process of mediation. He met yesterday with people from Cedar. Cedar communicates with the Fair. He feels very positive. He would like to get this done in a timely manner so that he can get his pass as an Elder.
- Kevin Levy won't be here tonight – he is currently on the east coast.

Approve September 2023 minutes.

Nancy made a motion to approve draft 3 of the September meeting minutes with one minor correction. One of the names listed under Elder applications up for is misstated as Drew Minor. The correct name is Drew Miles. Mouseman seconded. The minutes with correction were approved 4-0 with 1 abstention (Heather abstained as she was not present at the September meeting. Eric was not present for the minutes approval).

New vetted Elder applications for approval (two total) - Roberta

- **Liz Zebold (Elizabeth) Age 55.** 1990 first year Security (not verified) 1991-1999 Booth/Shady Lane Verified by Lane Ross booth owner and rep.2000-2023 (except for 2020-2021) Fire Crew Verified by Tom Bruvold Fire crew manager. **Total years 32.**
- **Megan Crowley Age 57** 1993-2023 with off years 2004,2013, 2020-2021,2023 Phoenix Rising booth #11. Verified by Sarah English Booth Rep. **Total 26 years.**

Nancy moved to approve the two vetted applicants. Diane seconded. The motion passed 5 – 0 (Eric was not present to vote on this motion).

Elder Volunteers Subcommittee News (tabled at the September mtg.): Annemarie

Annemarie is not present. This topic will be tabled for November.

Events Subcommittee Update – Kay, Lisa

Spirit Walk – The venue has been changed to Alice’s. There will be a potluck and (hopefully) a fire at Alice’s firepit.

A sign will be posted at the yurt in case folks didn’t get the message about change of venue. It is expected to be cold so dress appropriately. Elders may spend the night at Alice’s. Let Kay know. Lisa has received 57 names of people for whom we will ring the bell. The sun will set around 6 p.m. so we will meet at Main Stage at 5:45 p.m.

Kay will be at Alice’s between 2:30 and 3 p.m. and folks are welcome to show up early to help decorate, set up, etc.

There was a request for someone to publish the list of names that will be read out, so that those unable to attend will be able to see who was honored. Carolyn agreed to post the list of names to both the ECOCF and the Wonderful OCF Elders listservs.

Holiday Party: Washington Park Community Center (Jeferson and Washington St.) Saturday, December 16, 2 – 5 p.m.

The space is reserved from 1 – 6 p.m. No alcohol is to be served at this event. It is not in the contract. There will be holiday decorations. Lisa would like to have a Zoom presence.

BRING: Savory and sweet Finger Foods.

It would be fun to have a holiday punch. Recipe ideas? Contact Lisa C.

Kay thought it would be nice to have everyone bring their own tableware.

Archival Request for old Peach Pits – Jenny & Roberta

(7:49 p.m. Eric N. arrived)

Entertainment does not have a coordinated database which makes it very difficult to vet performers’ applications. For this reason, they are putting out a call for old Peach Pits.

Roberta said that Jerry Joffe does have archived copies. It would require making an appointment.

It was mentioned that some entertainers receive a day pass. The basic criteria for a person applying to become an Elder is, did the person contribute to the fair? Does it need to be a camping pass?

The idea was expressed that it doesn’t matter whether an entertainer has a day pass or a camping pass.

The bottom line is that they contributed to the Fair.

Jain emphasized that it should be on the applicant to “PROVE” they participated.

People who get day passes are workers, so they are considered volunteers. Assume anyone listed as a performer in the Peach Pit has a wristband.

Bylaws say that if you are eligible to vote in the Fair, you are eligible to count that year towards Elder eligibility.

Village David shared that when he meets newbies, he mentions to them to be sure to document their participation.

Brainstorming idea to raise funds for Elder events (tabled at Sept. mtg.): Kay

IDEAS:

- * We could sell T-shirts.
- * Why doesn't Events Subcommittee consider taking on the T-Shirt task.
- * Pass the Hat
- * If you are raising money within the Fair family, you don't need to worry about the legalities. As a non-profit, if we are only soliciting fair family, we're o.k.
- * If you did something like the Village did at Cosmic Pizza (now Whirled Pies) many years ago, raising money for Elders in that way would be okay. The winery is not set up for doing events.
- * Whirled Pies is a great place to hold an event.
- * Keep the name Fair Elders if you are raising money at an event.
- * Eric is willing to do a small music benefit.
- * A not-naked calendar
- * A senior homecoming dance as a fundraiser.
- * A dance event would be a good opportunity to get photos for a calendar.
- * Invite folks on the listserv to contribute suggestions.

SIDE BAR: Elders should document the history of Cahoots before that history disappears.

Decision log needs updating – Carolyn

The last time the Elders Decision log was updated was around 2010. (Scribe's note – upon further research after the meeting, the latest entry on the decision log is 10/27/16. Michael JamesLong kept the decision log up to date from its inception through October 2016).

We should get this log updated. There was a general discussion about the importance of keeping a decision log. It's a valuable resource. The consensus was that we should solicit a volunteer from the list of new Elders.

SIDE BAR: Per conversation at this meeting, at the fall retreat, Peggy Day and Synnove Abrahamsen volunteered to coordinate Elder T-Shirts. This was not recorded in the retreat minutes.

The meeting ended at 8:36 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED:

- September meeting minutes passed 4 – 0 with 1 abstention.
- 2 new Elder applications approved 5 – 0

HOMEWORK:

- **Find volunteer to update EC decision log – Carolyn.**
- **Donate old Peach Pits to Elder Applications subcommittee, attn. Jenny or Roberta – Everyone**
- **Send updated Spirit Walk list to Carolyn – Lisa C.**
- **Publish list of Spirit Walk names on ECOCF and Wonderful Elders Listservs – Carolyn**
- **Brainstorm Elder fundraising ideas – ask via Listservs -???**

PARKING LOT:

- **Elder Volunteers subcommittee update – Annemarie**

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell