

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at the 4/25/24 meeting.

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024

LOCATION: Online

MEETING TIME: 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Bennett-Rogers, Jain Elliott, Heather Kent, Kay Kintzley, Michael JamesLong, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Nancy Hafner (came in during the last 10 minutes)

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT: Kevin Levy

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OTHERS PRESENT: Synnove Abrahamsen, Roberta Austin, Tom Boyatt, David Brooks, Anna Brown, Darlene Amber Coates, Colborn - facilitator, Peggy Day, Jeff Eichen, Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Carolyn Gsell – scribe, Paxton Hoag, “Village” David Hoffman, Lisa Parker, Jon Pincus, Gary Rondeau, Jenny Wilson, Nancy (Last name ???)

Quorum – 7 of 9 committee members were present; thus, a quorum was established. Kevin Levy is voting on motions, therefore there are 8 voting members in attendance.

Agenda

1. Approve February minutes
2. Board Liaisons' report
3. Formation of a Fundraising subcommittee to fund Elder events (approx. \$400) - Kay K.
4. Securing dates for future Elder events - Kay K.
5. Proposal to host a presentation of the Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) in the SLR - specifically at our new Magical History Theater, per attached PDF - Carolyn G. on behalf of Jerry Joffe. PLEASE READ ATTACHMENT PRIOR TO MEETING!!!
6. Spring Retreat Agenda - recommendations and concerns - Carolyn
7. Making recommendations to the board for updating the original Elder eligibility policy (leftover from Feb. meeting) - Carolyn
8. Announcements
9. Wrap up.

Approve February 2024 minutes:

Kay made a motion to approve the February 2024 minutes. Jain seconded. Approved by unanimous consent (Kevin and Ann abstained).

Board liaison report: The next board meeting is April 1. See the .net site for agenda and motions. Feel free to email Kevin if there are any questions about the agenda or motions. Kevin thanked Elders for submitting the annual report.

Formation of a Fundraising subcommittee to fund Elder events (approx. \$400) - Kay K.

Kay proposed that we bring this as an agenda item to our spring retreat. The Events Subcommittee already has much on their plate, which is why Kay would like to have us consider a separate subcommittee to raise fund for our events. The reason for the proposal is that our total budget for events is \$750. Just to give an idea, back in 2012, the events committee budget was \$800. We get a bit less know when costs are significantly higher. We do not use budget money for wine (or other alcohol)..

The events committee provides beverages, breakfast, and some other food for retreats. The fundraising is specifically for the Meet and Greet.

The suggestion was made that rather than discussing fundraising at the retreat, we discuss fundraising at the April meeting. The priority of the retreat is planning for our event.

Roberta and Mollie have discussed doing another basket raffle. Per Kay, at a recent Events Subcommittee meeting, she, Mollie, and Lisa discussed the basket idea, and would like to eventually move this to the fundraising subcommittee.

Securing dates for future Elder events - Kay K.

We can reserve Alices up to 1 year ahead. Some proposed dates are:

- Spring retreat May 9, 10, 11, 2025
- June meeting 6/19
- M&G 7/10
- Fall retreat September 19, 20, 21
- Spirit Walk October 6, 2025, night of the full moon.
- Winter holiday party – since we don't hold this event at Alices, we have time to determine a date for 2025.

Roberta mentioned May 2024 and 25 spring retreat lands on Mother's day weekend. Can we possibly meet someplace else if other weekends in 2025 are not available?

The May weekend (this year) is also Mother's Day Powwow at the U of O.

Kay will look to see if we can schedule the 2025 spring retreat the following weekend.

Proposal to host a presentation of the Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) in the SLR - specifically at our new Magical History Theater - Carolyn G. on behalf of Jerry Joffe.

Carolyn presented Jerry's info. Here is the link the more information: [CHC SLR 2024 Proposal.pdf](#)

The only concern voiced was that of issuing passes.

Multiple participants stated they love the idea because it represents our values, and they want to support this project. There are so many things to say.

Jain made a motion to support Jerry's proposal to invite members of the Counterculture History Coalition to do presentations at the 2024 Still Living Room. Ann seconded.

Paxton said that passes probably will come through the trade pass system or the ops manager. Jerry will be attending the April 25 meeting and can answer questions and address any concerns.

There were no objections. **Jerry's proposal was accepted by unanimous consent.**

Spring Retreat Agenda - recommendations and concerns – Carolyn

Carolyn suggested that we put the mission statement discussion at the bottom of the Spring Retreat agenda, due to the priority to plan for the 2024 Fair.

Mouseman mentioned that discussing Jerry's proposal at next month's meeting may inspire our writing of the mission statement.

It was expressed that if we are going to write a mission statement, we should be comprehensive about it, taking into consideration the original board motion that established the Elder eligibility program.

Peggy suggested that a subcommittee meeting to work on the mission statement. That we should look at the original approved motion from the board. She disagreed about making the statement extensive. The statement needs to be simple and comply with best practices.

Jain likes the idea of creating a subcommittee to bring something to the group in April.

Darlene will start working on some ideas. Kevin suggested reaching out to Sandra B. The group agreed to discuss this at the April meeting.

Making recommendations to the board for updating the original Elder eligibility policy (leftover from Feb. meeting) – Carolyn

At the last meeting, there were reservations about one of the applicants' participation in OCF events. We approved one person who had two years working in the Culture Jam Kitchen (but not at the Fair). The current board directive is specific about volunteering at the event. Times have changed since the motion was made. There are questions about the non-Fair Covid years and what could be claimed as participation in the fair towards Elder eligibility.

Jenny is willing to work with Carolyn on writing a proposal to the board. Paxton was involved with original Elders and is willing to work on both the mission statement and the eligibility. They are outdated and need to be revisited. Jon P. is also interested in participating in writing the proposal. Roberta indicated she can help after she becomes available (due to family commitments).

Jon P. clarified what he intended by a "comprehensive" mission statement; lengthy – meaning well thought out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jeff Eichen – Peggy and he are working on the Elder T-Shirts. He is working on the logo, and we will have T-shirts this year.
- Village David – Master gardeners are having their spring plant sale on the last Saturday of April. There are all kinds of goodies and talks at the Fairgrounds. The Eugene Library Book Sale is Saturday/Sunday April 13 and 14th at the Lane Event Center.
- Jain - LCC Pow Wow Saturday, April 6th, First Grand Entry noon at the Gym (Building 5), free salmon dinner 5:30 to 7:00, 2nd Grand Entry 7:00
- Jain - Friends of the Farm Workers exhibit closing event April 10th 6:30 to 8 at the Lane County Historical Museum--music & stories for the 50th anniversary.
- Jain - Benefit for Gaza at 255 Madison 6:00 April 13, local musicians
- Jain - Kickoff for the OCAN auction with Chico Schwall to raise money for local asylum seekers at the Trauma Healing Project 631 E. 19th 5:00 to 7:30

- Carolyn introduced Gary Rondeau, new member of the Elders Volunteer SC. (*scribe's note – Annemarie couldn't attend but wanted to announce that Synnove Abrahamsen has also joined the subcommittee but forgot to relay that info to Carolyn before the meeting*).

WRAP-UP:

Tom Boyatt enjoyed the meeting (his first with Elders). He would like to follow up with Carolyn and Darlene after the meeting.

Kay mentioned she is starting to collect Elders committee meeting minutes from the early years. Dee has them back to 2007. (The .net site has 2011 forward). Does anyone have minutes prior to 2007? She would love to compile a collection.

Mouseman shared that we will have the new Timeline (2010-2019) for the Still Living Room this year.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED:

- The February 2024 meeting minutes were approved.
- Jerry's proposal to invite members of the Counterculture History Coalition to do presentations at the 2024 Still Living Room.

HOMEWORK (To-Do list):

- **Add fundraising to the April agenda.**
- **Add Elders Committee mission statement to the April agenda.**
- **Work on mission statement – Darlene**
- **Work on proposal to update elder eligibility – Carolyn, Jenny, Paxton, Jon P., Roberta**

PARKING LOT:

- Elders Volunteers Committee Report from Annemarie
- Spirit Walk List

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell