

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 1/26/98

PRESENT: Michele Sharpy (who brought a delicious rum cake to make the evening more palatable), Martha Evans, Charlene Tremayne (alternate), Charlie Zennache, Charles Drew, Daniel Dillon, & Tom Alexander.

NOT: Paxton Hoag, David Liberty, Jack Makarchek, Jim Sahr (alternate)

Other Treats: norma brought a "Grumpy" doll back from Disneyland for Steve Gorham.

A bag of chocolate covered macadamia nuts from Steve G, recently back from Hawaii, circled the table with dark and milk chocolate buttons. Treats for those willing to vote on the budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our thoughts go out to Jack whose mother passed away last week.

Jean Heneghan's place of employment has created a new foundation to help the homeless. They exhibited the Jill Heiman Vision Fund forms and process as a shining example of voluntary fundraising.

A work session on the budget was held on Jan 19.

The building on Ferry Street which has served as the OCF office for many years sold at public auction on Jan. 24, for \$95,000. The city of Eugene has until Feb. 4, to accept the bid and then 60 days to close.

OLD BUSINESS

OPERATING BUDGETS

Background The Budget Committee presented operating budgets for 1998 and 1999. Steve G, Treasurer, noted that we expect to approve revisions in '99, but this helps create a longer financial picture which is especially good when planning capital projects, etc. We will also revise some crew budgets later this year as more unknowns become known. This primarily affects Food, Office On-Site, Printing, and Recycling.

Charles moved, and Michele seconded, the BoD approve the Administrative Assistant (\$14,200), General Manager (\$298,330), Site Manager (\$26,000), and Board of Directors (\$47,250) budgets for 1998 as presented.

Charlie moved, and Michele seconded, the BoD amend the 1998 BoD budget by adding a new line item "Law Reform" with a maximum total of \$6500. This money would be dedicated to educating and changing the current civil forfeiture and drug laws. This money is separate from the "Donations" line item in the BoD budget. This brings the BoD budget total to \$553,750.

Peach Gallery: Hilary Anthony, Treasurer, is very supportive of this motion. This would be in accordance with the membership's wishes, also. She would like to spend some of the money on teaching ourselves to be politically effective. Jean H agreed that the OCF family would approve of this expenditure. She is particularly concerned about the forfeiture laws; they are unconstitutional and dangerous to American society. Mike James suggested training our members in the art of grassroots legislation and lobbying. Steve G reminded us that we must adhere to the laws governing how & where a 501(c)3 corporation spends its money. We cannot use it to lobby or hire a lobbyist.

BoD Discussion: Charlie noted that he really wanted to ask for \$10,000 but thought \$6500 would be approved more readily. Charles suggested holding a work session on how best to spend that \$6500.

The motion to amend the 1998 BoD budget passed unanimously: 7 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion to approve the AA, GM, SM, and BoD budgets passed unanimously: 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Martha moved, and Daniel seconded, the BoD approve the 1998 Crew budgets (\$322,835.50) as presented.

Peach Gallery: Steve W thanked the Budget Committee for their great work and for noting the inclusion of several positions in the Site Crew budget which will cover those that have previously been lost in the cracks, or woods if you prefer! Sheldon Doughty (Traffic) said the BC tried to be very fair about the 2% reduction. He was impressed by the thoughtful consideration given to the decisions during the Budget Committee meetings.

BoD Discussion: Michele protested as a coordinator (Admissions) that the coordinators' expenses were also reduced by 2% without prior notification. Charlie was very impressed with the well-organized and accessible presentation made by the Budget Committee. The motion passed unanimously: 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

Charles moved the Fair honor Courtney (Inventory) for having the first crew budget turned in to the BC! Leslie noted that they have chocolate for her!