

Parent Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 6/10/12, 12:30 pm

Present: Mechelle Coppock, Chris Cozadd, Jim Custer, Julie Custer, Melissa Dana, Jeff Englander, Kathleen Norman, Kathleen Pala, Steve Valley, Wally Zampella

I. Approval of 5/17 Meeting Minutes

All voted to approve.

II. Treasurer's Report – Melissa

Kathleen O'Connell is out of town, so no report this month.

III. What is a Quorum / Majority?

Melissa: researched this in Robert's Rules of Order, but found nothing relevant to our troop – mostly refers to legislative bodies and large organizations. Bill McAllister told her 25% of registered members present constitutes a quorum. See attachment from meeting: we have 19 registered members, so 25% would be 5 members present. Our meetings have consistently had much higher numbers than this. Melissa as Committee Chair only votes if there is a tie, but she still counts towards the 25% necessary for a quorum. ASMs don't vote and don't count toward quorum. Melissa made a motion that a quorum be defined as 25% of voting members present. All approved. Also motioned that a majority be defined as 51%. All approved.

IV. Handbook Update – Kathleen N.

Current status is that Chris C., Colleen and Kathleen worked on revisions and circulated a draft to Jim Custer, Melissa Dana, Steve Valley and Monique Wong. Once we have their comments, we will finalize. Then should we print out copies for each family, or simply put online at website for everyone to read electronically?

Majority believe printing would be a waste. Do need to have each joining family sign page affirming that they read and are familiar with the Handbook.

Mechelle: Perhaps we place five printed copies in binders in the library?

Jim: Surprised that many folks in troop still say they are surprised when they learn things about our troop, philosophy, etc.

Mechelle: will take on job of making up folders for new families.

Steve: we had a "New Family Primer" but it hasn't been updated or handed out recently.

Kathleen: will make deadline of 6/17 for comments, then she and Chris will meet to finalize.

V. Policy for Making Decisions in-between PCMs – Melissa

Melissa: did a Survey Monkey to all voting members of Parent Committee regarding Camping Reimbursement Policy proposal and Scoutmaster's Role in the PLC proposed language (see attachment to agenda). How to get robust response on these?

Kathleen N: once you have results of vote via Survey Monkey, must announce this in the Weekly Announcements, and state if the new policy has been adopted, or not.

Melissa: Survey Monkey with 3 – 5 day deadline to vote.

Mechelle: do Survey Monkey with one reminder to all.

Wally: loves communication, so include ASMs for information purposes. Good for them to know, and they may be able to add info.

Chris C: good courtesy to let ASMs know about votes. Should minimize Survey Monkey to when absolutely necessary.

Kathleen Pala: good to tie back review of vote with announcement of final results.

Melissa: We will do votes in person whenever possible. Prior to vote will try to discuss at PCM. Announce to ASMs prior to vote in case they have anything to add. In between PCMs, if a decision needs to be made, we'll use electronic voting with sufficient time for everyone to review.

VI. New ASMs – Wally

Wally - will want parents that are not ASMs to help mentor Scouts. Coordinate with ASMs. He'll make up a list of "Mentoring" on the new bulletin board.

Jeff E.: anyone who mentors must have done Youth Protection Training.

Melissa: asks Scoutmaster to have folks he may be recruiting for ASM positions to come before the PC for us to meet and greet.

Steve: Joe Bridge would like to be ASM.

Mechelle: handbook says person without son in troop needs to be voted upon.

Melissa: PC should meet and greet him first.

Chris: oversight of new parent membership references? We thought the National Council was checking, but then learned they were not. Do we need to do this?

Kathleen N: new ASMs need references checked somehow if they do not have sons in troop.

VII. Parent Committee Positions – Melissa

Melissa: don't need an Equipment Coordinator.

Discussion of how quickly to push boys in rank advancement.

Great to have older Scouts helping the younger boys.

Feedback from Scouts is that it may go slower if it is boy-led, but is good for boys to do training. So will need more oversight, deadlines and goals from ASMs.

VIII. Liaison from ASM Meeting to PC Meeting and vice versa – Melissa

Wally: invite Melissa Dana to ASM breakfast.

XI. Troop 349 Philosophy – How do we teach what we teach? – Melissa

Tabled discussion until future meeting due to lack of time.