

**ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** – Approved at the 5/22/25 meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, April 24, 2025

**LOCATIONS:** Online and OCF Office

**MEETING TIME:** 6 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE:** Diane Albino (6:19 – 6:32 p.m.), Ann Bennett-Rogers, Nancy Hafner (6:12 p.m.), Heather Kent

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:** Jain Elliott, Kay Kintzley, Michael James Long, Robert “Mouseman” McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

**PRIMARY BOARD LIAISON PRESENT ONLINE:** Kevin Levy

**OTHERS PRESENT ON-LINE:** Synnove Abrahamsen, Anna Brown, Amber Coates, Alan Cohn, Paul Compton, Lisa Cooley, Carolyn Gsell – facilitator, Roy Lisi, Cathy Piazza, Jorjan Plimmer, Jenny Wilson,

**OTHERS PRESENT IN-PERSON:** Tom Boyatt – Facilitator, Tom Conlin, Chris Howe-Harrison, Jerry Joffe

The meeting started promptly at 6 p.m.

**A quorum** of 7 of 9 committee members were present at the opening of the meeting; thus, a quorum was established. Nancy arrived at 6:12 p.m. after the minutes were approved, making a quorum of 8 of 9 committee members. Diane arrived at 6:19 p.m. Purpose of designating times is to explain the number of committee members voting on a given motion.

**Agenda:**

- Announcements
- Approve agenda
- Approve draft 2 of March Minutes
- Magical History Tour Theater 2025 – Jerry Joffe
- Geezer Pleezer 2025 – Cathy Piazza
- Spring Retreat – Kay
- Events Dates Review - Kay

**Announcements:**

- Band for Spring Fling is Call Down Thunder, a terrific Grateful Dead cover band
- Winter holiday party update – Kay is still waiting for more information

**Approve Agenda**

Approved as is.

**Approve March meeting minutes**

Mouseman made a motion to approve draft 2 of the March 27 minutes. Kay seconded. The motion passed 5 – 0 with 2 abstentions. Ann & Heather abstained.

**Magical History Tour Theater 2025** – Jerry Joffe

OPB is creating 2 or 3 videos, in various lengths/segments, about the Fair under the Oregon Art Beat and Oregon Experience (The Outdoor show) programs. OCF Management wants to know if Elders would be willing to run the OPB videos in the Magical History Tour theater. We could set up a schedule. Jerry has a concern about sound, so he asked Fair management if OPB could close-caption the OCF Videos. Jerry pointed out that the continuous loop video of the Fair that we have used in the past is silent with captions. Jerry is still waiting to hear back on how many video segments there are and the length of each one. Once we know this, we may or may not show our video.

Jerry asked for feedback and questions.

Q. Will we have a chance to see the videos prior to approving them for the SLR MHT Theater?

A. Jerry: Given the client (OCF management) sets the parameters for what OPB can present, we should find them acceptable.

From what Ann understands, some will be ready before the Fair and some will not be ready. She has spoken to a bunch of people involved with Oregon Art Beat, Outdoor Oregon and Oregon Experience. We may have some access to some of the outtakes. Kirsten would know best what would be available.

Mouseman is concerned that some of the videos might be too long to hold interest. Jerry responded that the OPB videos would have to be close-captioned. Shorter videos might be better. Doubtful that someone would sit there for an hour. A 10-minute segment would work, and that's a typical segment seen on Oregon Art Beat and Oregon Experience.

What is the deadline for the Peach Pit? It's sometime during the first week of May. Alex from the office will give us a definitive date.

Q. How soon does Jerry need our approval?

Jerry: Last year we had the Counterculture History Coalition (CHC) here. This year the CHC will be at Spoken Word. Do we want to weave more discussions with the folks with CHC into the MHT Theater venue this year? Jerry is thinking of hosting a panel focusing on specific topics and perhaps scheduling a panel discussion on Sunday afternoon.

Some committee members said that they would be okay with approving this now. It would be preferable to see videos in advance but there is some trust with what OPB has produced.

Ann made **a motion to approve the OPB video presentations, if they are closed captioned, for presentation at the Magical History Tour Theater for the 2025 Fair.** Kay seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent (9-0).

Michael JL asked about the Sunday panel with the CHC people. Jerry said it would be in the theater and scheduled. Jerry sees Sunday afternoon as an ideal time. The exact time needs to coordinate with CHC's schedule at Spoken Word.

Jerry mentioned that he has already spoken with Sandra about the MHT Theater videos and CHC panel idea, so she and Teresa are aware of this.

#### **Geezer Pleezer 2025 – Cathy Piazza**

Cathy was very pleased with Motor Pool last year. They really came through for us. We got the second cart whenever we needed it. Hopefully that will be the situation this year. We'll have a gas powered one for us, and the back up from Motor Pool is electric.

Cathy clarified that for certain busy hours they get the electric one. Motor Pool has informed us that they are duplicating the cart inventory they had last year.

There was a complaint about gas powered carts. Cathy told us that Motor Pool gives us the gas one. Also, the electric carts were problematic last year as they were not always fully charged.

Both onsite Geezer Pleezer coordinators have stepped down, so we are looking for two new coordinators. Cathy is recruiting for the positions. Roy Lisi has stepped up to volunteer, so we need one more coordinator.

A request was made to add recruitment to the Spring Retreat agenda. Apparently, Annemarie gave Cathy some names of people who may be interested in the onsite coordinator position.

Kudos to Cathy for her good work. Eric acknowledged Chris Howe for her years of service to the GP.

Nancy asked Cathy about the radio situation last year. Answer – Cathy had trouble with one radio, but for the most part they were better quality. We need at least 2 radios. Nancy will ask for 3. One is at Elder Camp and the other radio is kept at Elder Hub. Nancy suggested a radio for the second driver.

Jorjan informed the group that she has found someone to replace her for SLR staffing, Rolyn "Ro" Arata. She will be coming to the Spring Retreat.

Jain – On May 16, OCF is presenting to the City Club of Eugene at Noon. Lunch \$15, served by Café Yumm. Location is at the WOW Hall.

Synnové reported that she and Annemarie have been contacting new Elders who expressed an interest in volunteering. We expect to have new Elders attending the retreat.

Percy – He may need a place to stay during week of the retreat.

Nancy – asked about payment apps such as Venmo or PayPal this year. Per Alex, payment apps won't be available this year.

**Spring Retreat – Kay**

Kay reminded everyone that people can stay at Alice's Friday and Saturday night during the retreat. Friday night is Bring Your Own Dinner.

Saturday Breakfast will be served by the Events Subcommittee, Lunch is Potluck, and Dinner is leftovers. Sunday breakfast will be a light menu. Alice's needs to be cleaned up and locked up by noon.

**Upcoming Event Dates - Kay**

June in-person meeting at Kay's June 19

Meet & Greet July 10

Fall retreat Sept. 19, 20, 21

Spirit Walk – Tentatively Oct. 4 but potentially combining it with Fall Retreat

Winter Holiday Party - TBD

Michael James Long moved to adjourn the meeting. Mouseman seconded. There were no objections.

The meeting ended at 6:57 p.m.

**Upcoming Meeting Reminders:**

- The Spring Retreat is May 2 – 4 with meeting on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m.
- The next regular committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6 p.m. It will be a hybrid meeting.