

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR
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Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting
May 16, 1988

AGENDA

Alter Able Access Area
Budget-Community Village
WOW Hall
Budget- Advertising
Community Village Loft
Grievance

Members Present: Lucy Lynch, facilitating; Marshall Landman, Kathryn Madden, Don Hathaway, Wally Slocum, Bedo Crafts, Anne Henry, Moz Wright, Tom Wenk, alternate, and John Winslow, alternate.

Alter Able Access Area

Volunteers for AAAA have asked to have an area allotted their group for accessibility to the public, as well as camping areas for after hours. Since a decision could not be reached on this item due to agenda restrictions, it was decided it would be better brought to the next board meeting.

Community Village - Budget Request

Jon Silvermoon of the Village Council, and Construction Coordinator for the Village, Lloyd Burnell were present at the meeting. Jon asked for a budget increase of \$100 to compensate several people who would be taking down the Community Village Integral House. Care was being taken to preserve many pieces of lumber, and people from the Village were asking that per diem be paid several people, because of the amount and scope of the work. The need to have volunteers available to both remove the structure and to rebuild the structure was stressed. Don Hathaway was upset that people were asking for per diem when he could find volunteers within the fair to do the work for no reimbursement, other than being a participant in the Fair.

+++ Lucy Lynch moved to solicit volunteer crews to take down the Integral House in the Community Village. Wally Slocum seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

WOW Hall

The Budget Committee has recommended that provided the Community Center for the Performing Arts pay accrued interest of \$1,350.00 by May 28, 1988 and pays the sum of \$250.00 per month to be applied to interest and principal, the contract will be extended 120 days. The WOW Hall shall provide timely reports to the Oregon Country Fair regarding progress being made to repay the loan. The Oregon Country Fair shall have a committee working with the WOW Hall Board liaison to make sure that the appropriate areas are being dealt with. Those areas suggested by the OCF-WOW Hall Liaison Committee are Management and Staff, Educational Programs and Long Range Planing.

Artists Tax Change

Oregon tax laws regarding artists have recently changed. A pamphlet has been provided to the Oregon Country Office.

OM Team

The OM Team is working with many different new items, including camel rides, glass blowing exhibition, "warning" parking tickets (OOOH Goodie), and of course the coordinator handbooks.

Sheriff

After a meeting with the Sheriff, it appears that the OCF staff is dealing with matters in the best way at this point. It was suggested that an emergency vehicle be available at all times, just in case.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting May 16, 1988 at WOW Hall at 7:00 pm (WOW Hall discussion.)

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WOW Hall (More)

Marshall Landman expressed that he didn't want this to be the beginning of one long string of requested extensions, because there was always the chance that the Country Fair may need the money. He asked what was happening with the bank financing that was discussed last year. He said he wanted to see a great deal of movement during the next 120 days (4 months) time.

Lucy Lynch brought out that there had been talk of the Oregon Country Fair acting as guarantor for the loan with a bank. She indicated that when Jill Heiman was asked her opinion, she said that it wasn't a good place to be. The budget committee also said no for several reasons, but the most prevalent reason being the rapid turnover of the board of directors at the WOW Hall.

+++ John Winslow moved to accept the budget committee's recommendation. Wally Slocum seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

To recap that motion: The WOW Hall is to pay interest accrued of \$1,350.00 prior to May 28, 1988. They will pay \$250 a month for the 120 day extension. This sum is applied to the principal as well as to the interest of the loan. The WOW Hall will provide timely reports regarding progress to the Oregon Country Fair Board of Directors. The OCF suggests a liaison committee working with a WOW Hall liaison committee to make certain that these areas are dealt with: Management and Staff, Educational Programs and Long Range Planing. Monthly payments will begin June 28, 1988.

Bruce Newhouse, the Chairman of the Board of WOW Hall thanked the OCF Board for their willingness to accept options. He says that the WOW Hall is expecting to make progress in all areas of concern.

Budget-Advertising

Because Mel was out of town during the business of approving his budget, an amount that he had asked for as an increas was not approved, because the committee wasn't aware of its purpose. Mel explained that he had been interested in asking for \$1,000.00 to target the Portland area. The Budget Committee felt that it was fair and needed this time to ask for approval because the budget had already been approved prior to this meeting.

There were questions concerning the amount of traffic we have had in the immediate past year's fair. Many people felt it would be too much to ask for more. It was brought out that in the past two years, there had been a great many other things bringing people to this area. Lucy Lynch pointed out that last year there was a Greatful Dead concert the weekend following the Fair and the year before, it was Expo, in Canada and more traffic was out and about. Tom Wenk said that to answer questions of overcrowding, it was about what had been expected, just got a bit out of hand, but no major problems ocured.

We do have to be progressive in our marketing of the Fair. We can't always expect the same market, Fair after Fair. Bedo Crafts went on to say that we should explore the Portland market.

Budget-Advertising (More)

Moz Wright said that he felt we should spend the money and see what we get back. Mel has done such a good job for us in the past, that we should trust his judgement.

+++ Tom Wenk moved to approve Mel Urban, Advertising Coordinator's request to add \$1,000.00 to the budget. John Winslow seconded. Motion carried 10-0.

Community Village Loft

Lloyd Burnell, Community Village Construction Coordinator and Jon Silvermoon of the Village Council were present and asked that the board okay their request to have a loft larger than mentioned in the OCF guidelines. The loft is to be built atop the new Integral House being constructed in the Village this year. According to Lloyd, the loft size is pretty much dictated by the size of the structure itself, as it is being built in an hexagon configuration. The overall area that the building will take up is much smaller than the area it occupies presently. The Community Village representatives present said that the Village membership had given a mandate to them to present this particular proposal for the Integral House. They had studied other options which would not be practical for the purposes of the Village.

Many present felt that things should look rustic and temporary. Questions were also posed as to whether the structure was to be in dimensional or pole lumber. It was said dimensional would be used. Lucy Lynch said that she was concerned as to the urbanization of the Fair and wanted to be sure it looked rustic. Anne Henry said that she appreciated the process that Community Village had used, meaning that they had been communicating with the construction coordinator, as well as the budget committee, and all the procedures were correct. She wondered about the use of the Yurt for the purposes that the loft will be needed. Lloyd said that the Yurt was very booked and nearly impossible to find free at most times during the Fair. People supported the new building, just couldn't understand the need for the loft. The question will be looked at in depth at the June 6, 1988 BOD meeting and a decision will be made.

Grievance

There were questions concerning a booth that was not allowed to participate because of problems concerning non-registration last year. The people in the booth in question have brought several items before the board to ask to have a reconsideration of their case. Because none of the items were conclusive, the board has asked for further information before a decision can be made on reversing the expulsion.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, June 6, 1988 at the WOW Hall 7:00 pm.

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