

ELDERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Approved at 9/25/25 meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 19, 2025

LOCATIONS: Kay's home in Pleasant Hil, OR

MEETING TIME: After potluck, around 6 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jain Elliott, Nancy Hafner, Kay Kintzley, Robert "Mouseman" McCarthy, Eric Nicholson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Michael James-Long, Heather Kent

OTHERS PRESENT: Synnove Abrahamsen, Rolyn Arata, Roberta Austin, Malka Barber, Mike Barkhuff, Tom Boyatt – Facilitator, Anna Brown, Barry Burleson, Kathy Burleson, Paul Compton, Lisa Cooley, Katie Cousins, Kriss Crowley, Kate Davidson, Jeannine Emery, Martha Evans, Carolyn Gsell – scribe, John Higby, Annemarie Hirsch, George Hutchinson, Barbara Jacobs, Robert Jacobs, Jerry Joffe, Mark Johnson, Michael Ray Lesiak, Roger Lesiak, Roy Lisi, Larry Lynch, Jim May, Nancy McBee, Slim Novak, John Selove, Sharon Selove, Jerry Shultz, Licia Shultz, Sarah Sprague, Taylor Truesdell, Patricia VanEsso, Jenny Wilson.

The meeting started at 6:35 p.m.

A quorum of 5 of 9 committee members were present at the opening of the meeting; thus, a quorum was established.

Agenda:

- Approve agenda
- Elder Wristbands - Katie
- Announcements
- Introductions
- Member Input
- Approve May minutes
- Elder Camp – Anna B.
- Geezer Pleezer – Roy L.
- Events Subcommittee Report – Kay
- Fair Central – Elder contact info – Carolyn
Still Living Room setup - Carolyn
- Wrap up/meeting evaluation

Approve Agenda: Approved

Elder Wristbands: There are currently 960 Elders receiving wristbands this year. This year there is an in-town wristbanding opportunity. The Wristband Subcommittee will be at the Unitarian Church in Eugene from Noon – 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8. Anyone still waiting on line at 3 p.m. will receive a VIP pass to go to the head of the line at the sticker booth on Wednesday or Thursday. The subcommittee will also be at Elder Hub Camp around 4 p.m. Tuesday if there are Elders already onsite who would like to pick up their wristbands. The purpose of the in-town banding is to discourage excess numbers of Elders to drive onsite.

The Sticker booth opens at 9 a.m. Weds. Pre-Fair. Sticker booth hours are Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Vehicle passes will be handed out with the wristbands.

Announcements:

Synnove A. – We are passing around a sign-up sheet for Meet and Greet volunteers. Setup is Thursday Pre-Fair 4 – 6 p.m. Party 6 – 8:30 p.m. and clean up afterwards. Even contributing 15 – 20 minutes is helpful. It's a big job made easier with more helpers.

The Never Ever Band needs help with loading and unloading equipment. Coordinate with Eric. A few people stepped up to offer help. The band also needs credentials for the person driving in their band equipment.

Jerry Joffe –

In collaboration with the Counterculture History Coalition, there will be two events during the Fair discussing preserving counterculture history through archives. One session is part of Spoken Word and will be at the Chez Ray stage on Saturday at Noon. On Fair Sunday at 4:20 Fair Elders are sponsoring a discussion in the Still Living Room's Magical History Tour Theater about saving counterculture history. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

Kate Davidson – There is a Clothing Swap in town on Saturday, June 28 from Noon – 6 p.m. Location is 814 Martin Street. Come share and swap clothes, accessories, shoes, and household goods. There will also be a potluck.

Introductions: Attendees went around the circle and introduced themselves by first name.

Member Input:

- Jain – Thanked Kay for opening her home to the potluck and meeting.
- Jerry J. - It's great to see everyone here and all the people who volunteer. and he hopes that we will continue to grow our volunteer base.
- Kay Davidson gave a mention that Aunty Em has health challenges and please put out good thoughts for her.

Approve May meeting Minutes:

Jain made a motion to approve draft 1 of the May minutes. Mouseman seconded. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Elder Camp – There is still a wait list. Anna has reached out to Kelly, and he apparently had a work party planned for June 16 in the South Woods camps Del Boca Veneta and SWEATS.

There was a reminder for folks who don't have a place to camp to check in with Camping Solutions, next to QM at Main Camp. Go there to get your name on a list.

According to Patricia VanEsso, Kelly said he has Del Boca Veneta and SWEATS under his wing and has recruited folks to help prepare the sites.

Jerry J. reminded everyone about the Fair's **Late Night Trips** program. You can get more information in the June issue of FFN. Use this link to get specific information of the bus schedule and costs here: <https://oregoncountryfair.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Late-Night-Trips-2025-FAQ.pdf>

Geezer Pleezer – Roy Lisi

Roy is still looking for a co-coordinator and a couple of drivers.

Mark mentioned Cascadia Mobility. Mark to F/U with RoyLisi@yahoo.com

Several people at the meeting volunteered to be drivers: Barry Burlison, George Hutchinson, Mike Barkhuff, Kate Davidson, and Jeannine Emery all volunteer. The driver shifts are 3 hours. Those who volunteered should give their contact info to Roy after the meeting.

Nancy mentioned that we asked for 4 radios and are hoping to get 3 this year. Last year we only got 2.

Events Subcommittee Report – Kay

The theme for this year's Meet and Greet is LOVE. Kay made a beautiful banner. John Higby will be our wine steward again and will be joined by Rick Valley. People are welcome to bring donations of wine to the Meet & Greet. This year, name tags will be given out (Mouseman modeled one for the group).

Radar Angels and the Never Ever Band will provide entertainment.

Finger food and cake will be served.

Carolyn mentioned that according to the Fire Crew, there are potential fire hazards with power strips being used with electrical cord extensions. Carolyn will give Eric Fire Dic's (Steve Berkson's) contact info so they can work out a plan to safely provide the band's electrical power.

Larry L offered to help the band with moving their equipment.

Fair Central – Carolyn mentioned that Fair Central would like to have contact information for the Elder Camps and Still Living room in the event they need to contact someone from these groups. Carolyn will put together a list of names and cell numbers for the various camps and Still Living Room in the event Fair Central needs to contact us. She will also let those on the contact list know that Fair Central has their cell numbers.

Still Living Room – Carolyn

There are a series of work parties scheduled to set up and take down the Still Living Room before and after the Fair.

Here is the schedule:

- Weds 7/2 @ 10 a.m. Meet at Conex at Dug's Green to load furniture onto Mouseman's trailer and transport to the Still Living Room site. There will probably be two trips. One trip will include dropping off items to Elder Hub Camp. Muscles and basic carpentry skills needed.
- Sat. 7/5 @ 10 a.m. Meet at the Strawberry Lane Still Living Room site to set up furnishings and install the timelines. Muscles and basic carpentry skills needed.
- Weds 7/9 @ 2 p.m. meet at the Still Living Room to set up soft goods/décor. Sandra Bauer will be mentoring Teresa Vaughn who will take on the décor next year. Some ladder work is involved.
- Sunday 7/13 @ 7 p.m. meet at the Still Living Room to take down décor and other soft goods and store them in the big storage box.
- Monday 7/14 @ 10 a.m. meet at the Still Living Room to take down all the furnishings and transport them back to the Conex at Dug's Green. Muscles and decon skills needed.

Jerry Joffe reminded us that this year we will be showing the 3 OPB videos plus the Fair's silent, closed-caption video in the Magical History Tour Theater.

Wrap up and meeting evaluation:

Pandamonium applause.

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m.