



# FAIR FAMILY NEWS

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## FAIR FAMILY CALENDAR

### August

- 7-14 CULTURE JAM
- 21 Teddy Bear Picnic at the Fair site, 2-7 pm
- 26 Deadline to submit Board candidate statements for publication in the Fair Family News and the Voters Pamphlet
- 31 Last day to remove a temporary booth/loft structures, personal property, ground covers
- 31 Booth refunds mailed

### September

- 11 Candidate's Forum, 2 pm, OCF Site, Hub Yurt
- 12 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Fair site
- 12 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 22 Last Day to Register to Vote in OCF 2016 Elections

### October

- 1 Last day to request an absentee ballot for timely delivery (You may request one after this date if you can return it in time for the meeting)
- 3 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, 2621 Augusta St., Eugene
- 3 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 13 Community Village, 7 pm, 1685 W. 13th, Eugene
- 22 Annual Membership Meeting, 21 N Grand, Eugene 6:30 pm

## OCF Personnel Committee

The OCF Personnel Committee is conducting a Performance Evaluation of the General Manager.

If you have experience working with Tom Gannon, the GM, and wish to give your feedback, you may obtain the online form or you may download a PDF of the evaluation from:

<http://www.oregoncountryfair.net/>. Deadline to submit evaluations is August 26, 2016.



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## FFN 'DOG DAYS' STAFF

Mary "Maltese" Doyon  
 Kim "Collie" Griggs  
 norma "norfolk terrier" sax  
 Brad "Bull Dog" Lerch  
 Dan "Doberman" Cohn  
 Niki "Newfoundland" Harris  
 Suzi "Schnauzer" Prozanski  
 Stephanie "Shepherd" Talbott  
 Michael "Malamute" Ottenhausen

## Happy Birthday to Our Fair Family Virgos

- Aaron Nine-Gelman .. Water Crew
- Anne Morris.....Chela Mela
- Anthony Stoppiello....Energy Park
- Barbara Lee .....Lot Crew
- Bob Demaline.....Far Side
- Bud Chase ..... Vaudeville
- Candace Reed .....Traffic
- Catherine Clark .....Pre-post Security
- Cathy Lindberg.....Fire
- Charles Corp .....Lot Crew
- D. Keigh Smiley.....Traffic
- Dan Cohn .....Fair Family News
- Dan Corp .....Lot Crew
- Daniel Dillon.....Blintz Booth
- Danielle Thomas.....Registration
- Dave Crockett .....Boothperson
- Denny Guehler .....Main Stage (Retired)
- Diana Gardener .....Crafter
- Don St.Clair.....Crafter
- Erik Dedijer-Small.....Fire Crew
- Francine Six.....Crafter
- Gary Ausmus .....Traffic
- George Utterback .....Fire
- Greg Rikhoff.....Admissions
- J.A.R. Smith.....Construction
- James Ince.....Security
- Jani Wright .....Inventory Crew
- Jason Dodge .....Ambiance Entertainment
- Jessica Rose Tucker ....Registration
- Jim Richards.....Traffic
- John Burchell.....Ice Crew
- Josh Gold .....Food Booth
- Kathryn Madden.....Fair Central
- Ken Ely.....Water Crew
- Keri Stutesman .....Entertainment
- Kristen Mozuch .....Community Village
- LaRhettta Gale .....Main Camp Security
- Lynn Watson .....Recycling
- Mary Doyon.....Fair Family News
- Melisa Largent .....Lot Crew
- Melissa Evans .....Pre-Post Security
- Michael Hilton.....Elder
- Mike Swett .....Lot Crew
- Nancy Bright.....Crafter
- Neil Friedman.....Crafter
- Phillip Guyette.....Camping Crew
- Raven Parker-Hartog..Pre-Post Security
- Reggie Soto.....Traffic
- Rivka Gross .....Security
- Rob Farquhar .....Security
- Robert Ray .....Water
- Sallie Edmunds.....Back-up Manager
- Seraf Moses .....Registration
- Sheridan Richardson..Lot Crew
- Starcloud Koepf.....Sauna
- Steve Bouton .....Recycling
- Steve Robertson.....Internal Security
- Susan Johnson.....Recycling
- Tesia Dow .....Crafter
- Thomas Smith.....Lot Crew
- Tim Beyer.....Lot Crew
- Vicki Lynn Wootten....Security
- Victoria Stoppiello.....Energy Park
- Vince LaRochelle .....Crafter
- Virginia Sands.....Security
- Willy Gibboney.....Crafter



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Tell us your name; your email address to be notified of the online version of the newsletter; your crew or booth number; name of your leader or booth rep; name of person who can verify your participation, and your mailing address if applying for membership.

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Or Email to: [office@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:office@oregoncountryfair.org)



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## OCF Board of Directors Candidate's Forum

The Oregon Country Fair Candidate's Forum is scheduled for the Hub Yurt at the OCF site on September 11, 2016. We will schedule the candidates to start speaking at 2 pm.

It will be approximately the same format as last year. There will be pre-submitted questions to guide each candidate's presentation, and some opportunity for questions from the floor.

It will be made accessible for Internet viewing at: [oregoncountryfairforum.org](http://oregoncountryfairforum.org).

Any suggestions for questions to candidates can be sent to [robertmjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:robertmjacobs@gmail.com) or to Robert Jacobs, 442 Lawrence Street, Eugene, OR 97401.

Likewise, any offers of volunteer help, for this or future years, can be sent to Robert Jacobs.

Candidates must have their Candidate Statements in to the Elections Committee by August 26, 2016.



## OCF Elections and Annual Meeting Timeline

New this year: SOs are eligible to vote!

**August 26:** Deadline to submit a candidate statement.

See *OCF Board Candidate Eligibility & Application Info* at [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net) for details

**September 11:** Candidate's Forum, 2 pm, Hub Yurt, OCF site

The forum will be filmed and put on the Internet. It can be viewed at [oregoncountryfairforum.org](http://oregoncountryfairforum.org).

**September 22:** Last day to register to vote in OCF 2016 elections.

Membership form is available at <http://www.oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/memberform.pdf>

**October 1:** Last day to request an absentee ballot for timely delivery. You may request one after this date if you can return it in time for the meeting so that your vote will count.

Email: [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org)  
 Absentee ballots are not available from OCF office staff.

**October 22:** Annual Oregon Country Fair Membership Meeting and Election  
 Whiteaker School, 21 N. Grand St., Eugene, Oregon at 6:30 p.m.

Contact the Elections Committee at [elections@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:elections@oregoncountryfair.org)

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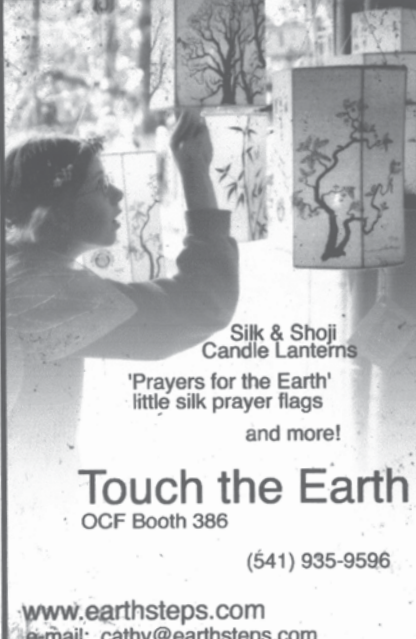
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10/8 Danny Brown

come one come all....

**TEDDY BEARS' Picnic 2016**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 - 2 PM TO 7 PM  
Main Stage meadow

The OCF will provide barbequed chicken, veggie burgers, and non-alcoholic beverages.

- Please bring a READY-TO-SERVE potluck salad, side dish or dessert to share.
  - No uncut melons, please.
- Use Aero Road entrance and leave the pooches at home.
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## FAMILY LETTERS



*This newsletter is for the Oregon Country Fair Family and all material is volunteered from the membership.*

*Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.*

*Letters must be limited to 300 words. They will be edited for length and clarity. Please include name, Fair Affiliation and a method of communication (i.e. phone number or e-mail).*



Left to right, Charise Cheney, Jazzmin Richardson and Ayisha Elliott.

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## Attempt to Communicate

Dear Fair Family,

Congratulations on another fantastic, magical, fun Fair! Big props to the crews, vendors, entertainers and new staff people for pulling it off with grace and fun.

I'm a working Elder (Site Office) and member of the Diversity Task Force. My first working Fair was in 1975. I've worked in Community Village and as a NRT as well. However, I write this letter as an individual Fair member.

As a teacher, mother and grandmother, I've been deeply involved in social justice work for most of my life, and have participated in and presented diversity trainings across the state. I was the principal organizer of the Racism Free Zone at Creswell Elementary, and planned a district-wide diversity training for Creswell Schools; was Board member and President at Skipping Stones, and a national Board member and activist in the Sanctuary Movement. Charles Drew and I were advocates for the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission. My own family includes many Black, Native, Mexican, gay, lesbian and white members with a huge variety of occupations.

I write this so you have an idea where I'm coming from. I still have much to learn as a white woman striving to be an ally, but I'm honored to have many friends I can go to for advice.

FFN has a word limit for letters, so I will finish by saying I have a plan to offer my ideas about diversity at the Fair, since it is Number One on the Fair's vision quest items. I hope to send letters, and hope the FFN has room to print them. The FFN declined to print a column written by the Diversity Task Force last year, so I will attempt to communicate with the Family this way.

Thank you so much, love and respect,  
Mary Drew  
Elder

## 2016 OCF in Haiku

by Shasta Hatter  
Elder, Fomer Admissions Crew

*Raindrops slide off leaves  
Pattering on the camp chairs  
Showering friendship  
Thursday evening*

*Sunshine sweeps the sky  
Gray clouds tumble from our sight  
Joyful day ahead  
Friday and Saturday morning*

*Tickets presented  
Costumes of sequins and wings  
Welcome to the Fair  
Public Hours*

*Rain revisits us  
Soggy bottoms, muddy feet  
Song still fills the air  
Friday and Saturday night*

*Gold straw over mud  
Sandaled feet step carefully  
Parade in the rain  
Sunday*

*Gifted by sunshine  
Collapse the chairs, bag the tents  
Pack another Fair  
Monday*

## FAIR PHILANTHROPY:

### Trauma Healing Project



Dear Fair Family,

Our organization, the Trauma Healing Project (THP), was very fortunate to receive funds from the Jill Heiman Vision Fund (JHVF) last year to support our Healing Arts Service Learning Program (HAP). HAP is a wellness and recovery program for survivors of trauma that also provides hands-on learning opportunities to practitioners of traditional and holistic healing arts.

Our vision is a vibrant and connected community where everyone impacted by trauma receives the support needed to fully recover and to reach their highest potential. So far, the THP has provided training to more than 5,000 professionals and community members, and the HAP volunteer practitioners have provided more than 4,500 healing sessions to more than 700 community members since the program was launched in October 2012.

Since receiving JHVF funds, we have seen HAP grow and had overwhelmingly positive feedback from both survivors and volunteer

practitioners. In 2015, 190 individuals received services through HAP and just in the first three months of 2016, we have served over 220 people! We have recently added two new full body acupuncture clinics, a friends and family discussion series, and a new mindfulness class to our other offerings of yoga, Nia, Reiki, massage and more. Participants are asked to contribute towards the cost of services, but no one is ever turned away for lack of funds.

With the Jill Heiman Vision Fund's help, we have been able to expand our support to hundreds of community members who would not otherwise have had access to these vital services. Because of you we truly are an important step closer to achieving our vision of a healthy community.

Thank you so much!  
Sincerely,  
Elaine Walters  
Executive Director THP





# OCF Board Candidate Eligibility and Application Info



Submit your candidate statement by August 26, 2016.

OCF Board of Directors candidate eligibility criteria:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a registered voting member of the OCF
- Deadline to submit membership form is September 22, 2016
- Be eligible to vote in the current year's election (must have participated in the current or prior year's Fair)

A person (who meets the eligibility requirements) may submit a candidate statement to be published in the Voter Pamphlet and the Fair Family News. These names will be printed on the ballot. Qualifying candidates may also run from the floor and/or as a write-in candidate at the Annual Meeting. However, candidates who run from the floor or as write-ins are at a disadvantage because their info is not in the Voter Pamphlet that is mailed to all absentee voters.

To apply:

1. Submit a candidate statement by mail or online by the deadline  
442 Lawrence St. Eugene, OR 97401 or  
elections@oregoncountryfair.org

Candidate statements may not exceed 300 words. The Election Committee, which conducts the election and prepares the ballots and voters pamphlets, does not correct the statements for spelling, grammar, or punctuation.

2. Include your contact info (phone, mailing address, and/or email address) that you would like to have published in the Voters Pamphlet, the FFN, and on the Fair's .net site.
3. Submit a headshot for publication in the FFN and online. The FFN needs photos be at least 300 dpi for a good print resolution.
4. Candidates are asked to participate in the Candidates Forum. The forum is scheduled for September 11, 2016, 2 pm at the HUB yurt on the Fair site. The forum is filmed and put on the Internet. It can be viewed at [oregoncountryfairforum.org](http://oregoncountryfairforum.org). Last year's forum is still available for viewing.

Candidates are expected to attend the Annual Meeting on October 22, 2016, at Whiteaker Elementary School, 21 N Grand Street, Eugene, OR 97402, where they speak to the audience and answer questions. The results of the vote are announced later in the evening.



## Fair Thee Well: Robert Painter (1948-2016)

*The Recycler Who Moved Houses and Hearts*

by Tomo Tsurumi, son-in-law, and Linda Frohbach, wife



When I was a little kid in Tokyo in the '70s, one of my favorite books was the Japanese version of Virginia Lee Burton's *The Little House*. It's a story about an abandoned house in a big city saved by house movers so that it enjoys a happy, peaceful second life. I wondered about what kind of people have such strength and motivation to move houses. And then I met Robert Painter.

Robert built a family with

Linda and her four children, including my wife, Liliana Darwin López, for more than three decades; was one of the earliest members of the Recycling Crew at the Oregon Country Fair; saved many classic houses from the University of Oregon campus to the Whiteaker neighborhood; and provided jobs, housing, and fun times for the community.

He always worked hard and fought against cancer and pain stoically. He kept working and working even after receiving a diagnosis of incurable bladder cancer, with a prediction of a short amount of time to live. He lived two more years after the notice and did not stop his physical work until six weeks before his death.

Three months before his departure, he let me help him build a woodshed. His body had been damaged by several rounds of chemotherapy, and he was not as fast as I saw him two years ago, but he did not stop working, and completed the woodshed before the rainy season started.

A few weeks before his death, while he was in his hospital bed, Robert told us of his latest business idea involving tiny houses. I told him that tiny houses and hotels are common and comfortable in Japan. Robert did not complain about his fear of death but continued to share his unique, community-oriented

housing plans with us.


My heart was filled with warmth when I figured that *The Little House* was not a fairy tale, but that the house was moved by physically and mentally tough men like Robert. Robert's love, energy, motivation and the community he built inspired me. It's my honor to be his son-in-law. May he rest in peace.

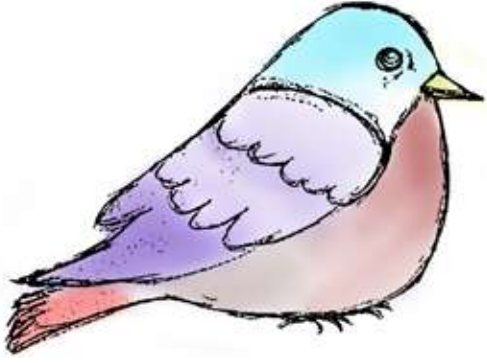
Robert's voice and presence will be missed in the early morning hours on the Recycling truck run on the Left Bank, as well as at camp, and in the operational planning and execution of the enormous task of cleaning up after the party of thousands of Fair participants.

Robert was one of the earliest members of what was then known as the "Garbage Crew," and continued to volunteer on the Recycling Crew for almost four decades, serving as Coordinator of the crew for at least 10 of those years. He led by example, with unfailing devotion to hard work, long hours and team spirit. His dedication to the crew and to recycling was an inspiration to behold, both at Fair and in his daily life. Much of who the crew is and how they operate today — a model that has been influential in festivals all over the country — has been shaped by his vision and enthusiasm for the cause and for the people who made it happen. Robert loved the Fair and "the Garbage Crew" dearly, and in the weeks before his death was deeply moved by the hundreds of loved ones who came to say goodbye to him from near and far, including many long-time Recycling Crew members.

Rest in Peace and power, Robert. We love you! Robert died in his home, surrounded by his family, on February 2, 2016.



 <p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</b> <b>JUNE 26, 2016</b></p> <p>4 pm, Alice's fire pit</p> <p><b>Board members present:</b> Diane Albino, Chewie Burgess (alternate), Casey Marks-Fife, Justin Honea, Jack Makarchek (president), Indigo Ronlov (vice-president), Kirk Shultz, Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence Taylor (alternate), Sue Theolass, Bear Wilner-Nugent. <b>Peach Gallery present:</b> Staff (Tom, Crystaly, Robin, Shane and Stephanie), Officers (Hilary and Heidi).</p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Short-term extension of General Manager contract. (Jon) Old Timers Picnic motion (Jon)</p> <p><b>Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Sue:</b> Let's send love and healing energy to the Orlando shooting victims. <b>Bear:</b> This is the time of the year to encourage your friends to sign up for membership of the Oregon Country Fair. There is a stack of membership forms at Quartermaster desk. <b>Jen-Lin:</b> As a member you can not only vote, but also run for the Board. If you are interested in running for the Board, the deadline will be after the picnic in August. The Annual Meeting and election will be October 22, 2016.</p>	<p><b>Staff Reports</b></p> <p><b>Tom:</b> Dark-eyed junco, goldfinch, robin, varied thrush, western bluebird, cedar waxwing, brown creeper, possible white-breasted nuthatch, sharp shinned hawk, turkey vulture, spotted towhee, California towhee, swainson's chickadee, chestnut-backed chickadee, bushtit chipping sparrow, red-bellied sapsucker, song sparrow, black-headed grosbeak, purple finch, California quail, ruffed grouse, possible but unconfirmed sooty grouse, green heron, great blue heron, osprey, northern harrier, bald eagle, possible but unconfirmed Cooper's hawk, possible but unconfirmed red-shouldered hawk, Swainson's thrush, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, merlin, almost certain peregrine falcon, possible band-tailed pigeon, mourning dove, barn owl heard but not seen, great horned owl, northern saw-whet owl heard but not seen, common nighthawk, Vaux's swift, possible but unlikely Anna's hummingbird, rufous hummingbirds, possible</p>
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Townsend's solitaire, belted kingfisher, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, northern flicker, pileated woodpecker, willow flycatcher, western wood pewee, olive-sided flycatcher, warbling vireo, western scrub jay, American crow, common raven, tree swallow, violet green swallow, probable northern rough-winged swallow, probable cliff swallow, barn swallow, red-breasted nuthatch, house wren, golden crowned kinglet, possible ruby-crowned kinglet, I think I heard a wrenit but did not see one, western tanager, assorted warblers but not that many, really, house finch, red crossbill, house sparrow.

That concludes my annual June-July BoD Bird Report.

We have received approval from the county to go ahead with the Story Pole installation. We are awaiting word from SHPO on the archaeological aspects of the project and may do so as early as tomorrow. I believe construction for the pedestal that the pole will sit on will begin some time in the fall and OCF management continues to be ready and willing to work with the Ritz to see this project through.

The Dance pavilion permit is in process and I am confident it will be issued in the next week or so. Again, big thanks to Thom Lanfear for helping us out with this.

Our SUP permit was appealed by neighbors, as reported earlier, and we have a tentative date of September 15 set for the hearing. Thom Lanfear will be on hand for that as well.

The pre-Fair crews have been just wonderful and I would especially like to send a shout out to the Kitchen Crew, who have a new coordinator in Emma and she is just rocking it. Construction is doing really great and Bennett has proven to be a great addition to the coordinators. Quartermaster is as magnificent as always and they are a real anxiety-reducer for me.

There is no fire prohibition this year but we still need to be diligent about fire safety. We will have fire extinguisher training and all camps must have fire extinguishers, water buckets and burlap. All fire rings must be approved and also must have extinguishers on hand.

This is my first Fair as the GM and I am very thankful for all the grace, patience, and goodwill I have been shown. I continue to be very proud to be a part of the organization and I know I will improve as I get more experience. I would especially like to call out the astounding work of Shane and Crystalyn, without whom I would have made many, many, many more blunders. Thanks guys. I am very grateful for your help and support and I want everyone to know that these two are really the ones doing the heavy lifting of managing Main Camp as I am still a rookie and they really know what needs to be done. Everyone should be proud of the hard work and leadership they have shown and I rest easier knowing they are on the job that I'm only just beginning to be able to track.

**Shane:** It's been a pleasure watching the pre-Fair crews working with one another. The Kitchen Crew with their new coordinator is turning out fantastic meals. I can't wait for the Fair!

**Crystalyn:** Charlie Z, Robin and Shane get a special thank you for helping with revamping all of our emergency protocols. You can purchase ice directly from Lower Reefer — no longer using the token system. The kitchen has been out of the universe delicious.

**Shelly:** Thanks to everyone who signed the painting that we gave to Andyman last night. If you didn't get a chance to sign it and would like to, it is hanging in the Art Barn — sign on the back.

**Stephanie:** I've been learning a lot in my first pre-Fair in the role.

**Bear:** I'd like to give Stephanie a shout out for the tremendous job she's done on the informational emails that are coming out.

**Robin:** Being at the office has given me time to work on Culture Jam. I'm in my smiling phase.

## Committee Reports

**Archaeology:** Ann reports that the Archaeology Committee met on the Community Center area and determined it to be a high probability location. We will follow recognized procedures for finding presence or absence of buried cultural material.

**Path Planning:** Justin reports that Path Planning put together a survey on the front of the Fair. Our aggressive goal is question development for a social media survey from Line in the Sand inward. We want to make it more attractive and joyful for our patrons walking in from the parking lots. We will identify stakeholders at the coming Coordinator's meeting. Crystalyn is also helping to facilitate this Google survey.

**Jill Heiman Vision Fund:** norma encouraged everyone to donate food vouchers to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund.

**Elders:** Peggy reports the Elders met on June 23. We get and want lots of volunteers. We do our best to communicate with each other, remembering we're all doing the best we can. We should not take it personally, but be compassionate and kind. Working together is our goal. Sometimes the solution is to move on, there may be a better fit elsewhere. We discussed the possibility of a coordinator that would be a BoD appointed/approved point person. This will be discussed further at the Fall Retreat. We have a meet and greet on Thursday, July 7, at Alice's firepit. Unbirthday Madhatter is the party theme — wear hats, bring extras, craft table will be set up to decorate them. Cupcakes will be provided. The electric cart rental is arranged for Tuesday to Tuesday. A route map will be made and posted, to include the Elder's Southwoods campsite. The required permit will be acquired. There are 14 different drivers this year. The names and drivers license numbers will be turned in to the office. Campers must check in at the Elder Central hospitality tent before setting up their tent and obtaining mandatory tent tags. Camping guidelines will be provided. We still need a big camp-style coffeepot. Bring food to share. Pre-ordered T-shirts will be available for pick up at Elders Central. A motion was made/passed to allow the purchase of the radios for sum total of \$150 by Paxton. An Elder liaison to Craft Committee will be discussed at Fall Retreat. Elders meetings are not scheduled for July and August. September 22, 2016, will be the next meeting, 7 pm at the OCF office. The Fall Retreat is at Alice's and is reserved for October 8-9, 2016.

**Community Center Committee:** Kirk reports the committee is providing an informational flyer of where we've been as a committee, to refresh and remind everyone on where we are in the process of the project. The committee is looking to bring something to the Board in the fall on next steps. Community Center meetings are open to all and listed on the oregoncountryfair.net site. Also, there is a Community Center section giving archival information on the project. XAG is still meeting during pre-Fair and we're tracking what's working on the ground, and planning for next year. Justin, Crystalyn, Hilary, Sallie, Shane, Tom and Charlie are among the many that have been involved. Jon reports that The Community Center committee wants crews to have a copy of the informational flyer to post for everyone to see.

**Hilary:** There is a Contra dance on Friday evening of the Fair, 9 pm to midnight at the Dance Pavilion. Saturday night Mr. Mo will present a blues-fusion dance, 9 pm to midnight at the Dance Pavilion as well.

**Justin:** I'm amazed at what is going on with the booths in Xavanadu. The artistry and the independence of design is amazing.

**Personnel Committee:** Jon reports that the committee is working with the Board on the evaluation process for our GM. There will be evaluation forms going out shortly after the Fair to specific folks. Any members who want to provide feedback on the GM may do so via the Personnel Committee: [pc@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:pc@oregoncountryfair.org). We want to have the evaluation process finished as the GM contract expires in early September. Jen-Lin says that the Personnel Committee does not include anonymous feedback in the final collation of information. Jon adds that the Personnel Committee takes all the feedback that we get and compiles it, but what we provide to the Fair will not include the individual's name giving the feedback.

## Member Input

Peggy: The General Manager has put on an Old Timers Picnic to honor the creators and founders of the Oregon Country Fair. About 10 years ago, planning and putting on this picnic was taken over by the Elders. We're grateful for the help the Kitchen staff has given us in the past for this event. Yesterday there was a miscommunication and we were told that there were no meals for our event. This was resolved but I was deeply embarrassed. I want to know what happened to our goal of knowing how to treat each other. It seems we are starting to act more like it is in the outside world. The Elders have decided to no longer put on this event.

Michael: Everyone should go to the smoking tree and look at what Abbey Hoffman wrote. We tend to forget we are not the outside world.

Jen-Lin: I want to give a shout out to Camping Crew for making space for all the folks in the south woods and those that have moved. Also, I invite all of your to make eye contact with people as you are walking down the path.

Jon: Please add Old Timers Picnic to New business for next month.

Joseph: Hearing the account about the Elders picnic, it brings things up about other operational crews. On some crews people can be disrespectful. Human Intervention is what we ought to be focusing on.

JonP: I have recently had experience with the medical world and I've been helped here onsite by Whitebird and want to tell everyone how awesome they are.

Hilary: Peggy I feel awful that you heard harsh words spoken about Elders during that miscommunication and I hope we can get to the bottom of how the misunderstanding happened. I hope this is not taken that the

Kitchen and Operations don't value Elders.

Chewie: I want to echo what Hilary said. There have been a few miscommunications and I apologize to the Elders. I hope this is not taken personally. Also, Camping Crew is working hard to provide a camping map for all of the areas where people are camping to make it easier for everyone.

Joe: I'm thinking the disparaging comment that came from the ticket taker about Elders outlines how we need some education on what part the Elders played to get us to here.

Kay: Elders are all of us; we are a representation of all the Fair. I think when we individually think about it, we are good to one another. The world is not very kind out there and we have the opportunity to set a better example.

Sam: I'd like to put in a pitch for people to come to the Community Village. Activist building is hard and for 40 years Community Village has been an intentional coalition of activist groups that range across the spectrum. We are moving forward with Path Planning on a new path into Community Village.

Jack: Don't think that young people hold the view of the one that made the disparaging comment about Elders. The young people I know are not like that and it's too broad a brush to paint them with.

## Secretary Report

**Heidi:** Leaders and coordinators of booths and crews are the best ones to encourage their people to sign up as voting members. The Bylaws changed this year, workers who get a wristband are eligible to become voting members so Significant Others (SOs) are now eligible. The other change is that if you don't vote at least one year out of three, you will be dropped from the voting member list.

## Treasurers' Report & Budget Items

**Hilary:** Everyone taking financial responsibility are very busy. We have used our budget committees and our operational roles to move forward and plan for big things. Opening Xavanadu is one of the largest things we've done. We have added crews, changed crews, opened last year, and this year we're trying to find out what our new attendance pattern is. I want to continue to save money for our rainy-day fund. We need to focus on finding our new normal, as we are not in our new normal yet. The staff and the budget committees will need to determine how we right size. Thank you everybody and it is so special to do this all together.

## Old Business

**Sue moved and Justin seconded to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016, Board meeting.**

**Motion passed: 9-1-0; LT abstained.**

**Indigo moved and Sue seconded to appoint Michael McGregor as co-coordinator of Hospitality Crew.**

Indigo: Michael has been working with Anne-Marie for quite a while and we are making his role official.

**Motion passed: 10-0.**

**Indigo moved and Bear seconded to appoint Eric Kazmar as co-coordinator for Site Crew.**

Bear: For the minutes it is probably worth sharing the secret truth that Eric Kazmar is also known as Love Shack Bunny.

**Motion passed: 10-0.**

## President's Peace

Jack: Here we are all again. There are always incidents, but the vibe has just been really, really nice. In walking around, it is fulfilling. We are a wealth of people getting together and participating. We've gone through a great transition with mostly new staff. It is a wonderful thing to experience. I sat in the kitchen yesterday and people were just glowing. I think that it is apt that we understand that what we are doing is a courageous act. In looking at what is going on outside of this event our vibe is what is going to get us through. Our positive and forward thinking will help us all when we go home after the Fair.

Draft Agenda for August 1 Board Meeting

## Old Business

Short-term extension of General Manager contract. (Jon)

Old Timers Picnic motion (Jon)

## Consent Calendar

Junction City Local Aid \$1,000

Mid-Lane Cares \$500

Singing Creek Educational Center \$500

City of Veneta — kiddie pool \$1,500

Oregon Supported Living Program \$1,000

Returning Veterans \$500



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 2016**

7 pm, NW Youth Corps, Columbia room

**Board members present:** Diane Albino, Chewie Burgess (alternate), Casey Marks-Fife, Justin Honea, Lucy Kingsley, Jack Makarchek (president), Kirk Shultz, Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence Taylor (alternate), Sue Theolass, Bear Wilner-Nugent. **Peach Gallery present:** Staff (Tom, Crystalyn, Shane, Stephanie and Robin), Officers (Hilary, Eric and Randy), and 47 members and guests.

**New Business**

Partnership with Whole Earth Nature's school for a 'tween camp (Indigo)  
November Board meeting date (Bear)

**Announcements**

**Lucy:** Altered Space made a \$1,061.07 donation to Culture Jam based on donations received at Altered Space during the Fair.

**Jain:** For the Teddy Bear's Picnic, let's try to remember to bring our potluck in containers that we are going to take home with us after the Picnic.

**Chris:** Last Saturday night, Steel Wool, who's in Community Village, did a benefit concert for Whitebird. Tim Mueller bought the permits and arranged to do this benefit.

**Bear:** The last day to submit a candidate statement to run for Board is August 26, 2016. Half the Board is elected every year and six of this group is up for re-election. Candidate statements and photos are due then.

**Justin:** The deadline for refunds on inventory refundable, wristbands, and vehicle passes was July 31. They will be processed in the next two weeks.

**Sue:** On behalf of Craft and Food Committees, please be aware that the last day to remove all temporary booths, structures, personal property and ground covers is August 31, 2016. Please clean up after yourselves.

**Staff Reports**

**Tom:** Wow. What a wild ride that was! The 2016 Oregon Country Fair has come and gone and I as well as many, many others, am exhausted. My own experience was amazing and I certainly found many opportunities for personal and professional growth. I laughed, I cried, I sat in stunned silence and even more often, thankfully, felt to be bursting with joy and gratitude.

Zak's HI training resonated with me especially strongly this year. One of the things I always need to hear and do need to remind myself is that each one of us is the hero of our own story. Part and parcel with that is that while you may be the hero in your own story, you may also be the villain in someone else's. In realizing such it is well to remember that someone else's own inner narrative is none of your business.

I did think much on what the function of the Fair really is in our modern world. I think, ultimately, we are in the Myth Making business. I do not mean "Myth" as in Hellenistic or Norse mythology though it is related. I mean "Myth" in the way we collectively decide that certain subjective ideals and values have an intrinsic truth to them that we all, to some degree, agree on and so bond ourselves together as part of our unique human collective.

A tree itself is a powerful thing. The idea of a tree is far more powerful. A river is a tangible and powerful thing. The idea of a river is intangible and far more powerful. The idea of a river and the idea of a tree are both myths and are given power by virtue of the impact they can have on our human psyche and the actions that we humans make because of those impacts.

I love and am immensely proud of the kinds of myths our Fair promotes and gives sustenance to. And as we approach what promises to be the most anxiety-inducing election season of my entire life I think those myths are as important now as they have ever been. It is forward of me but I would spell out some of these myths that I glean from our Fair. There is the myth that each and every one of us has a psychic/spiritual need to contribute to a greater good and reap the joy that is the harvest. That creativity knows no limits and boundaries are only necessary so that we always have something to overcome and look beyond. That people of goodwill can unite and change the world, sometimes for just a day or three and sometimes forever. That the human mind, when given the opportunity, will trend toward bliss, that justice is a human right, that peace is far more powerful than war, and that love always trumps hate. For 47 years the Fair has been a champion of these values, and I feel so lucky to be able to play a small

part in all that, especially since those myths, those values are needed now more than ever.

But, let me tell you, myth-making is hard work! Once again I was blown away by the amount of sweat equity our incredible volunteers, entertainers and vendors are willing to spend to ensure that our message and our missions stay vital. The Site Crew's work is incredible. Shelly did a remarkable job in her first year as caretaker. Construction has once again stepped up and made the impossible look easy. Bennet Rogers was recognized by the Management Team being one of our rising stars and I think of no one more worthy, All the Kitchen Crews performed magnificently and we recognized the wonderful Emma Raven, the new Main Camp Kitchen coordinator as another rookie of the year. Recycling once again rocked it and the Board can expect a report on our partnership with the Bubbles Project shortly. The Main Camp Quartermaster Crew took on some very difficult initiatives and the Fair is better through their efforts. Camping Crew once again rose to the challenge of situating all our family. Michael Connelly, aka Coyote, has stepped down as a member of the Camping Crew mediation team and I would like to thank him for all his many years of service in many capacities throughout the Fair. I would also like to send a special thank you out to Kelly Dunn of Fair Central who filled some mighty big shoes when she took over this year and did so with a grace that I truly appreciated. I would also like to thank all of our employees who worked so very hard to ensure another successful year for our Fair, and to also thank Charlie Ruff, who took on the lion's share of the media relations duties.

There were certainly some challenges to this year's Fair. The weather kept some people from the Fair and there was another little event called the Olympic Track & Field trials that made getting a hotel room nigh impossible more than six months before the Fair even started. Despite that, our box office did well and we came very near to realizing our very nearly unprecedentedly ambitious budget projections. Some of that shortfall was made up for by really great year for commemorative sales, which were largely driven by what I think was fabulous poster art for this year. I think we ran out of shirts on Friday! I've worn my shirt in town three times since Fair, and each time I was told I was one of the lucky ones that managed to purchase a shirt.

The final gate numbers are still a bit squishy at the moment but will change but a few here and there.

Day	Single-day tickets sold	totals per day (includes three-day, below)
Friday	9,364	14,727
Saturday	12,902	18,265
Sunday	6,739	12,102
Three day	5,363	

For a total of 45,094 through the gate in a wet, competitive year. Not bad at all.

Some more updates before I pass the baton: Our approved SUP is being appealed and the hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 15 at 9:30 am in the Goodson Room, 3040 N. Delta Highway in Eugene. It is a public hearing and the public is welcome. There are some neighbors who are unhappy with our proposal and they will have an opportunity to state their case. If we win this appeal, I expect that decision will itself be appealed to the County Commissioners. If we lose, I expect we would appeal that decision to the Commissioners as well. Naturally, I will keep the BoD abreast of any developments. I will be meeting with Bill Kloos and Thom Lanfear as well as others in the weeks leading up to the hearing to discuss what we can expect. I can say that the only complaint that was forwarded directly to me from the Commissioner office had to do with our impact on Verizon's 4G network. Internet connectivity is a complicated problem at the Fair that does impact the surrounding community and one that we will continue to work on.

I had a long talk with a Daniel Wiltse of the state DEQ. It is clear that the Ritz's greywater management will need to be looked at over the next coming months as the current system of managing the flow falls short of what the state would like to see. Some different scenarios were presented and I will be working with the usual suspects so we may address the state's concerns.

I would like to apologize to the wonderful Elders that put on the "Old Timers' Picnic." Something went south this year and I didn't hear about it until it was too late to do anything helpful. Too late for this past year, anyway. But not too late to commit to ensuring that next year Management will take on some role in coordination of the event in partnership with the Elders Committee to ensure that the event once again becomes a natural a part of the Main Camp experience and anything else.

While I have not seen it myself, I understand the Story Pole building permit has been secured. I do not yet know what the schedule is for beginning work on the installation but will be briefed in the next few weeks.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to go to [oregoncountryfair.net](http://oregoncountryfair.net) and look for the feedback form! I really do read all the feedback that is forwarded to me. It's a critical part of the Fair planning process and a chance for people's voices to be heard! Also, don't forget to register to vote! Not just for the coming national elec-

tion, but also for our upcoming Fair elections! Info on that is also at [oregoncountryfair.org](http://oregoncountryfair.org).

Of course, we have the Teddy Bear Picnic and Culture Jam on the horizon, but others are in a much better position to brief you on those items.

That is my report for August and thanks for doing all you do to make the Oregon Country Fair the world-class event and dynamic institution it has become.

**Crystalyn:** What an adventure!

Thank you to Xag for all of their work on Xavanadu — especially Sallie, Hilary, Kirk and Justin. I walked through Xavanadu Friday night and was blown away by the music, the art, and so many people having an amazing time. Thank you again to everyone who worked tirelessly in putting that together.

During the actual event I did a lot of observing and tried to absorb as much as possible.

I went out to Maple Gate Saturday morning and watched them open it. Thank you to Tex and Grumpy, Traffic Crew, Lot Crew and LCSO. It was really neat to see everyone working together to get the public in.

I would also like to thank External Security: I spent a significant amount of time on Friday morning at Line in the Sand and then Bag Check. They make what could feel a bummer of an experience for the public into, from what I observed, as fun as possible. Thank you!

I also observed the Big Boys and Whitebird help out some folks who were having an extremely hard time. I saw these people be treated with a level of caring and compassion that was inspiring.

This was also my first Post-Fair and those crews truly work their tails off! Thank you to Post-Fair QM, Decon and Post-Fair Kitchen for everything that you do.

And now we are getting ready for Culture Jam! I have always wanted to volunteer and I am excited to help make it happen this year. I am looking forward to getting to work with Robin and help out in whatever way I can.

**Shane:** Good evening everyone, it is great to see all of you! I hope everyone has gotten some rest after our weekend of magic, smiles, family and fun. It appeared that all the volunteers, vendors, entertainers and public enjoyed themselves immensely. I had an opportunity to actually prepare a report for tonight's meeting, which over the last couple of months has been rare, but I promise not to take up too much time.

What a great event!! Everyone had smiles on their faces and clearly was enjoying the weekend. The weather was very comfortable, and the paths were easily navigated, it couldn't have gotten much better. I do admit I was concerned about the weather forecast as we entered the event. I worked with Crystalyn and Charlie Z on updating our rain protocols, anticipating a rain event like 2009. On Thursday we met with the crews that would be helping should the rain actually materialize. When it began to rain Sunday the extra effort working on the protocol was not only helpful, but successful as well. I would like to thank Site Crew and Quartermaster for their quick response. Power carts were covered quickly, sand was distributed to areas where slipping could be a safety hazard, slippery when wet signs posted, and a light dusting of straw to soak up some of the moisture, providing traction on the paths. They all did a great job and I thank them for being response-able.

I would like to thank every crew volunteer for putting in a great effort to provide the public with a unique family-oriented event that many folks love and enjoy. I am amazed by the dedication of our volunteers; they work very hard to make this event successful. It is truly an honor to work with so many wonderful people creating a magical weekend for the public to enjoy.

I would also like to thank the crafters and food booths that spend the weekend on site, providing the public with a unique shopping and dining experience that likely cannot be found anywhere else. Thank you to the artists and entertainers that create the ambiance and round out the experience for the public and the family.

The Site staff has started to slowly put the event to rest for the season. There is still a lot to get done, pack up, or throw away. The process will pick up pace when we finish prepping for Culture Jam. However, the grass at Main Stage is turning green quickly as we prepare for the picnic. The other meadows are coming along great, and we have had to cut the grass at Dragon Plaza. Even the wildlife has begun to return their respective homes.

Once again, thank you to everyone who participates making this event great, it doesn't happen without all of you!

**Stephanie:** This was an amazing experience going through this as the Administrative Assistant for the first time with all of you. I really feel staff is the support for those that truly put the Fair on. While there were some issues, most of the feedback I've received had people gushing about the wonderful Fair they had. Teddy Bear Picnic is August 21 from 2 pm to 7 pm, and we really need volunteers. If you want to volunteer, either email or call me office@oregoncountryfair.org or 541-343-4298.

**Robin:** Post Fair people have said it was just sweet! Culture Jam is ramping up with a massive setup party with about 45 of us on Saturday. The Dam Builders were out and the Yurt and Teepee went up. In addition to the donation that Altered Space gave us, Spoken Word also gave a donation for \$500. Kids will arrive on Sunday of this week for Culture Jam 2016! Charlie Murphy, who started this model called "Power of Hope," is in hospice. We are dedicating this year's Culture Jam in his honor.

## Committee Reports

**Diversity Task Force:** Diane reports that DTF brought back the program that Greg Rickoff managed some years ago. Fair day passes were distributed to under-represented populations. This action is in support of Goal One of the Oregon Country Fair to increase the diversity of all aspects of the OCF. Passes were given to NAACP, ACT-SO, the Center for Multicultural Excellence, the Farm Worker's Union, UO, OSU and LCC Longhouses, Bonny Harris Black Student Union, Caesar Chavez Center at OSU, UO International Explore Oregon program, CALC, Bethel Health Center, Bertha Holt and River Road Elementary Schools, Kelly Middle School, UO and OSU Asian Student Groups, Rainbow Village, Disability Service Advisory Council, UO Non-traditional student union, Japanese student union, Chinese student and scholars, and a few individuals from Jamaica, El Salvador and Mexico.

Thanks to a host of people for helping to identify groups and individuals. Thanks to our GM Tom for helping with the passes and to Jack for advising on how to make it work even better next year.

**Personnel Committee:** Jon reports that PC is embarking on the evaluation process for our General Manager. The evaluation forms are on the oregoncountryfair.net site and due to [pc@oregoncountryfair.org](mailto:pc@oregoncountryfair.org) by August 26, 2016. Forms will go to key individuals, coordinators, BUMS and others.

**Feedback:** Jen-Lin says feedback on the 2015 Fair can be found online at: <http://www.oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/Feedback2015/Feedback2015.html>

Feedback forms for this year to mail in can be found at: <http://www.oregoncountryfair.net/Pages/feedback-form.pdf> Deadline for feedback is Friday September 2, 2016.

**Elections:** Jen-Lin reports with OCF Elections right around the corner, the candidate statements are due August 26, 2016. The candidates' forum will be held September 11, 2016, the Hub yurt at 10 am. September 22, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the OCF annual election. This year SOs are eligible to vote! Oct. 1, 2016 is the last day to request an absentee ballot. Oct. 22, 2016, at 5 pm is the deadline to return your absentee ballot to the Fair office or later at the Annual Meeting that evening. Absentee ballots are not offered at the Fair office. The candidate eligibility information is here:

<http://www.oregoncountryfair.net/OCF%20BOARD%20CANDIDATE%20ELIGIBILITY%202016.pdf>

## Member Input

Judy: I really appreciate the Bubbles project and their washing of silverware and plates for reuse. I do have concern with the Fair buying and using hard plastic glasses at the Bubbles booth. My question is — how much plastic are we buying with 45,000 people at this year's Fair? We are willing to have, I think, 20,000 patrons each day. I think that plastic is toxic and reprocessing is unhealthy. I thought metal cups were what were presented to the Board when first approved. I spoke to someone on the path from Bubbles and she said a group was going to India to see the plastic recycling process. I feel like plastic is not helping the people or the planet.

Joseph: I'd like to give a shout out to staff and everyone who made this year work so well. It was really sweet!

Kirk: I want to deeply thank our volunteers, crews, and coordinators. We have an amazing depth of commitment from our volunteers. For the last two weeks, I've been saying "sweet" regarding this Fair. My mother got to come again and that too was sweet.

Chewie: I want to thank all of the Fair Family, booth people, staff, crafters and everybody who camps for bearing with the Camping Crew as we try to deal with an enormous task to organize the camping. There were some that weren't happy, but we are trying to help. The staff did an incredible job. I've never seen a smoother, more easy-going Fair and I think that the rain brought people together. It was just enough rain to make people appreciate Oregon and know why we live here.

Michael: This was not my first rain event. I want to thank our Elders who brought all these people here to us. We forget about those of us who were there at the beginning. All of you people represent me. We include everyone at the Fair. I to give kudos for those who had the foresight to start something like this.

Jen-Lin: This year I found myself missing seeing those who had gone before us on the path. Greeting folks with "it's so good to see you" was one of my themes. Fair is family, it is what we do together, it is good to see you all.

LT: I had pleasure of spending the Fair with a Fair veteran from the '70s who had not been to the Fair since '81. Among the pleasures I got was to take her to Reggie's camp for them to see each other for the first time in 35 years. I reflect on the question that always came up, "how does this compare to the old days?" The answer was "it's just the same, only bigger."

Martha: Thank you to the guy that makes bacon on Friday morning at the showers.

Cathy: This was my first opportunity to have a one-on-one with the Tree Crew. A week or so before the Fair, we got word of a tree that was leaning on my neighbor's booth. Word got to Shane and I was awestruck by how within days the crew took the tree out, left only a couple of leaves on our loft and made it safe! Thank you! The stump gave me an idea to have it turned into a sculpture and I'll 8

be coming back to you with that idea.

Chewie: I want to thank Michael Connelly, Coyote, being the mediation coordinator for Camping Crew. He's done some amazing work over the last three years. We will miss his input, but some on the mediation crew will be staying —Martha!

Sue: I'd like to give a shout out to Howard Patterson and his friends for doing the memorial at the Junction twice this year. This year it was especially sweet and I want to thank him for the moment.

Judy: I'd like to thank those who take care of the hornet's nests with a lot of guts and a big stick.

## Donations/Secretary Report

Randy: Thank you to Heidi, Stephanie, Martha and norma for helping me out during the July meeting in making sure names got read out since I wasn't there. Also, Happy Birthday to Jerry Garcia!

Jon: What are the amounts requested?

Randy: Returning Veterans for \$500, City of Veneta kiddie pool for \$1,500, Oregon Supported Living Program for \$1,000.

Tonight's donation requestors:

Jamie: Returning Veterans is an award-winning non-profit that works with mostly post-9/11 veterans. Mental health and therapeutic services are among the offerings that they provide. I lead a writing group for the veterans. The funds will go for recruiting and training more service providers in Lane County. We are also working with LCC's massage clinic program to provide help for the veterans.

Gretchen: Thank you for your support of Oregon Supported Living Program in the past. In Fair, I am one of the two wristband coordinators. OSLP supports adults with the development disabilities in residential and vocational settings. I wanted these adults to have more opportunities in arts and culture. To that end, there is a program that offers 12 rotating classes in the arts and culture in all different media. This year's money will go toward our culinary arts program.

Sandra: On behalf of the City of Veneta, I'd like to thank you for another successful Fair! Thank you also for entertaining our request for a kiddie pool. Veneta has had a swimming pool for more than 50 years. The pool was first initiated to help kids learn to swim. It is important to our community and there is a citizen initiative to raise funds to build the kiddie pool. We are appreciative for all your efforts in Veneta and the Fern Ridge community.  
**Consent Calendar passes: 10-0.**

## Treasurer's Report & Budget Items

Hilary: Many people have contributed to the record keeping and cash handling. I want to thank all of them first. As the dust settles around the Fair, norma has been in the office writing checks and reconciling the expenditures. Next month the Board will get a much better set of financials than what you have today. As usual we aim for September 30, to get all the results in from coordinators and the vendor moneys. Amidst my sweet Fair, I was really concerned looking at the rainy day. I want to give a big shout out to the almost 2,000 people who bought tickets on Sunday. We are in a good space, but it is not a really great one. The preliminary numbers show the Sunday ticket sales and the commemorative sales were our bonus. I believe that we will come in on budget on revenue. That said it is about \$40,000 less than we made last year. We are so lucky to be where we are. We'll hold tight; it was not an expansive year.

Eric: I tend to be quiet when I first start a new position. This Fair was fun and busy. The ideas that I want to bring as co-treasurer, if you make me a permanent officer, revolves around my perception that we have need for long-range financial planning. As the Fair expands, we need to look at what our expenses are going to be to hire people, add IT infrastructure, expenses on deferred maintenance, how we pay for it all and what our income streams are. After working as the pre-Fair Kitchen coordinator with Lucy and Leslie, we added a cash handling system. There is a lot more we can do there, and I want to bring in Cash Handling 2.0. I also have found a way to get all the commemorative sales online by using fulfillment centers that other people use. Maybe some of those T-shirts that no one bought 10 years ago will suddenly be a hot item. These are the things that I look forward to working on with the Board and the staff.

## Old Business

**Jon moved and Bear seconded to extend the General Manager's contract to October 3, 2016.**

Jon: This is to complete the General Managers evaluation before we make a decision on the new contract.

Bear: Our September Board meeting is on the twelfth this year. We have a whole process to go through and the evaluation forms are not due back to the Fair office until August 26.

**Motion passed: 10-0.**

**Bear moved, effectively immediately, the permissible date range for the Oregon Country Fair will be the three days beginning on Friday July 9 through Friday July 15 of any given year. This means the Fair would no**

**longer be on the range of dates July 7, 8, 9 through July 13, 14, and 15. It would be the range of dates July 9, 10, 11 through July 15, 16, and 17. That means next year's Fair would not be July 7, 8 and 9; it would be July 14, 15, and 16.**

Martha: Jon had a point of order.

Jon: I understand the reasons that we need to vote on this tonight. However, we are changing something people have already planned for. Entertainers and crafters have other fairs *and* schedule them well in advance. I hesitate to make a change without having an opportunity for those folks to comment on the proposal. We should wait.

**Bear moved and LT seconded that we move this to Old Business.**

Michael: I was there when we set the date and I say we wait a month to talk about it.

Joseph: I say we wait.

Sam: If the motion affects the 2017 Fair, it should be discussed tonight.

Robin: I think it should be discussed soon, because people are already calling the office about next year's dates.

Jain: For the same reason it should be discussed tonight.

Jen-Lin: Ditto, it affects the rest of the year's planning calendar.

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Jack: The last time we discussed this was in 1994. There is a rather long explanation of what days that we have the Fair. The way it is written, in '94, came about to change to the second weekend of July. It went back to the first full weekend after the fourth of July. In a 10-year cycle this puts the Fair on July 8, 9 and 10.

Sue: I would rather wait a month, for those who work in booths. I'd like to get their feedback before we start changing dates.

Chewie: Here, here.

Motion to move from New business to Old business:

**Motion failed: 3-6-1; Jack, Jon, Sue, Lucy, Casey and Chewie opposed; Diane abstained.**

The motion will be on Old Business in the September board meeting.

**Jon moved and Kirk seconded the OCF Board affirms its support for the Old Timers Picnic as a means to show appreciation to individuals who helped the Fair during its formative years and affirms the appropriateness of the involvement of Fair Operations in its planning and execution.**

Sue: What does this mean? Are we handing this off to Staff to put it together?

Jon: No, not necessarily, what we are saying is that it is appropriate for Fair operations to be involved in execution. How it comes together next year will depend on whether Elders can be persuaded to step up again or not. If not, I would suspect that operations would have to figure out how to make it happen next year.

Lucy: I understand and I am still befuddled.

**Motion failed: 4-2-4; Bear and Justin opposed; Casey, Chewie, Lucy and Sue abstained.**

## President's Peace

It is an interesting segue. I was thinking about the good vibe of this year's Fair. In my position each year there seems to be a particular topic that comes up. There were a lot of concerns that I thought would be coming up, but this year it was what the future of the Fair will look like and who is going to be shaping this future. I felt humbled by the fact that people were still considering that I would be the person that they would be talking about that to. I really took it to heart. Really, I am hoping to hear from people on their feeling on what the Fair would look like five to 15 years from now, precisely, not ephemerally. It was wonderful. It made this Fair experience very hopeful for me. The larger point is that there is a deep respect for how we've gotten to here, and a fervor to be part of what it is going to look like in the future. I encourage everyone to vote in our election. More so, I encourage those who have talked to me to run for the open Board positions. To those folks, share with the membership what you shared with me. Thank you volunteers, vendors and entertainers for sharing your interest in what the Fair is going to look like.

## Draft Agenda for September 12, 2016, Board meeting

Old Business

Change permissible date range for the Oregon Country Fair (Bear)

Partnership with Whole Earth Nature's school for a 'tween camp (Indigo)

November board meeting date (Bear)

Appoint Tye Hewitt as Recycling co-coordinator (Bear)

Consent Calendar

Upstart Crow Studios \$500