

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at the 5/23/24 meeting

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024

LOCATION: Online

MEETING TIME: 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Kay Kintzley, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson (late)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Heather Kent, Michael James Long

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT: Kevin Levy

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OTHERS PRESENT: Synnove Abrahamsen, Tom Boyatt, Amber Coates, Darlene Colborn – Facilitator, Lisa Cooley, Katie Cousins, Peggy Day, Kehn “mambo” Gibson, Carolyn Gsell – Scribe, Percy Hilo, Paxton Hoag, “Village” David Hoffman, Jerry Joffe, Roy Lisi, Cathy Piazza, Jon Pincus, Jorjan Plimmer, Meg Schaefer, Jenny Wilson

Quorum – 6 of 9 committee members were present at the start of the meeting, thus a quorum was established. Eric and Kevin were not present to vote on the motions.

Agenda

- Announcements
- Approve March minutes
- Counterculture History Coalition - Jerry Joffe
- Board Liaison's Report - Kevin Levy
- Spring Retreat update - Kay
- Forming a Fundraising Subcommittee - Kay
- Elders Committee mission statement - Darlene
- Wrap-up

Announcements:

- Jain – The Timeline Committee is back on track and expects to have the new timeline ready for the Fair.
- Nancy – The Pass Request Form was dropped via email this afternoon. Read the instructions!
- David – Master Garden Plant sale at Fairgrounds is this Saturday, 4/27.

Approve March 2024 minutes:

Kay made a motion to approve the March 2024 minutes. Mouseman seconded. Approved by unanimous consent.

Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) - Jerry Joffe

Jerry thanked the committee for supporting the project.

He read out the Mission Statement:

Link to the CHC website: <https://chcoalition.org/>

Q&A:

Question: Request for an email contact.

Question: Ann would like to connect with the CHC group. She wrote some academic papers on CounterCulture.

Jerry – The purpose of bringing these folks to the Fair is so that we can interface with them.

Question: What are the parameters / focus of the coalition?

Jerry J. – We are collecting artifacts from the 60’s.

Question: What are the plans for this year?

Jerry – We will be at the Magical History Tour Theater. There will be 6 presentations/discussions, 2 each day, at 1 pm and 4 p.m. In between times, the regular video can loop in the theater. At 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. times, we will cover the screen and have a panel discussion and interaction in the theater. Topics for each of the Friday – Sunday sessions are:

- Oregon/Ca. Counterculture Festivals (OCF, folks from s. Oregon).
- Who tells the story – Archives and Communities – ways to go about it.
- Transatlantic comparison of back-to-the-land movement between France and the PNW
- Multigenerational back-to-the-land movement.
- Maintaining archives
- Panel of Counterculture into the Future (Sunday at 4 p.m.)

We will advertise this in the Peach Pit and include information about the Still Living Room.

A mention: Oregon was the only state that had the Vortex – the state sanctioned rock festival.

Question: What is the mechanism for the CHC to collect information?

Jerry – This group of folks is knowledgeable about how to collect information. They will have some flyers and sign up sheets.

Question: Is there a way to send in submissions?

Jerry believes he has passes for this group of folks. Kirsten, our ED, has been highly receptive to the idea.

Paxton – Bend in the River – Ken Kesey’s project. Paxton can offer a BELLPRO??? With a battery pack for recording the seminars.

A mention: Collection protocol is very important.

Jerry J – There are two conversations here: The nuts and bolts of presenting, and the collecting of stories. Jerry is thinking about obtaining an (Oregon) Cultural Trust grant for collecting stories.

Question: How about a pre-fair meetup with these folks?

Jerry – I am taking on the role of logistics. Some of the people coming have never been to the Fair. I am in all kinds of negotiations to work things out for these folks to be here.

CHC has 6 x 6 ft panels displaying topics.

Mention: Invite these CHC folks to the Meet and Greet (resounding “YES” from the meeting attendees).

Jerry – It would be nice for everyone to spread the word about the CHC’s presence at the Fair.

Mention: How to deal with so many people crowding into the little theater?

Jerry – that will be a good problem to have.

Final words: Darlene expressed appreciation for Jerry’s work (meeting attendees agreed).

Board liaison report – Kevin Levy

The Board is getting prepared for the Fair. Election Bylaws motions are coming up, including bylaws affecting Fair age for membership, voter registration deadline and voter eligibility, the number of signatures required for petitions, and several other modifications. Find a working draft showing proposed changes here: [WORKING DRAFT](#).

Spring Retreat Update – Kay

Dates May 10, 11, 12. Overnights are available at Alice’s. Doors will be open Friday 4 p.m. Beds on first come first serve basis. We need to establish an agenda for the retreat.

The Events Subcommittee will provide Sat. morning breakfast – OJ, coffee, muffins, fruit, and Dinner – 2 soups, 2 salads and bread.

Lunch is Potluck

Sunday – Annemarie has organized an Elder Camp Cleanup, and the Events Subcommittee will hold a meeting to discuss the previous day’s events, as well as discussing recruitment of volunteers for specific

events. There potentially could be an additional Elders Committee Meeting (follow up to Saturday's meeting).

The Saturday meeting starts at 10 – noonish, followed by Lunch, and then reconvening of the meeting.

Agenda emphasizes preparing for Fair. Other agenda items can be added if there is time.

Music for Meet and Greet – Eric is working on it. The entertainment line-up is not fully formed. The (younger) Radar Angels, possibly Marty Chilla, Melanie Reid will be part of the line up.

Nancy can't make the retreat due to a family activity. Katie said she can accept money and Pass Request Forms for those who would like to bring their forms and payment to the retreat.

Forming a Fundraising Subcommittee – Kay

Kay would like to bring this agenda item to the retreat.

Elders Committee mission statement - Darlene

Amber Coates started a draft for the mission statement. Darlene worked on it a bit. She forwarded it to Paxton for comments. This is a work in progress.

WRAP-UP:

Nancy – send any questions concerning passes **to elderwristbands@gmail.com**. Teens go through Nancy and Katie.

Synnove – There has been a lot of confusion around teen crews. We (Synnove and Annemarie) decided not to have teens help at Elder Camp this year. The reason stated was their inability to get hold of the right people to bring teens in.

Lisa responded that names of participating teen go direct to the Teen crew leader.

Nancy clarified that If an elder has a teen, they need to go into the new Sunshine Database and enter their teen's info.

Peggy – we are talking about different aspects regarding teens. Elders will not be requesting teen helpers. Then there is the subject of teens who need to get registered by their parent(s)/guardian(s).

The meeting ended at 8:17 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS PASSED:

- The March 2024 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

PARKING LOT:

- Elder Eligibility - what constitutes a volunteer year? – Subcommittee unable to meet prior to April meeting
- Elders Volunteers Committee Report from Annemarie
- Spirit Walk List

The next meeting is the Spring Retreat meeting on Saturday, May 11 at Alice's. The next regular committee meeting is Thursday, May 23.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Gsell