

# MINUTES

## ORCA Board meeting on September 9, 2025

Called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Paul Oostenbrug

### Attendees, in person or via Zoom:

Paul Oostenbrug	Zoom	Jessica Bailuff	No	Jere Kelly	No
Elizabeth McLane	Yes	Peggy Roberts	Yes	Craig Vitamonti	Yes
Trudy Burtis	Yes				

### Guests in person or via Zoom:

Havens Levitt	X-Zoom	Dennis Weber	X-Zoom	Melissa Oberle	X
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**Approval of Minutes:** June: Yes; July: Yes; August: Yes

**Modifications to the Agenda:** None

**Introduction of Guests:** Melissa Oberle

### Reports:

#### Cultural Competency Training

Dorot Project: 8 discussion leaders; Smitty keeping tabs

Department of Senior Affairs said DOROT project was well done.

#### State Aging Conference:

Tabling on Tuesday 12-5 (Peggy) and Wednesday all day (Paul a/o Jere)

Entrance fee covered and meals comped

Havens presentation on Tuesday

Paul introduced and promoted a Statewide Zoom Conversation at the Conference

Statewide Zoom Gathering, a statewide open mic, conversation re: shared experiences, etc:

Who are you, where are you from, what are your issues, etc.

On flyer/Meetup site, QR code *and* URL

Paul's vision is to do this once a month; Paul will run it for the first few months

First Zoom gathering will be Monday, October 13, 2025; 9-11 a.m.

## Death is not a Dirty Word, and Before I Die

Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., First Unitarian Church

## Holiday Events

Friendsgiving, November 22, 11:30-3:00pm

\$400.00-800.00 protein/main dish (Turkey/Vegetarian) and potluck

Dennis to head it at the First Congregational Church

Dance, December 27, light snacks

Noon Year's Eve, Wednesday December 31<sup>st</sup>

Approximately 50-60 people

Need about \$750.00 for food and decorations

Perhaps bring items from Casa Q Wish List (on Amazon)

Reminder that all charities need socks and underwear

Trudy to connect with Havens about donations a/o gifts

Discussion will be on October agenda

## Newsletter Update

August edition sent by email to 607 recipients

161 recipients opened it, a 27.2 open rate

1.2% of recipients clicked a link to Meetup or some other link

## Peter Kalitsis's Archives

Peter gave Dennis four years of Out magazine for ORCA archives.

Hard copy or electronic copy? What year range?

## Meetup Issues

This message was posted on the In Out and About (queer) Meetup page. Does ORCA want to adopt a similar message?

“In one month, [a group rep] will begin the process of removing inactive members. If you have attended at least one event in the last year and a half, you will remain a member of the group. If you have not attended an event at that time, you will need to sign up again to rejoin the group.

**NOTE:** Dennis Weber reports that Hal Myers got a message that he was being removed from Meetup because he was not using the service. **DISCUSSION.** Is Hal Myers a member of In Out and About, or ORCA? Or Both?

### Dance Committee

Dance, September 20, First Congregational

2pm to set up the dance and 5pm to take down, dance will be from 2:30-4:30

Dennis will bring tablecloths

Billie Grace Berry will represent the church and staff the door

Paul will have check sent to Annie and Essie

The dance on December 27 is on a Saturday; at First Congregational

The planned dance on February 14 is also a Saturday; at First Congregational

Art Auction: Late October or Early November at the Adult Learning Center of Albuquerque

State Aging Plan: Area Agency on Aging-When are the report and invoices due.

### Finance

Sam Poarch, our bookkeeper, submitted a bill for \$139.91 for August.

Our Merrill Lynch account has \$196,080.87 in it as of 9/1/25. Our CD holdings include one \$70,112 CD that matures in June 2026 and one \$88,120 CD that matures in July 2026. We also have a \$36,075.95 Money Market account.

Our Nusenda Credit Union account had \$801.15 in it as of 8/31/25. \$3,000 was transferred from Merrill Lynch with the assistance of a broker, Amanda, so our current balance is \$3801.15 as of 9/4. Paul, does this mean that the Merrill Lynch balance should be reduced by \$3K (to \$193,080.87) as of 9/4?

Our PayPal account has \$90 in it as of 9/4.

### **Business Items:**

The 2025-26 budget was approved by email 7/25/25.

The resource page on ORCA's website needs to be updated. Discussion:

Do we need a task force to decide what to do?

Elizabeth volunteered to review our current resource page

Annual Reporting to the NM Secretary of State: due date 11/15/2025

Code of Conduct: We voted to approve Jere's revised version in August.

## Program development

We should explore using volunteers to conduct:

- Falls Prevention with Janet Popp, Chair, NM Adult Falls Prevention Coalition either the last Saturday in October (10/25) or the first one in November (11/1)
- Paul asked Dennis to consider inviting End of Life Options to give a workshop during ORCA's Thursday Community Gathering. **PLEASE NOTE AND REMEMBER: We agreed not to call the Community Gathering the Monthly Community Town Hall.** We understood that Dennis himself was not using that name any longer.
- Nancy Oriola will facilitate and/or present on ZOOM on housing options and levels of care in Central NM. October 13th, 14th or 15<sup>th</sup>, a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Anytime on one of those days. (Decades, case management business)
- When can we schedule an initial meeting of the Pride Parade Committee? CRAIG will talk with Barry about putting an announcement in the newsletter. Can we put it on Meetup some way as well? Also, what have you liked and not liked about the Pride Parade (and the Pride website).
- Lynn Perls again offered to conduct a state of the queer state/nation discussion.
- Friendsgiving. Dennis and Craig are on board for Friendsgiving from 11:30 to 3pm on Sat, November 22.

## Announcements

None

**Adjournment** 7:01 p.m.

**Next meeting:** October 14, 2025, 5:30 p.m., at the Burtis Residence

Special Item for future discussion, perhaps: **Proposed Agenda and Minutes Format**

After Opening items:

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Reports

#### Old Action Items

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Business Items

#### New Action Items