

**Meeting MINUTES**

**ORCA Board meeting on February 10, 2026**

**Called to order at 5:38 by Paul Oostenbrug**

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Paul Oostenbrug	x	Jessica Bailuff (on phone)		Jere Kelly	x	Elizabeth McLane	x
Peggy Roberts	x	Craig Viitamonti	x	Trudy Burtis	x	Melissa Oberle	x

**Guests, in person or via Zoom (x-attended)**

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Havens Levitt		Dennis Weber	x	Sam Poarch	x			
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**Approval of December and January Minutes: Approved with corrections**

**Introduction of Guest(s) Sam Poarch**

**Modifications to the Agenda: Peggy**

**Trudy**

**Paul-Augustin, not Augustine (DJ for the dance)**

**Reports**

**Contractor Items**

Havens Levitt:

- Cultural Competency Training-Feb 18th LGBTQ centered training for Aging and Long-

Term Services.

- Email Havens if you are interested in attending. She will confirm that ORCA members may attend.
- No table on Senior Day at the Round House February 13th, wear ORCA shirts to be seen. They will allow us to place collateral on a community table.
- Aging and Long-Term Services Calls-Discussion

January 16, 2026 meeting of caregiver network partners from 9am to 11:30am.

New Mexico has been awarded funding from the Lifespan grant program. This grant is issued by the Administration for Community Living and is aimed at expanding caregiver support.

**Finance: Report from Sam Poarch:**

ORCA was not filed as 501(c)(3) charitable organization but instead as a private charitable foundation. Sam will start the process to correct the distinction.

Change the organization to a strictly charitable one:

- For the 2025 tax year ORCA will file with the IRS as a private charitable foundation. Completing ORCA's return for the 2025 tax year.
- ORCA is allowed to continue to receive charitable donations
- Moving forward ORCA will work on changing our designation to 501(c)(3)
- ORCA can file a 990-PF with the NM Charitable Organization website to be compliant with them and keep ORCA's good standing.

IRS sent a penalty for filing late; we will owe for the filing and the penalty by missing the November 15, 2025 deadline. We didn't receive a bill as of the meeting for the December bookkeeping.

Directors and Officers' Insurance was voted to continue

Trudy moved to continue insurance; Elizabeth seconded..

Climate controlled storage space was rented to house event items

4100 Central SE (Morningside and Central) U Haul Storage, open 6am-10pm 7days a week

To gain access contact Dennis or Paul

### **Newsletter Issues**

Newsletter would benefit from a table of contents

How to engage more members?

### **Social Media**

Review social media marketing proposal from Pamm Myers:

What do we want?

Can we see samples of her work?

Are people in the 50+ community active on FB and Instagram?

Podcasts?

We received a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) donation of \$3,800 from Terry Garrett, who had talked about boosting ORCA's social media impressions. Currently he is still too involved with Democratic and Progressive issues to have time to handle these activities. However, maybe we should ask Terry Garrett (donor) to consult with us on which direction we should pursue in regards to social media marketing.

### **Meetup Issues**

- Check into why people were “banned” on meeting
- Why people have been dropped.
- Why the text isn't looking right (i.e. incorrect, garbled, or misaligned) when people want to join.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Event Planning Progress:**

#### **Pie Palooza March 14th, 26:**

- Willing volunteers to help: Dennis, Paul, Jere, Peggy, Elizabeth, Craig, Melissa, and possibly Trudy. Volunteers show up at 11 am. Event hours 1pm-until we run out of pies.

- If there are not enough pies for the event, we can always purchase pies the day before.
- Havens will reach out to previous volunteers to see if they are interested in helping this year.
- Dennis has pie plates for people to use for the event so pie purchasers can take them with the pie. He will also bring tablecloths, a water jug, and utensils.

### **PRIDE Planning**

We have a truck and trailer. We are currently researching handout items. We will probably staff a table at the PRIDE event. Engagement ideas include: a photo booth, game wheel and engagement materials. Craig called Social Club and will email Luis and Marshall Martinez to inquire about who may be organizing the PRIDE parade/event. (NOTE: they are organizing Pride events only for the Social Club). ORCA is interested in helping/hosting SILVER PRIDE.

For the parade/event:Dance Committee:

- Dennis is going buy rubber ducks
- Trudy will research a game wheel
- There are lots of flags in storage
- Trudy willing to donate a lot of Forever Stamps if they would be beneficial for prizes

Dennis will contact the man that organized Old Town PRIDE to see if we can participate in that event.

There may be the event, 50 yrs of PRIDE in NEW Mexico, at Morningside Park

### **Dance Committee:**

The church has ordered speakers and a mixer for the sound system. We should consider donating as a thank you for being open to allow us to host our dances there.

Augustin has friends that can provide music stuff to rent for a night/event at 150.00.

February 14th Dance will have cupcakes, candy, prizes and a raffle.

**Adjournment 7:21pm by Paul Oostenbrug**

**Next meeting March 10, 2026 at the house of Trudy Burtisfa**