

MINUTES

ORCA Board Meeting January 13, 2026

Called to order at 5:35 by Paul Oostenbrug

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

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

Havens Levitt		Dennis Weber	X	Steven Roy		Courtney McBride	X
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Approval of November Minutes: Y

December has not been emailed yet.

Changes or concerns:

Introduction of Guests: Courtney McBride-Has been helping with Lesbian Earth Meetup. Their group has a free, Lesbian Movie Event at Erna Ferguson Library, once a month, usually on Saturday.

At the end of each event, they usually give away an item related to the movie. On January 17th, they will be showing **The Kids are Alright**: 1:00 pm-3 pm. Courtney will contact Alice (Lesbian Earth Administrator) to verify if all ORCA participants would be welcomed to the event. Movie flyers are displayed on the Bulletin Board at Erna Ferguson Library and on Meetup

Movies with Lesbian Earth

January 17th, 1 pm-3 pm

The Kids are Alright

Paul will connect with Vicky Herbst, who leads Women on the Westside, about men attending their group and whether she would want Women on the Westside to be promoted by Lesbian Earth.

Modifications to the Agenda: Savvy Care Giver with Pride

OLD BUSINESS

Reports:

Contractor Items

Havens Levitt:

- Cultural Competency Training
- On January 16, 2026, there will be a meeting of caregiver network partners from 9 am to 11:30 am. Lifespan Respite grant opportunity New Mexico has been awarded from the Administration for Community Living.

Newsletter Issues

Need to come up with a proposal to have a Newsletter review. Should we include a quarterly obit section? How would we promote people to submit their loved ones to be included? Maybe a section on the website for memorials instead of the Newsletter.

Meetup issues N

Event Planning Progress

December Events

- Dec 27th dance had approximately 75 attendees
- Noon Year's Eve at M'Power had approximately 48 attendees
- Dance Feb 14th from 2:30 pm-4:30 pm, at First Congregational Church
 - Augustine will be the Disc Jockey
 - Queercentric music
 - No need to bring snacks; water, chocolate, and/or light snacks will be provided
- Pride Planning – 3rd Thursday of the Month, 5 pm at Trudy's house
- Art Auction- Rental of a storage unit at U-Haul for art to be stored in a climate-controlled unit
- Orca Community Calendar- Who would maintain it? Is there a calendar on Meetup?
- Senior day at New Mexico Round House. Feb 13th
 - Paul can help, and Elizabeth is a maybe.
 - Find out about tabling. Peggy will follow up with an email

Program development committee. We should explore using volunteers to conduct:

- Barry's new Community Plate monthly Saturday potlucks.
 - The next one will be February 21 at First Congregational.
 - Note the group size to consider hosting for free at a private home

● Savvy Care Giver with Pride

Finance:

Report from Sam Poarch:

ORCA's filing was not for 501(c)(3) status but rather as a private foundation. Sam notes that it seems like it is going to take quite a long time to change the organization to a strictly charitable one, so he suggests:

ORCA files FY2025 as a private foundation (which was on the original application and subsequently approved on the IRS letter dated January 16, 2025). ORCA is allowed to continue to receive charitable donations, so that will not be an issue. Then we can continue to work to get the charitable organization designation.

He makes this suggestion so that the FY2025 return is not hanging over ORCA: we can file the 990-PF with NM Charitable Organization website and be in compliance with them and keep ORCA's good standing. **Paul approved this via email in December.**

We did not receive a bill from our bookkeeper, Sam Poarch for December. Our Nusenda Credit Union checking account has \$6,403.18 in it as of 1/5/26. Our savings account has \$3,288.34 in it. That totals \$9,691.52. Our PayPal account has \$1,533.79 in it as of 1/5/26.

Our Merrill Lynch account has \$191,810.42 in it as of 1/31/25.

Website

Other committees

Volunteers: For every event, write up a volunteer job description: Pie Palooza, Discussion Groups, Dances, Monthly gatherings, events, and parties.

Succession planning for the board chair: Craig will write up job descriptions to be posted in the newsletter. Maybe have a town hall in March to get more board members or gauge interest.

Adjournment 6:58 pm

Next meeting: February 10, at Trudy Burtis' house